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June 9–11, 2025
Hyatt Regency Birmingham – The Winfrey Hotel
Birmingham, AL

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Schedule of Events

Monday, June 9

Registration
3 –6 p.m.

Dinner on own

Tuesday, June 10

Registration
7:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

National Brick Research
Center Meeting
8 –11:30 a.m.

SCPD Kick-off Lunch
11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.

Technical Session
1 –5 p.m.

SW Section Business
Meeting 5–5:30 p.m.

Suppliers' Social Event at
Dave and Buster's
5:30 –7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 11

Plant Tours
8:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

Reception Social
6–6:30 p.m.

Banquet
6:30–8:30 p.m.

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*Acme's Birmingham Plant
Overview and Upgrades*

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Alessandro Tarozi
USA Digital Inc.
*How to Install a Digital
Decration Line*

Nate Huygen
National Brick Research Center
*A Multi-technique Investigation of
Plasticity and Extrudability in Clay
and Shale*

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Plant Tours

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