

Draft Agenda Automate

Please note that this agenda is a working draft and may be updated or modified at any time.

Thursday, June 25, 2026	
3:00pm	End of Automate Trade Show
3:30pm	Site Visit: mHUB: mHUB is Chicago's leading hardtech innovation center, supporting physical product developers through prototyping labs, startup incubation, and accelerator programs. Its community has raised over \$2.3B in capital and launched nearly 1,900 products. mHUB offers a compelling look at where automation and manufacturing innovation is born and scaled in the Chicago region.
6:00pm-8:00pm	German-American Automate Networking Reception Location: TBD
Friday, June 26, 2026	
9:00am	Site Visit Freudenberg North America: Operates manufacturing, assembly, and packaging operations for household cleaning products under the O-Cedar and Vileda brands. The facility produces mops, brooms, gloves, and refills using advanced automation and robotics, showcasing how a heritage German consumer brand has modernized high-volume production for the North American market.
11:30am	Roundtable + Lunch Location: Rittal USA Potential Roundtable Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Automation as a tool for resilience – how does automation improve supply-chain resilience, flexibility, and risk management?



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Automations as a climate solution – how are companies quantifying the emissions impact of automation when making investment decisions? • Workforce and Automation – how do companies upskill workers while deploying robotics and AI?
1:00pm	<p>Site Visit</p> <p>Possible Options:</p> <p>Gotion: Gotion Illinois runs a large-scale battery and energy storage manufacturing facility in Manteno, Illinois. The site produces lithium iron phosphate (LFP) battery systems and integrated energy storage solutions, supporting electric vehicles, grid storage, and clean-energy infrastructure while creating significant regional economic and workforce impact.</p> <p>Honeywell: Honeywell’s Chicagoland operations support engineering, R&D, sales, and field services for aerospace, energy, and smart buildings. Local teams develop and deploy industrial automation, including advanced process control, building automation systems, robotics-supported manufacturing, and AI-driven digital platforms that optimize production, safety, and energy efficiency</p> <p>Siemens: Siemens’ Chicago-area operations host the North American headquarters for Smart Infrastructure Buildings, with assembly, R&D, engineering, and labs. Local work centers on building automation, industrial IoT, microgrids, digital twins, and AI-enabled control systems for smart buildings, factories, and critical infrastructure</p>
3:00pm	Conclusion of Events



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