



GENERAL INFORMATION

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Location and Address

(Note: Please refer to the appropriate pages in this manual for the exact shipping address.)

George R. Brown Convention Center

1001 Avenida De Las Americas
Houston, Texas 77010

All Exhibition and Conference Sessions will be held at this venue.

Exhibition Hours

Show Hours:

Tuesday, May 21	9:00 am – 6:00 pm
(optional extended hours are 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm)	
Wednesday, May 22	9:00 am – 6:00 pm
Thursday, May 23	9:00 am – 1:00pm

This year the Opening Reception will be held Monday evening again at a location being determined right now. Watch this space and your email for more information!

This event will start off WINDPOWER with a flair and bring together attendees and exhibitors alike. All exhibitors and attendees will have a ticket to attend. The timing of the event also allows set-up of the exhibition to proceed during the day on Monday.

- From 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm on Tuesday, May 21st, exhibitors will again have the option to host after hours receptions at their booths in the exhibit hall. This helps you avoid the cost of renting a venue to entertain your clients. Please contact exhibition@awea.org for more information.



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- All booths must be staffed during show hours.
- The Exhibit hall will open at 9:00 am all three days: Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday; however, exhibitors may access the show floor at 7:00 am all 3 days for private meetings at your booth. You will need to escort any non-exhibiting customers to your booth as they will not be able to access the show floor on their own before the official opening time each day.
- There will be General Sessions this year on the main exhibit floor in the GRB Convention Center tentatively scheduled at 11:00 am. All exhibitors are welcome to participate or to stream the “live session” from their booth (details will follow in March, 2019). Also continuing from last year, all of the education sessions held Tuesday – Thursday will be moved to the show floor and all participants (including exhibitors) will be able to access the sessions, panels, and individual presentations. This has increased traffic flow in the exhibit hall, as well as provided exhibitors with an opportunity to benefit from the educational events as time allows.
- Exhibit halls will close on Thursday, May 10th at 1:00 pm. However, the exhibit hall delegates will not be asked to vacate the floor until 1:30 pm to allow you time to wrap-up discussions. Booths may not be dismantled early—it conveys a negative image of your firm to the attendees.

Move-In Schedule:

Please reference the targeted move-in floor plan to determine when you are scheduled to move in to the hall for a fee. You are welcome to contact GES via expresso to request a different move-in time if necessary. See the Target Variance Request here. Not all requests can be guaranteed.

Move-Out Schedule:

Thursday, May 23 1:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Note: Empty crates and containers will be delivered starting approximately 90 minutes after the close of the exhibit hall.

Friday, May 24 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Saturday, May 25 8:00 am - 10:00 am

Exhibit Hall Specifications

The WINDPOWER 2019 exhibition will utilize exhibit halls “A” through “E” of the George R. Brown Convention Center. Specific questions regarding the facility’s exhibit hall, freight docks and freight doors can be directed to GES.

Official Services Provider

AWEA is pleased to announce that we are partnering with GES as our Official Service Provider for the WINDPOWER 2019 Conference & Exhibition. GES is responsible for answering exhibitor questions, processing your orders and handling any special requests. They are the conduits between production, operations and your exhibiting needs. Regardless of your request, you can contact them for advice and information about the show – if they don't know the answer, they will find it!

Labor Jurisdictions

Each city is different in terms of union regulations, please refer to the labor pages inside the exhibitor manual for information specific to Houston, Texas.



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Freight

Be sure that the individual responsible for your display has copies of all your shipping bills-of-lading. It is very difficult to trace a shipment without proper references. AWEA encourages exhibitors to use GES – the preferred show carrier. GES offers a discount on drayage fees for exhibitors that utilize their shipping services. AWEA also recommends use of the Advanced Warehouse for your freight, especially if shipping internationally, as this allows a larger buffer in case any of your items are delayed in customs.

Children Policy

No children of any age may be in the exhibit hall during move-in or move-out hours – this is for safety reasons and is prohibited by the convention center. Children under 18 will be permitted in the exhibit hall for free as long as they are accompanied at all times by an adult. Young adults 18 or older would need to be registered, badged, and accompanied at all times by an adult. Strollers are not permitted in the exhibit hall for safety (tripping) reasons but can be left with bag check.

Carpet

Carpet or flooring is mandatory in all booths. Unless your display has its own carpet or flooring, you must order carpet from GES. You are free to choose whichever color carpet you wish for your booth.

Booth Catering

Food and beverage in your exhibit booth must be arranged through the banquet catering team at Levy. We encourage you to arrange catering as an additional draw to your booth. For more information on booth food and beverage, please see the Additional Service Order Forms tab of this kit. As a reminder and as with nearly all convention centers in the USA, catering is an exclusive service and any foods or drinks to be distributed from your booth must be ordered from the center's caterer.

Hospitality Events

As noted earlier, on Tuesday, May 21st from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm exhibiting companies are welcome to conduct hospitality events in their booths on the show floor if they so choose. Hosting a reception in your booth will save you the expense of renting an outside venue for your event. Hospitality events are not permitted during conference or exhibition hours as each exhibitor agreed upon in the Rules & Regulations section of the Exhibitor Reservation Form. This includes Monday's Opening Reception.

Exhibitor Meeting Rooms

Meeting rooms are available to rent at McCormick Place, both on the show floor and on the meeting room levels. A limited number of meeting rooms are also available at both the Hilton and the Marriott. Further details can be found in this manual under Room Rentals. Renting meeting rooms at the convention center is the most convenient option for both your staff and your customers. No meeting room is closer to the attendees and your booth than one located on the show floor itself!

