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2026 American Coatings Show and Conference Deemed Major Success

May 7, 2026 — The 2026 American Coatings Show (ACS) concluded on May 7, with a total of 542 exhibitors, over 136,600 square feet of exhibit space, and over 8,000 total participants from 63 countries. Exhibits at the 2026 event were met with enthusiasm and unparalleled engagement for their impressive displays and instructive product demonstrations. ACS attendees filled the halls of the convention center in anticipation of opportunities for networking and establishing new business connections.

The concurrent American Coatings Conference (ACC) was a marked success as well, with nearly 900 attendees taking advantage of 96 selected presentations and learning opportunities, clustered in 16 topical sessions. During the ACC, Dr. Bedri Erdem, Chief Technology Officer at Rust-Oleum Corporation and RPM Consumer Group, delivered a thought-provoking keynote address; and the 2026 American Coatings Award was presented to Dr. Ioanna Tzortzi, associate specialist in the Coating Solutions business unit at Perstorp, and her coauthors, for the conference's most outstanding paper.

“Building on more than a decade of success for this award-winning industry event that has become a major platform for companies to showcase products and conduct business, we were so pleased with the turnout and feedback from attendees who value the learning and networking experiences the event brings,” said Jennifer Dugas, senior vice president of Events & Engagement for the American Coatings Association. “Whether it’s information obtained at the product presentations or coatings research presented at the conference, we are grateful and proud to bring this valuable event back for industry and look forward to another successful event in 2028,” said Dugas.”

“The industry experienced three days full of networking opportunities at the leading North American coatings event. Exhibitors and attendees were very excited to make connections and enhance their industry knowledge. We are looking forward to seeing everyone and many new faces at our next American Coatings Show and Conference, March 28-30, 2028 at the Colorado Convention Center in Denver,” said Matthias Janz, director of Trade Shows at Vincentz Network.

For more information about the American Coatings Show & Conference, please visit <https://american-coatings-show.com/>.

The American Coatings Show and Conference is hosted by AC Media, in collaboration with the American Coatings Association and Vincentz Network. The biennial trade show and technical conference is dedicated to serving as a global business platform and educational forum for the paint and coatings industry, offering a complete spectrum of current and future trends and technologies.