

EXHIBITOR PLANNING CALENDAR

2026 INTERNATIONAL PRODUCTION & PROCESSING EXPO

Updated July 14, 2025

May 1 - Jun. 6, 2025	Scheduled Booth Selection for returning 2025 IPPE Exhibitors Based on seniority order, highest to lowest
Jun. 9, 2025	General Booth Sales Opens Please see ippexpo.org under the Exhibit tab for more information
Jun. 16, 2025	Sponsorship/Marketing Opportunities preview posted online Please view Exhibitor Resources at www.ippexpo.org under the Exhibit tab for more information. Questions? Contact Lisette Reyes, expo services manager, at lreyes@ippexpo.org
Jul. 7, 2025	Sponsorship/Marketing Sales Begin Online at 12:00 p.m. EDT Please view Exhibitor Resources at www.ippexpo.org under the Exhibit tab for more information. Questions? Contact Lisette Reyes, expo services manager, at lreyes@ippexpo.org
Aug. 4 – Sept. 29, 2025	Priority Housing for Exhibitors Exhibitor hotel contacts should have received their priority schedule for booking hotels. Please see www.ippexpo.org under the Exhibit tab for more information
Aug. 11, 2025	Exhibitor Manual/Kit Link Available Posted to IPPE Website and exhibitor dashboard
Aug. 25, 2025	TECHTalks Application Begins Please see ippexpo.org under the Exhibit tab for the application and information
Sept. 8, 2025	Department of Commerce Export Interest Directory Submission Begins Open to contracted U.S. exhibitors seeking export business to other countries. Please see ippexpo.org under the Exhibit tab for the application and information.
Sept. 18, 2025	New Product Showcase Application Begins Please see ippexpo.org under the Exhibit tab for the application and information
Sept. 30, 2025	Final Booth Balances Due for Exhibitors Contracted through Sept. 1
Oct. 1, 2025	Must be an Exhibitor by this date to be listed in WATT IPPE Pre-Show Directory Distributed digitally prior to the show
Oct. 6, 2025	Online General IPPE Registration and Housing Opens Attendee early registration \$85 through January 9, 2026, for IPPE admission without exhibitor promo code. Request promo code for complimentary attendee registration through Robin Hughes, rhughes@ippexpo.org
Oct. 6, 2025	GWCC Meeting Rooms and Customer Connection Center Meeting Room Requests Begin
Oct. 10, 2025	New Product Showcase Application Deadline Please see ippexpo.org under the Exhibit tab for the application and information
Oct. 24, 2025	TECHTalks Application Deadline Please see ippexpo.org under the Exhibit tab for the application and information
Oct. 29, 2025	New Product Showcase notification deadline of acceptance sent to approved applicants
Oct. 31, 2025	Deadline to submit booth design layouts for approval of peninsula, split-island peninsula and island booths 300 sq. ft. or larger. Booth architectural renderings including structure dimensions and hanging signage size and position must be submitted for these booths to IPPE Senior Exhibit Manager, Anne Sculthorpe, via email at asculthorpe@ippexpo.org