Security

Security guards will be stationed at the exhibit hall entrance and selected docks during non-show hours beginning with move-in. All reasonable precautions will be taken to protect your equipment and displays during installation, show hours, and dismantling. However, show management, service contractors, and exhibit facility management are **not** responsible for the safety of property from theft, damage by fire, accident, or other causes. **All property of the exhibitor is understood to be under exhibitor control in transit to, from, and/or within the exhibit hall.** If you wish to arrange for security within your booth during non-show hours, see the order form in this manual.



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Liability & Insurance

The American Wind Energy Association, WINDPOWER 2019 Conference and Exhibition, George R. Brown Convention Center, all conference hotels, the official Services Providers, their agents or employees shall not be responsible for any loss, theft, or damage to the property of the exhibitor, his or her employees or representatives. Further, AWEA will not be liable for damage or injury to persons or property during the term of this agreement from any cause whatsoever by reason of the use or occupancy of the exhibit space by the exhibitor, and the exhibitor shall indemnify and hold harmless AWEA from all liability which might ensue from any cause whatsoever. If the exhibitor's materials fail to arrive, the exhibitor is nevertheless responsible for all amounts due hereunder. The exhibitor understands that none of the organizations or sponsors maintain insurance covering the exhibitor's property and it is the sole responsibility of the exhibitor to obtain such insurance. AWEA requires exhibitors obtain their own insurance – please see Certificate of Insurance example in this manual. If your firm does not currently carry the required insurance, it can be ordered from the vendor listed in the exhibitor liability section of this manual. Some additional insurance/fire information may be necessary for certain booth sizes or equipment. AWEA will contact those exhibitors directly under separate cover.

Standard Booth Equipment

All booths will come with an identification sign, an 8'-high back drape and 3'-high draped side walls (for in-line booths). Note: AWEA requires all exhibitors to carpet their entire booth space and order any furniture needed – this material is NOT provided but is required.

Unusual Displays / Equipment

We encourage exhibitors to bring machinery and equipment displays to WINDPOWER 2019. For questions regarding the logistics of bringing equipment or unusual displays, contact Mark Bakke at mbakke@awea.org or (202) 383-2502.

Exhibitor Registration

Each exhibitor's primary contact will be emailed information about registering your company representatives for the conference. You must register your exhibiting staff online. More information about exhibitor registration is available within this manual. Registration is now open. If you have any questions or need assistance with exhibitor registration, please contact wind@xpressreg.net or (508) 743-8502.

Sponsorships

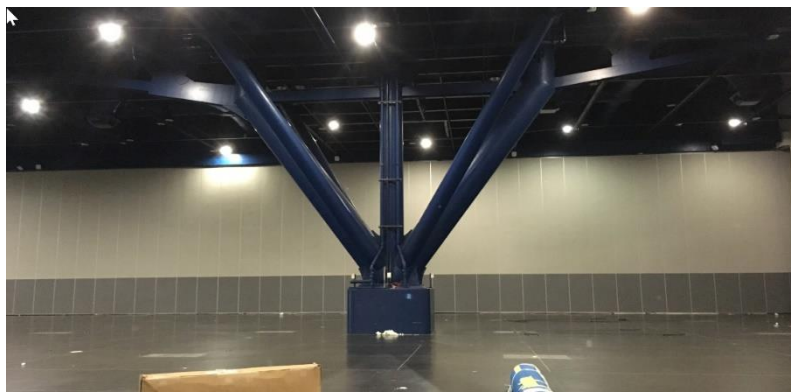
Looking for additional ways to improve brand awareness, increase name recognition, and enhance your industry reputation? Sponsorship opportunities are available! For more information, contact Brent Nussbaum bnussbaum@awea.org or (202) 383-2542.



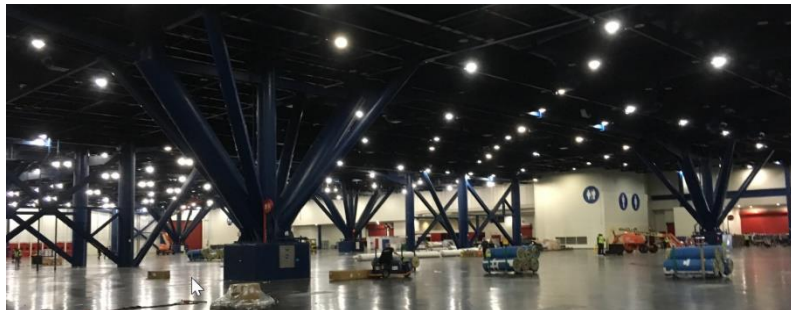
There are columns in the George R. Brown Convention Center! Lots of them, and they are big!

No one will have to duck to get under a column but they do not go directly up to the ceiling. There are two kinds of column structures in the building on the exhibit floor. Some have a base that is 10' x 10' square cement that rises

The two pictures below are of the columns that are at the George R. Brown Convention Center.



The tree-like columns are not a hazard as you walk the show floor as they are above head height. You will be able to construct your booth in accordance with our height limitations if you have a booth that is against the column. The base of the column is a 10x10 square cement block and only the side on the right of the floor plan must be kept clear due to fire apparatus. We have not placed any booths in this location.



The columns do however have supporting structure above them that may restrict rigging capabilities that will limit hang points above booths under these column structures. We recommend you work closely with GES if you wish to do this.

The below image is our floor plan as of Nov 2018. The 24 blue circles are for the tree-style columns pictured above. The 4 red rectangles are for the non-tree style columns that create a partial wall on the floor. See the columns document in this manual for more details on sizes of these columns.





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Questions

- For exhibition related questions, please contact exhibition@awea.org or (202) 383-2502 / (202) 383-2514.
- For sponsorship related questions, please contact bnussbaum@awea.org or (202) 383-2542.
- For conference program questions, please contact education@awea.org.
- For exhibitor registration questions, please contact wind@xpressreg.net or (508) 743-8502.