

2026 Underground School

Date, Time and Location:

March 31- April 2, 2026 • The meeting will begin in the MTC training building at 1 p.m. on March 31, with registration beginning at 11 a.m., and conclude at 12 p.m on April 2.

Location:

Mitchell Technical College in Mitchell, S.D.

Room Reservations:

Contact the Comfort Inn and Suites directly by calling 605-990-2400. Ask for the SDREA Underground School room block. Room rate is \$119 plus tax.

Cut-off date is March 17.

Registration:

Register online at:
<https://www.sdrea.coop/>

Additional Information:

This year's URD school will be a hands-on training. We ask that you show up ready to work with hard hats, safety glasses, leather gloves and URD tools.

This course is part of the SDREA Education Package B.

If you did not purchase Package B, then the fee is \$750 plus tax per participant.



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TUESDAY, MARCH 31

- 11 a.m. **Registration** – *Mitchell Technical College*
- NOON **Lunch on your own.**
- 1 p.m. **Opening comments.**
- 1:15 p.m. **Phasing Sticks (Group A)** – *Mike Cotner, M. W. Bevins Co.*
Cable Prep (Group B) – *Aaron Samuelson, Primus Marketing*
- 3 p.m. **Break**
- 3:15 p.m. **Phasing Sticks (Group B)** – *Mike Cotner, M. W. Bevins Co.*
Cable Prep (Group A) – *Aaron Samuelson, Primus Marketing*
- 5 p.m. **End of Day**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

- 8 a.m. **Competent Person Training for Trenching and Shoring**
– *Roger Solberg*
Roger is a former instructor at Northwest Iowa Community College. Roger will be teaching an in-depth look at Trenching and Shoring.
- 12 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1 p.m. **Pre-use inspection of equipment used for underground work** – *Roger Solberg*
Preventive maintenance on equipment is vital for the performance of the equipment. Pre-use inspections can prevent unwanted breakdowns and lost production. Roger will be covering how equipment should be inspected and why.
- 3 p.m. **Break**
- 4:30 p.m. **End of Day**

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

- 8 a.m. **Theory of Locating** – *Joe Rubbelke, UtilityLogic*
As Director at UtilityLogic, Joe Rubbelke is a Certified Utility Operator, Civil Engineering Technician, experienced trainer and a trusted advisor to the underground utility industry, with 34 years of experience. UtilityLogic provides innovative products and old school values by providing equipment sales and hands-on technical training for underground utility locating and operator safety to ensure knowledge of the product and proper use of equipment.
- 11 a.m. **Evaluations/Closing Comments**