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Nov. 1, 2025	Deadline for exhibiting company name and booth number to be added to IPPE Pocket Planner. Must be a contracted and approved exhibitor by this deadline for exhibiting company name and booth number to be automatically added to IPPE Pocket Planner published by Meatingplace
Nov. 3, 2025	Exhibitor names due for hotel room block If a block of rooms was requested, ensure a list of correct names and valid credit cards have been provided. All questions concerning requests (name changes, arrival/departure dates, room type, cancellation policy, etc.) should be directed to Maritz at 864-208-2586.
Nov. 7, 2025	TECHTalks notification of acceptance sent to presenters.
Nov. 26, 2025	Lead retrieval advance order discount deadline
Dec. 1, 2025	Deadline to be listed as an exhibitor in the WATT IPPE Directory , which is the updated version of the WATT IPPE Pre-Show Directory and is distributed digitally and in print for the show. Must be a contracted and approved exhibitor before Dec. 1, in order for company name and booth number to be automatically listed in directory.
Dec. 5, 2025	Department of Commerce Export Interest Directory deadline
Jan. 2, 2026	GWCC Meeting Rooms Pre-Show Rentals Close – Will Reopen Jan. 25
Jan. 2, 2026	Last day to order banners and window, stair and escalator clings if GES used to produce items.
Jan. 6, 2026	Advance Order Discount Deadline for the following vendors offering discount: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Booth Furnishings, labor and freight – Global Experience Specialists (GES) • Utilities orders – Edlen Utilities (electrical, water, compressed air) • Wi-Fi and Internet - CCLD • Audiovisual/computer rental – PRG • Food & Beverage – Levy Restaurants • Floral and plant – Teasley's Convention Florist
Jan. 6, 2026	Deadline for ordering Lowe Refrigeration rental items
Jan. 6, 2026	Deadline to submit Exhibitor Appointed Contractor (EAC) form with GES , including proof of insurance, if third party other than GES is conducting setup/dismantle of booth.
Jan. 6, 2026	Deadline to submit to GES the online form Request for Variance to Assigned Target Time (found in exhibitor kit); email questions to ATLFRTOPS@ges.com
Jan. 6, 2026	Update deadline for online directory product listings in the exhibitor dashboard login section of www.ippexpo.org
Jan. 7, 2026	Last day to make changes to hotel rooms via Maritz Maritz prepares hand over of reservations directly to hotels
Jan. 9, 2026	Deadline for all accepted TECHTalks presentations to be submitted.
Jan. 13, 2026	Contact hotel directly for housing changes
Jan. 16, 2026	Last day for Advance Shipments to arrive at GES Warehouse without surcharges; carriers must check in by 2:00 p.m. to be guaranteed same day unloading.
Jan. 21, 2026 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. and Jan. 22 - 26, 2026 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Installation of exhibits. Targeted move-in for exhibitors. Target schedule posted in October 2025 to exhibitor manual on GES website. Variances must be coordinated with GES; email ATLFRTOPS@ges.com no later than Jan. 6, 2026. Halls open at 7:00 a.m. Freight movement begins at 8:00 a.m. daily. All exhibits must be set up within scheduled hours and completed by Jan. 26, at 6:00 p.m.

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Jan. 25, 2026	GWCC Meeting Room Rentals Re-Open
Jan. 25, 2026 12:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Registration open – A-B International Registration Lobby
4:30 p.m.	Clean Floor Policy – Exhibitors with booths of 500sf or larger must have all empty crates tagged by 4:30 p.m. IF NOT, \$50 per crate surcharge applied (job dollies included).
Jan. 26, 2026 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Registration open – A-B International Registration Lobby and C-Building Registration Lobby Deadline for complimentary exhibitor show badge registration for booth staff.
12:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Scan & Go badge pick-up available in Marriott Marquis, Westin Downtown, Omni and Signia lobbies
Jan. 27, 2026 7:00 a.m.	Exhibit hall early access for exhibitors; Exhibits must be show-ready by 9:00 a.m.
7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Registration open – A-B International Registration Lobby and C-Building Registration Lobby Exhibitor or Exhibitor Appointed Contractor (EAC) not pre-registered will be charged standard onsite registration of \$135 USD this day and forward. No exceptions.
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Exhibit Halls Open; Exhibits with hospitality may entertain until 6:00 p.m.
Jan. 28, 2026 7:00 a.m.	Exhibit hall early access for exhibitors
7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Registration open – A-B International Registration Lobby and C-Building Registration Lobby
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Exhibit Halls Open; Exhibits with hospitality may entertain until 6:00 p.m.
Jan. 29, 2026 7:00 a.m.	Exhibit hall early access for exhibitors
7:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Registration open – A-B International Registration Lobby and C-Building Registration Lobby
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Exhibit Halls Open
3:00 p.m.	Exhibit Halls Close and Exhibit Dismantling Begins
3:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Exhibitor Move-Out. There are more than 1,300 exhibiting companies, all of whom want to leave as quickly as possible. GES does its best to facilitate returns of empty crates and cartons. Do not expect the return of all empty crates and cartons until 11:00 p.m., Jan. 29. Schedule packing crew's travel plans for additional night(s) stay. No work allowed after 11:00 p.m. Targeted move-out ends at 8:00 p.m.
Jan. 30, 2026 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Exhibitor Move-Out; Freight Movement Begins at 8:00 a.m.
Jan. 31, 2026 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Exhibitor Move-Out; Freight Movement Begins at 8:00 a.m.
Feb. 1, 2026 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Exhibitor Move-Out; Freight Movement Begins at 8:00 a.m. GES will begin forcing freight at 4:00 p.m. No Exceptions! Overseas containers returned beginning 8:00 a.m.

Log onto IPPE website at www.ippexpo.org in the EXHIBIT tab of menu for exhibitor information including any exhibitor manual changes 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You will find the answers to your questions online!