

KINECT 2026

Welcome to our third annual KINECT Event

WELCOME

Now in its third year, KINECT continues to bring together customers and industry leaders to explore the ideas, technologies, and challenges shaping the future of engineering information.

Through customer success stories, peer discussions, and emerging technologies like Kinsmen AI, attendees gain a clearer view of what's working today—and what's next.

DISCOVER THE CHARM OF THE CAROLINAS

While you're here for KINECT, take time to experience the warmth and character of Raleigh. Known for its welcoming atmosphere, outstanding culinary scene, and vibrant downtown, North Carolina's capital offers the perfect complement to your time at The Umstead. Whether you're exploring between sessions or sharing a meal with colleagues, we hope you'll discover that some of the best conference moments happen beyond the agenda.



ABOUT OUR VENUE



THE UMSTEAD HOTEL & SPA

100 WOODLAND POND DR, CARY, NC 27513

At The Umstead Hotel and Spa, you'll find a peaceful, elegant retreat for KINECT 2026.

Nestled among towering oaks and tranquil gardens, the venue offers the perfect setting to step away from daily demands, recharge, and gain a fresh perspective.

WELCOME DRINKS & CANOPES

Monday evening at 7 pm, join fellow attendees for an evening of drinks, canapés, and networking. This relaxed welcome reception is the perfect opportunity to reconnect with familiar faces, meet new peers, and lay the foundations for a collaborative event.



**SEPTEMBER 22, 2026****TUESDAY MORNING****BREAKFAST AMONG THE OAKS****8.00 AM**

Ease into the day with fresh coffee, breakfast, and conversation inspired by the peaceful surroundings of the Umstead. Take time to connect with fellow attendees before we begin another day of learning and collaboration.

PLANTING THE SEED – OPENING REMARKS**9.00 AM**

Every great journey starts with a single seed. Join us as we officially open KINECT 2026, introduce the days ahead, and set the foundation for meaningful conversations, shared learning, and lasting connections.

FROM ACORNS TO OAKS – ICE BREAKER**9.15 AM**

Every mighty oak begins with a single acorn. As KINECT 2026 begins, we'll start with a brief Engineering Information Management Maturity Assessment, giving you the opportunity to reflect on where your organization is today and identify opportunities for future growth. Together, we'll build our KINECT Oak—a living symbol of our community that will continue to grow throughout the event as attendees share insights, celebrate new connections, and capture key takeaways.

FROM SEED TO SUCCESS – KINSMEN AI & THE PNM LUNA DATASET**10.00 AM**

See how TXNM Energy transformed the Luna Power Station dataset using Kinsmen AI and Viewport, turning decades of information into a searchable, trusted digital resource in a record breaking timeline. Hear firsthand how AI accelerated data preparation, improved accessibility, and laid the foundation for future digital initiatives.

**BRANCHING OUT – COFFEE BREAK****10.45 AM**

Pause, refresh, and enjoy the surroundings as you continue building relationships with fellow attendees. Like the shade of a great oak, this break offers the perfect space for conversation, reflection, and new connections.

CHARTING NEW GROWTH – FUTURE OF ACCRUENT EDMS**11.00 AM**

See how Accruent is investing in the future of Meridian and RedEye through continued innovation and product development. Join Israel Ortiz, Vice President and General Manager at Accruent, as he shares insight into the roadmap, upcoming capabilities, and the vision shaping the next chapter of Engineering Document Management. Bring your questions, discuss your priorities, and discover how today's investments are laying the groundwork for tomorrow's success.

**GROWING TOWARD ENGINEERING INFORMATION EXCELLENCE****11.45 AM**

Growth doesn't happen overnight. Like the rings of a mighty oak, every improvement strengthens the foundation for what comes next. Together we'll explore the findings from our Engineering Information Maturity Assessment, discuss what they reveal about our community, and identify the opportunities that matter most.

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TUESDAY AFTERNOON

**GROWING SMARTER – SHOWCASE
THE FUTURE OF PROJECT DELIVERY**

12.15 PM

Project delivery is evolving—and so is the customer experience. Join us for a first look at how Kinsmen is transforming project delivery by combining engineering expertise with AI-powered tools, smarter delivery methodologies, and our new Customer Project Portal.

NOURISHING THE ROOTS – LUNCH

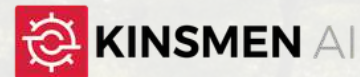
12.30 PM

Take time to relax, enjoy lunch, and continue cultivating the conversations and connections that have taken root throughout the morning. Great ideas grow stronger when shared around the table.

**THE INNOVATION NURSERY – EXCLUSIVE SNEAK PEEK.
WHAT'S NEXT FOR KINSMEN AI**

1.00 PM

Step inside the Innovation Nursery for an exclusive preview of what's taking root within Kinsmen AI. Explore our product roadmap, see early demonstrations of emerging capabilities, and help influence the next generation of AI-powered engineering information management. This is your opportunity to see what's growing behind the scenes before it reaches the wider market.



FROM ACORN TO APPLICATION – INNOVATION CHALLENGE

2.30 PM

Every great solution starts as an idea. This isn't about recreating Meridian, Viewport, RedEye, or Kinsmen AI—it's about imagining what comes next. Working in teams, identify a real engineering information challenge that you haven't seen solved yet, or a manual process that could be simplified, automated, or made more intelligent. Whether it's an AI assistant, a workflow, a dashboard, an integration, or something entirely new, this is your opportunity to think beyond today's tools and design tomorrow's solution.

A WOODLAND PAUSE – COFFEE BREAK

3.30 PM

Step away for a few minutes to recharge among the trees. Whether you're catching up with a new contact or simply enjoying a quiet moment, let the break give you space to return to the conversation with fresh energy.

