

THE 2026 BUSINESS OF RUNNING A UTILITY



GATLINBURG CONVENTION CENTER

AUGUST 12-14

UTILITY INFORMATION & REGISTRATION

BUSINESS CONFERENCE

COMFORT SUITES DOWNTOWN \$99-\$159
865.246.1916

CHOICEHOTELS.COM/TENNESSEE/GATLINBURG/COMFORT-SUITES-HOTELS/TN892

EMBASSY SUITES BY HILTON \$189-\$288
GROUP CODE: CESTAU 865.436.2095

EMBASSYSUITES.COM/GATLINBURG

FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES DOWNTOWN \$159
GROUP CODE: ATA 865.436.4935

MARRIOTT.COM/RESERVATION/RATELISTMENU.MI

GLENSTONE LODGE \$89-\$139
CALL WITH EVENT NAME TO BOOK 865.436.9361

GLENSTONELODGE.COM

HAMPTON INN - HISTORIC NATURE TRAIL \$136-\$149
GROUP CODE: TAU 865.436.4933

GATLINBURGHISTORICNATURETRAIL.HAMPTONBYHILTON.COM

HAMPTON INN - PARKWAY \$149
CALL WITH EVENT NAME TO BOOK 865.436.4878

HILTON.COM/EN/HOTELS/GATBGHX-HAMPTON-GATLINBURG/

HILTON GARDEN INN DOWNTOWN \$159
CALL WITH EVENT NAME TO BOOK 865.436.0048

GATLINBURG.HGI.COM

HOTEL INFO

WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO MAKE RESERVATIONS EARLY AS ALL ACCOMMODATIONS ARE FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED. BELOW ARE THE BOOKING LINKS FOR THE HOTELS. CLICK ON A HYPERLINK TO MAKE A RESERVATION.

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS DOWNTOWN \$139-\$239
GROUP CODE: TAU 865.868.6200

HIEXPRESS.COM/GATLINBURGDTWN

MICROTEL INN & SUITES \$60-\$70
CALL WITH EVENT NAME TO BOOK 865.436.0107

MICROTELINNGATLINBURG.COM

PARK VISTA BY HILTON \$137
CALL WITH EVENT NAME TO BOOK 865.436.9211

PARKVISTA.COM

THE WANDER HOTEL \$110
GROUP CODE: 081126TAU 865.436.5032

WYNDHAMHOTELS.COM

EVENT SCHEDULE

SIX HOURS OF OPERATOR CE, TAP, COMMISSIONER, & UTILITY MUNICIPAL OFFICIAL TRAINING AVAILABLE!

TUES AUGUST 11

2:00 - 5:00PM EXHIBITOR SETUP

WEDS AUGUST 12

9:00AM - 3:00PM EXHIBITOR SETUP

11:30AM - 2:30PM WOMEN IN WATER SUMMIT

2:00 - 6:00PM CONFERENCE REGISTRATION & TUPAC SILENT AUCTION

3:00PM ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

4:30 - 6:30PM OPENING RECEPTION

THURS AUGUST 13

7:00 - 4:00PM REGISTRATION

7:00 - 9:30AM CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

7:00-12:30PM TUPAC SILENT AUCTION

9:30 - 11:30AM SUPERSESSION, AWARDS CEREMONY, & TN'S BEST TASTING WATER CONTEST

11:30 - 1:00PM LUNCH

1:00PM EXHIBIT HALL CLOSES

1:00 - 4:00PM SESSIONS

FRI AUGUST 14

7:00 - 8:30AM BREAKFAST

8:30 - 11:30AM SESSIONS

SESSIONS SCHEDULE

TOPICS/SPEAKERS/TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

THURSDAY // 08.13.2026

	MILLS AUDITORIUM	BALLROOM D	MILLS 4
	ADMINISTRATIVE	WATER TREATMENT & DISTRIBUTION	WASTEWATER & COLLECTION
7:00	CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST // EXHIBIT HALL OPENS		
9:30	TAUD OPENING SUPERSESSION, AWARDS PRESENTATION & BEST TASTING WATER CONTEST FINALS *HELD IN MILLS AUDITORIUM. MUST ATTEND FOR CE CREDIT & DOOR PRIZE QUALIFICATION*		
11:30	LUNCH // EXHIBIT HALL		
1:00	LEGISLATIVE UPDATE BEN GASTEL HSG LAW GROUP	COMPREHENSIVE FLOW SOLUTIONS FOR WATER CASSANDRA ROSINA & CHRIS POLK UTILITY SOLUTIONS & AUTOMATION, LLC	TDEC PRETREATMENT UPDATE SAMANTHA O'NEIL TDEC
2:00	CHANGES & UPDATES TO TBOUR ROSS COLONA COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE	IMPLEMENTING AN EFFECTIVE ASSET MANAGEMENT PROGRAM SARAH SWEAT & MATTHEW WILLIAMSON LJA	PRETREATMENT COMPLIANCE: WWTP PROTECTION, IMPACTS & ENFORCEMENT STEPHANIE CLAY ARDURRA
3:00	SRF FUNDING FOR 2027 & BEYOND EMILY ROYAL TDEC & BILLY DRANES TAUD	EMERGENCY POWER SYSTEMS FOR CRITICAL UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE EDWARD ZACHARY TAYLOR POWER	COMPLICATED PRETREATMENT: LESSONS LEARNED NICK GALLOWAY TRDA

