

04/06/2016

7:15 am

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

04/07/2016

7:15 am

7:15 am - 8:15 am

UTILITY PURCHASING & MATERIALS MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

No location

Utility Purchasing & Materials Management Conference

PRE-CONFERENCE: UPMM "The World of Purchasing"

Mediterranean V&VI

John Cooke, Director of Education & Training, Tennessee Valley Public Power Association (TVPPA)

In today's complex business world, a utility's overall success boils down to the efficiency and effectiveness of its supply chain. Competitive strength relies both on a utility's services and the processes that provide services to customers. Effective supply chain management enhances productivity and performance with the strategic combination of people, systems and technology. This four-class certificate program is specifically designed with the local power company in mind – begin your journey with "The World of Purchasing" as the first class during the conference!

Welcome Reception

Mediterranean I, II & III

Registration Open
TVPPA Registration
Breakfast with the Sponsors
Mediterranean I, II & III

8:15 am 8:15 am - 8:30 am 8:30 am - 9:30 am 9:30 am - 10:00 am 10:00 am - 10:30 am 10:30 am - 11:15 am 11:15 am - 11:45 am 11:45 am - 1:30 pm 1:30 pm 1:30 pm - 2:00 pm

Breakfast with the Sponsors

FIRST GENERAL SESSION

Mediterranean IV, V & VI

Melvin Holmes, presiding Planning Committee Chair Volunteer Energy Cooperative

Welcome and Vendor Acknowledgement

Mediterranean IV, V & VI

Keynote Presentation

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Lonnie Jones

Lonnie Jones will be sharing a motivational opening keynote with a focus on communication.

Effectively Establishing a Critical Spares Network

Mediterranean IV, V & VI

Graham Nelson, CEO, Veracity AMG

Graham Nelson will discuss how utilities of all sizes can proactively prepare for and collaborate during disasters. His system was developed with input from a wide array of Public Power Utilities, State Associations and Joint Action Agencies. Learn how to ensure an effective, efficient, and expeditious coordination effort while maintaining control.

Meet the Sponsors Refreshment Break

Mediterranean I, II & III

Straight Talk on LED Lighting: Panel Discussion

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Melvin Holmes, Supervisor of Purchasing, Volunteer Energy Cooperative

Michael Stevens, Georgia Power

Jeff Dykes, CEO, Johnson City, TN Power Board

Panelists will talk about technology as it relates to controls on LED's and the implantation being used. Also, bidding processes and evaluation for LED street/roadway lighting and residential security lighting will be shared.

Materials Management Processes

Mediterranean IV, V & VI

Doug Jackson, City of Florence, AL Utilities

Hear how one utility manages their materials from the unloading to the going out, storage strategies, rack systems, etc.

Lunch (on your own)

No location

Enjoy time with your friends and colleagues as you dine at one of the many great restaurants Huntsville has to offer. Don't forget the convenience of Bridge Street Town Center just outside the doors of the conference wing!

SECOND GENERAL SESSION

Mediterranean IV. V & VI

Valley Supply Chain Update

Mediterranean IV, V & VI

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

3:00 pm - 3:30 pm

3:30 pm - 4:15 pm

4:15 pm - 4:30 pm

4:30 pm - 4:45 pm

4:45 pm - 5:00 pm

5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

04/08/16

7:15 am - 8:15 am

Rody Blevins, President/CEO, Volunteer Energy Cooperative

The chair of the Valley Supply Chain committee will provide news on challenges and solutions for TVPPA members.

Introduction to Fiber Optics

Mediterranean IV, V & VI

Steven Maederer, AFL Global

Jason Morris, Corning Optical Communications

Speakers will discuss passive fiber optic network components and tools for SCADA and FTTH (Fiber To The Home) networks. An outline of the key passive elements of power utility optical data networks between substations and control sites, plus a review of elements that comprise Fiber To The Home networks.

Meet the Sponsors Refreshment Break

Mediterranean I, II & III

Purchasing Ethics

Mediterranean IV, V & VI

Dr. Laird Burns, Assistant Professor of Management Science , University of Alabama Huntsville

Sometimes working with suppliers can push the boundaries of what may be ethical without our even realizing it. Hear from a supply chain professor on how to protect yourself and your company when negotiating with vendors.

Vehicle Incentive Program Update

Mediterranean IV, V & VI

John Cooke, Director of Education & Training, Tennessee Valley Public Power Association (TVPPA)

What's new with vehicle incentives? John Cooke of TVPPA will share what auto companies are part of the program and the ins and outs to get the best deals on your utility's fleet purchases.

Legislative News that Impacts You

Mediterranean IV, V & VI

Phillip Burgess, Director, Communications, Government Relations and Conferences, TVPPA

TVPPA government relations director, Phillip Burgess, will share what is being proposed and what has just passed in the legislature that may affect your utility.

Vendor Acknowledgement

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Reception

Mediterranean I, II & III

Breakfast with the Sponsors Mediterranean I, II & III Breakfast with the Sponsors 8:15 am

8:15 am - 9:15 am

9:15 am - 10:00 am

10:00 am - 10:30 am

10:30 am - 11:15 am

11:15 am - 12:00 pm

12:00 pm

THIRD GENERAL SESSION

Mediterranean IV, V & VI

Workorder, Inventory and Plant

Mediterranean IV, V & VI

Ed Williamson, CPA and Utility Tax Senior Manager, Jackson Thornton

Best Practices Roundtables for Municipals and Cooperatives

Mediterranean IV, V & VI

Meet the Sponsors Refreshment Break

Mediterranean IV

Getting Rid of Your Hazardous and Obsolete Materials

Mediterranean IV, V & VI

Brad Martin, Huntsville Utilities

Tony Polk CPSv, ECC, Purchasing Agent, Tennessee Valley EC

Commodities & Market Trends Update

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Gary Daniel, Border States Electric

Eddie Moak, Irby Utilities

Adjourn

Mediterranean IV, V & VI

Please be sure to mark your calendars for next year's Utility Purchasing & Materials Management Conference! Date and location will be available soon.