AGENDA

November 17, 2026
9:00 AM–3:45 PM EST

9:00–9:15 AM | Welcome & Opening Remarks

- Jimmy Hendrix, Executive Director, North Carolina Military Business Center
- Governor Josh Stein, North Carolina (video remarks)
- Jim Morton, President, Cape Fear Community College
- Mayor Bill Saffo, City of Wilmington, North Carolina

9:15–9:45 AM | Opening Keynote: Why Velocity Matters
Doug Milburn, Ph.D., Chairman, The Protocase Companies

9:45–10:05 AM | Keynote Remarks
Lieutenant General (Retired) Christopher O. Mohan, Former Commanding General, US Army Materiel Command

10:05–11:20 AM | The Military Perspective — What Readiness Require

- Carolyn Farmer, Principal Technical Advisor, US Army Materiel Command
- Colonel Christopher McDonald II, Commanding Officer, Fleet Readiness Center East
- Colonel Jeremiah O'Connor, Chief of Staff, US Army Tank-Automotive and Armament Command (TACOM)
- Commander Garin Kirkpatrick, Operations Officer, Aviation Logistics Center, US Coast Guard
- James Pettway, Jr. Small Business Professional, PAE Maritime, Norfolk Naval Shipyard

11:20 AM–12:30 PM | Lunch and Break

12:30–12:45 PM | North Carolina's Role in America's Industrial Readiness: Secretary Lee Lilley, North Carolina Department of Commerce

12:45–2:00 PM | Main Event: The Industry Velocity Panel - Building at the Speed the Mission Requires

- Scott Lampe, President, Hendrick Technical Solutions
- Chelsea Josler, Director of Supplier Quality Engineering, formerly with Archer Aviation and GE Aviation
- Robert Macqueen, Chief Operating Officer, 45Drives
- Bradley Garris, Business Manager, Phillips Corporation - Markforged

2:00–3:15 PM | Velocity Roundtable: From Problems to Action

2:00–2:30 PM | Part I — Where Are the Biggest Barriers?
2:30–3:00 PM | Part II — What Can North Carolina Actually Do?
3:00–3:30 PM | Part III — Building the Velocity Coalition

3:30–3:45 PM | Closing Remarks & Next Steps