FRIDAY // 08.14.2026

7:00	BREAKFAST // BALLROOM C		
8:30	TRANSITIONING RURAL UTILITIES TO SELF SUFFICIENCY SETH RYE & MATTHEW RYE RYE ENGINEERING	CLOSING THE CYBERSECURITY GAP BRIAN QUINLEY SECRET CITY TECH	
9:30	DON'T GET RAILROADED BY A BORING PROJECT CHRIS STRUPP & ZARA HOCH OHM ADVISORS	TAUD/NRWA PROGRAM INITIATIVES UPDATE PHILLIP COMBS NRWA PRESIDENT & TAUD FIELD STAFF	
10:30	BUILDING BACK BETTER IN ERWIN, TN: RECOVERY AFTER HELENE JAMIE CARDEN MCGILL ASSOCIATES		



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STEP UP TO THE PLATE AS A TEAM!

Form your own "team" with coworkers or fellow attendees to create a fun team name and matching baseball-inspired outfits. Show off your creativity and team spirit as you compete in the luncheon competition. Get ready to knock it out of the park!

1ST INNING - 11:30
LUNCH

2ND INNING - 12:30
NETWORKING

3RD INNING - 1:00
PRESENTATION

SCAN QR TO REGISTER

RSVP by July 1 to guarantee a t-shirt

THE FIELD OF OUR DREAMS
Gatlinburg Convention Center
Tennessee Ballroom
234 Historic Nature Trail

WANT TO BE A SPONSOR? CONTACT US!
ADMIN@WOMENINWATER.US





BUSINESS CONFERENCE UTILITY REGISTRATION

OR REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.TAUD.ORG

GATLINBURG CONVENTION CTR. GATLINBURG

AUGUST 12-14

PLEASE MAKE COPIES OF THIS FORM FOR MORE THAN 3 REGISTRANTS

UTILITY

REGISTRANT 1

GUEST 1

REGISTRANT 2

GUEST 2

REGISTRANT 3

GUEST 3

MAILING ADDRESS

PHONE NUMBER

CITY

STATE ZIP

E-MAIL

REGISTRATION FEES

TAUD MEMBERS

INCLUDES ALL TECHNICAL SESSIONS, MEALS & ENTRANCE INTO THE EXHIBIT HALL

FULL CONFERENCE (BY JULY 28) \$450 = \$ _____

FULL CONFERENCE (AFTER JULY 28) \$500 = \$ _____

NON-MEMBERS

INCLUDES ALL TECHNICAL SESSIONS, MEALS & ENTRANCE INTO THE EXHIBIT HALL

FULL CONFERENCE (BY JULY 28) \$750 = \$ _____

FULL CONFERENCE (AFTER JULY 28) \$850 = \$ _____

ONE DAY ONLY

INCLUDES TECHNICAL SESSIONS, MEALS & ENTRANCE INTO THE EXHIBIT HALL ON THURSDAY

ATTENDING THURSDAY ONLY (BY JULY 28) \$275 = \$ _____

ATTENDING THURSDAY ONLY (AFTER JULY 28) \$375 = \$ _____

SPOUSE/GUEST MEAL REGISTRATION

THURSDAY BREAKFAST _____ x \$30 = \$ _____

THURSDAY LUNCH _____ x \$30 = \$ _____

FRIDAY BREAKFAST _____ x \$30 = \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: = \$ _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION

PLEASE SEND PAYMENT INFORMATION OR CHECK TO:

TAUD | P.O. Box 2529 | MURFREESBORO, TN 37133
FAX: (615) 898-8283

PAYMENT ENCLOSED PLEASE INVOICE

CARD NUMBER

EXP. DATE

NAME ON CARD

SIGNATURE

BILLING ADDRESS

EMAIL FOR RECEIPT

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO TAUD. IF PREFERRED, YOU MAY PAY BY MASTER CARD, AMERICAN EXPRESS, DISCOVER OR VISA. ONLY PROVIDE YOUR CREDIT CARD INFORMATION ON FORMS THAT ARE TO BE DIRECT MAILED OR FAXED. **WE CANNOT ACCEPT CREDIT CARD INFORMATION ON FORMS THAT ARE SUBMITTED VIA EMAIL, EVEN IF SENT AS AN ATTACHMENT.**

REGISTER ONLINE!

REGISTRATION INCLUDES

Two Breakfasts & Lunch
Member Reception
Exhibit Hall Access to Top Industry Vendors
6 hours of Operator CE, Commissioner, TAP, &
Utility Municipal Official Training Credit

REGISTRATION CHECK-IN

Check-in at registration to receive name tag, detailed
Conference Guide, CE info, & more!

WEDS 08.12 2:00-6:00PM EXHIBIT HALL

THURS 08.13 7:00-1:00PM EXHIBIT HALL
1:00-4:00PM UPPER LEVEL