

A Legacy Since 1906



Founded in Chicago in 1906, ARDA has spent 120 years bringing together leaders across railroads, economic development, consulting, legal, technology, environmental, and real estate sectors.

2026 ARDA Annual Meeting
June 14–17, 2026
Chicago, Illinois

The 2026 Annual Meeting marks a milestone year — an opportunity to reflect on ARDA's legacy while continuing to shape the future of railway development.

A milestone year.
A legacy of leadership.
A future focused on collaboration and progress.

What Attendees Gain

- Insight from experienced industry leaders
- Section-based discussions exploring key industry topics
- Policy and regulatory updates impacting rail and infrastructure
- Conversations that are timely, relevant, and peer-driven
- Perspectives from professionals across multiple disciplines



Cross-Industry Network

- Railroad Leadership
- Economic Development Professionals
- Legal & Regulatory Experts
- Real Estate Experts
- Technology Professionals
- Environmental Specialists

Professional Visibility & Engagement

Participation in ARDA demonstrates active engagement in the broader railway development community.

Attendance helps:

- Keep your organization visible among industry leaders
- Strengthen networks across multiple sectors
- Stay informed on evolving industry developments
- Contribute to important industry dialogue



A Measurable Return on Investment

Attendees return with:

- Insights to inform planning and growth
- Connections that support business development
- A stronger understanding of industry direction

Value that extends well beyond the conference.

