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The Industry Group and Kiosk Association to Showcase Next-Gen Restaurant Automation and Accessibility at 2026 NRA Show

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CHICAGO, Ill., April 15, 2026 (SEND2PRESS NEWSWIRE) – [The Industry Group](#), the leading authority on self-service technology and digital signage, today announced its comprehensive technology showcase for the upcoming **National Restaurant Show (NRA)**, held May 16–19 at McCormick Place, Chicago, IL. Located in the North Building at **Booth #5829**, the exhibit will feature a curated ecosystem of restaurant automation, AI-driven ordering, and accessibility solutions.



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As the restaurant industry faces continued labor pressure and evolving guest expectations, The Industry Group (TIG) and the Kiosk Association (KMA) are moving the conversation beyond standalone hardware toward integrated, “infrastructure-level” digitization.

“Restaurant operators are no longer looking for isolated kiosks; they are looking for a unified operating system that handles throughput, accessibility, and high-level data processing simultaneously,” said **Craig Keefner**, Chief Editor for The Industry Group. “Our showcase at Booth #5829 demonstrates how edge computing

—specifically Intel-powered platforms—serves as the backbone for modern restaurant automation, from AI age verification to conversational voice ordering.”

KEY TECHNOLOGY HIGHLIGHTS AT BOOTH #5829:

- **High-Performance Hardware: Pyramid Computer** will showcase sleek, industrial-grade self-order kiosks designed for high-volume quick-service (QSR) environments.
- **Universal Accessibility: Vispero / JAWS for Kiosk** will demonstrate industry-leading screen-reading technology, ensuring self-service is accessible to blind and low-vision guests in compliance with ADA standards.
- **Secure Infrastructure: SiteKiosk** will present its secure software stack for unattended digital signage and kiosk management.
- **Conversational AI: URway** will feature natural-language voice-ordering systems that reduce friction at the point of sale.
- **Identity & Compliance: MyCheckr** will display AI-based age verification technology, a critical tool for automated restricted-item sales.

The booth will also highlight the role of **Intel-powered edge infrastructure**, illustrating how modern processors (including the Core Ultra series) enable real-time AI workloads without the latency of cloud-only solutions.

IN-PERSON BRIEFINGS AND STRATEGY SESSIONS

Craig Keefner and technical experts from the partner network will be available throughout the show for private briefings regarding:

- ADA and accessibility strategy for national rollouts.
- The transition from traditional POS to AI-integrated self-service.
- Securing the software stack in unattended retail.

To preview the technologies on display or to schedule a meeting during the show, visit <https://kioskindustry.org/nra-national-restaurant-show/>.

ABOUT THE INDUSTRY GROUP

The Industry Group is a collective of specialized websites—including Kiosk Industry, Retail Systems, and Thin Client Computing—dedicated to providing data-driven insights and technical analysis of the self-service and digital signage markets. Led by Craig Keefner, a 40-year veteran of the industry, TIG prioritizes fact-based reporting and technical integrity. Learn more: <https://industrygroup.org>

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