



# 2026 Montana Disability Employment Summit

*Ensuring Montana's Industry has the Talent Needed to Compete in the Global Economy*

## **DAY 1: Wednesday, May 13, 2026**

- 1:00-1:15 **Opening Remarks and Event Overview**
  - Lieutenant Governor Kristen Juras
- 1:15-2:30 **Value Proposition of Disability Employment**
- 2:35-3:30 **Unlocking Potential: Employment 1<sup>st</sup> and The 406 Jobs Plan**
- 3:30-3:45 **Break**
- 3:45-5:00 **Navigating Workplace Accommodations**
- 5:30-8:30 **Business Connections Reception**

## **DAY 2: Thursday, May 14, 2026**

- 8:30-9:30 Morning Keynote: Keely Cat Wells, Making Space, The Value Proposition of Apprenticeships
- 9:30-10:30 **Pathways to Paychecks: 406 JOBS**
- 10:30-10:45 **Break**
- 10:45-12:00 **Disability and Innovation: Entrepreneurs Leading the Way**
- 12:00-1:30 **Lunch – Fireside Chat: Disability Employment and the Economy of the Future**
  - Steve Sukup, President and CEO at Sukup Manufacturing Co
- 1:30-2:30 **Accessibility in the Workplace (Consider orienting towards apprenticeships)**



- 2:30-3:30     **Disability Employment: A Panel Conversation with Employers**
- 3:30-3:45     **Break**
- 3:45-5:00     **Montana's Recovery Friendly Workplace Initiative**
- 5:00-5:15     **Thank You and Closing Remarks**