COOL DOWN & GEAR UP BREAK

4.00 PM

Industrial Information Management is evolving faster than ever before. Organisations are balancing ageing infrastructure with modern digital transformation, managing increasing volumes of engineering data, embracing AI, and preparing for the next generation of connected operations. In this opening keynote, we'll explore the trends shaping the industry, the challenges organisations are facing today, and the opportunities that lie ahead. From digital twins and intelligent engineering information to AI, data governance, and operational excellence, discover where the industry is today—and where it's heading tomorrow.



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TUESDAY EVENING

4.45 PM

Pause Among the Pines

Take some time to unwind and enjoy everything The Umstead has to offer. Whether you choose to explore the woodland trails, visit the spa, catch up on emails, or simply relax before the evening's activities, this is your opportunity to recharge and reflect on the day's conversations.



6.00 PM

A Taste of Raleigh

Experience the best of Raleigh with an evening of outstanding food, great company, and a memorable group activity. Join us as we enjoy one of the city's premier dining destinations before taking part in a unique experience that celebrates connection, collaboration, and a little fun.

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WEDNESDAY MORNING

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE – DAY 2 BREAKFAST

8.00 AM

Start Day Two with breakfast, fresh conversations, and new ideas as we prepare to unveil yesterday's winning Innovation Challenge and continue exploring what's possible when great ideas take root.

EXPANDING THE VIEW – THE FUTURE OF ASSAI VIEWPORT

9.00 AM

Discover what's next for Assai Viewport as we explore the product roadmap, upcoming innovations, and long-term vision for engineering visualisation and connected information. Learn how Viewport continues to evolve, enabling organisations to bring together drawings, documents, asset data, and operational systems into a single, intuitive experience. Join the product experts to explore future capabilities, ask questions, and help shape the next generation of engineering information visualisation.





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WEDNESDAY MORNING CONT.

**BRIDGING THE BRANCHES - INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP
FROM PROJECT DELIVERY TO OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE****9.30 AM**

Engineering information doesn't stop at project completion—and neither should the conversation. As organisations increasingly collaborate through platforms such as Autodesk Construction Cloud and work alongside EPCs, contractors, and owner teams, the challenge is no longer simply delivering project information, but ensuring it remains trusted, connected, and valuable throughout the operational lifecycle.

BRANCHING OUT - COFFEE BREAK**10.30 AM**

Step outside the session for a moment and branch out, whether that's connecting with someone new or simply catching your breath. A short pause now means fresh energy for what's ahead.

**FROM CONCEPT TO CREATION - INNOVATION CHALLENGE
SHOWCASE****10.45 AM**

Yesterday, you imagined the possibilities. Overnight, our team brought the winning concept to life. Join us as we unveil a live prototype inspired by your ideas, demonstrating just how quickly innovation can move from concept to reality. Discover the thinking behind the solution, the technology that powers it, and explore how collaborative innovation can shape the future of engineering information management.

**HELPING THE FOREST FLOURISH - DRIVING USER ADOPTION &
LASTING SUCCESS****11.00 AM**

The best Engineering Document Management systems don't succeed because they're implemented—they succeed because they're adopted. Join this interactive session as we explore proven strategies for training, user engagement, and long-term adoption that turn technology investments into everyday business value. We'll share practical ideas, invite attendees to exchange their own successes and challenges, and hear directly from Air Liquide's Paul Von Burg on how their team developed effective training materials, champion networks, and adoption strategies that continue to drive success across the organization.

**BENEATH THE BARK - LIVE DEMONSTRATION | UNLOCKING
HIDDEN ASSET INTELLIGENCE****11.00 AM**

Engineering drawings contain far more than meets the eye. Even intelligent formats such as SmartPlant P&IDs often hold valuable engineering information that isn't fully attributed, structured, or connected to your wider digital ecosystem. Join us for a live demonstration showing how AI can interpret both legacy drawings and modern engineering files, extracting equipment tags, asset relationships, location information, and engineering context using prompts and asset breakdown structures. Discover how this intelligence can enrich platforms such as Meridian, SAP, and Maximo, transforming static engineering documents into connected, trusted operational data.

NOURISHING THE ROOTS - LUNCH**12.15 PM**

Take time to relax, enjoy lunch, and nourish the connections that have taken root throughout the morning. Great ideas, like strong roots, grow deeper when given the right space to settle.

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WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

THE FOREST WE'VE GROWN - CLOSING REFLECTIONS & LOOKING AHEAD

1.15 PM

As KINECT 2026 draws to a close, we'll gather one final time around the KINECT Oak that has grown alongside us over the past two days. Together, we'll reflect on the challenges, ideas, insights, and connections captured on its leaves, celebrating not just what we've learned, but what we've created as a community. We'll close by looking ahead to the future of Engineering Information Management, thanking our customers, partners, and speakers, and recognising that while this event may be ending, the relationships and conversations we've nurtured here will continue to grow long after we leave Raleigh.

GROWING TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE - EXCLUSIVE MERIDIAN SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION TRAINING SESSION

1.30 PM

While the main conference explores customer success, innovation, and product strategy, technical team members are invited to join this dedicated System Administration training track. Delivered by Kinsmen's senior consultants, this hands-on programme is designed to strengthen your Meridian administration skills, share best practices, and help you get even more value from your investment. Additional Viewport System Administration topics will be available for Viewport customers.



Participants will join the main conference for all networking breaks, lunch, and the afternoon "From Acorn to Application" Innovation Challenge, ensuring they benefit from both technical learning and the wider KINECT experience.

