



AWEA WINDPOWER 2018 Conference & Exhibition
May 7 - 10, 2018
McCormick Place Convention Center, Chicago, IL

CONFERENCE HOTELS

AWEA has negotiated discounted hotel rates at 19 Chicago hotels for AWEA WINDPOWER 2018.

Show Schedule: Like last year, WINDPOWER will take place Monday evening (May 7) - Thursday (May 10).

Housing Deadline: The housing deadline is **April 10, 2018** or until discounted rooms sell out (whichever comes first). Reservations received after the deadline will be accepted on space and rate availability basis only. There are a limited number of rooms available at the conference rate, which can sell out quickly, so please book early!

Three easy ways to make your reservations:

1. **Web:** Make a real-time reservation through our secure online housing system at <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/AWEAWP18>
2. **Phone:** Call Orchid.Events at (877) 505-0678 (toll-free US) or +1 (801) 505-4616 (international) and indicate you are calling about AWEA WINDPOWER 2018. The call center is open from 7:00 am - 6:00 pm MST Monday - Friday except for holidays.
3. **Fax or Mail:** Print a Housing Reservation Form online from our housing website <http://www.windpowerexpo.org/housing> and fax the completed form to (801) 355-0250 or mail to AWEA WINDPOWER 2018, c/o Orchid.Events, 175 S. West Temple, Suite 30, Salt Lake City, UT 84101.

Group Sub-Blocks: Groups may reserve a block of 10 or more rooms by using the Group Block Request Form available online at <http://www.windpowerexpo.org/housing>. Please be advised that group sub-blocks can only be applied to a certain number of rooms within the hotels so it is possible that a hotel may no longer be available for group sub-blocks but could still accept individual reservations which would be subject to the normal cancellation policies.

Buyer Beware:

AWEA has worked diligently and thoughtfully to secure hotel blocks that are within close proximity of the convention center at the lowest rates. Our goal is to include a mix of different hotel brands at a variety of price points to meet the diverse needs of WINDPOWER participants. Additionally, we have designated Orchid.Events as our official housing provider to assist you in securing a hotel reservation for WINDPOWER.

Please be aware that companies other than **Orchid.Events** (AWEA's only official housing provider) may solicit you and imply or indicate an affiliation with AWEA or WINDPOWER claiming to have hotel rooms available at supposedly significant discounts, some even at the same hotels in our official block. Typically, this is untrue as AWEA designated hotels have guaranteed that AWEA rates are the lowest rates being offered over our meeting dates. Unfortunately, in the past some exhibitors and attendees have fallen prey to these companies and have either lost significant deposits or have not received the hotel rooms they originally booked.

These companies are NOT affiliated with AWEA or the WINDPOWER conference in any way and therefore you put yourself at financial risk if you provide them your credit card information. They often have hidden costs, charge your credit card in full at the time of reservation, and may not provide the hotel reservations promised. Reservations made through any agency other than Orchid.Events will be at your own risk. Booking through the official housing provider for WINDPOWER, Orchid.Events, ensures you will be working with a reputable company, that your credit card information is secure, and that you will benefit from all services provided to conference attendees at the official hotels.

If you do receive a solicitation from a housing company other than Orchid.Events, please contact Katie McLaughlin at katie@orchid.events who will coordinate with AWEA on any appropriate action.