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Connection

March 14, 2024

Collaborate for Supply Chain Success

Join the Purchasing and Engineering Collaboration Workshop on April 3

Don't miss the Purchasing and Engineering Collaboration Workshop pre-conference event at TVPPA's [Purchasing and Materials Management Conference](#). The conference runs April 3-5 at the Marriott Cool Springs in Franklin, Tenn.

The workshop will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. CT on Wednesday, April 3.

Springfield Electric Department Utility Director Terry Resha kicks off the pre-conference session. Resha will discuss how effective communication and collaboration between engineers and purchasing professionals can help mitigate supply chain challenges.

Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in a roundtable discussion following Resha's presentation.

Engineering staffers are invited to attend this session at no charge. Light refreshments will be served.

To register for the conference, [click here](#). **Engineers who wish to attend this event should choose "Engineers - Precon Only" during the registration process.**



Springfield Electric Department
Utility Director Terry Resha

You're Invited: TN Electrification Summit on March 28

Register Now and Receive a Free Event Ticket



Tennessee Electrification Leadership Summit March 28 – Lenoir City, TN



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Register now -- be-league.org/events/tennessee

Join stakeholders from around the Valley to discuss the opportunities and challenges associated with the further electrification of our economy. Plus, you'll have an opportunity to learn about Federal infrastructure investments that can be used toward beneficial electrification programs and projects.

[View the full agenda here.](#)

[Register now](#) using promo code **host2024** to receive one free event ticket.

DSO Certificate Classes Now in Session

Save Your Spot and Tell a Friend

Ensuring distribution system reliability is core to the work of the Tennessee Valley's local power companies. TVPPA's [Distribution System Operator training program](#) provides the critical skills necessary to keep your system up and running. It's not too late to secure your spot in the next class in this series and start earning your Distribution System Operator certificate.

Comprised of four classes, this program gives participants a proficient working knowledge of modern electric power distribution systems. This year, TVPPA will offer all four of the classes at Jackson Energy Authority in Jackson, Tenn., beginning in March. See the list of class offerings and dates below:

- **Electric Power System Operations – March 25-28**
- **Distribution Systems – May 6-9**
- **Advanced Distribution Concepts – August 19-23**
- **Electrical Safety – October 22-24**

To register, email TVPPA Education & Training Specialist [Kaitlin Plaster](#). If you have earned your DSO certificate or started these courses, we invite you to tell a friend or colleague about your experience.

Register Now for Our 78th Annual Conference

A promotional banner for the 78th Annual Conference. On the left, there is a vertical graphic of four overlapping circles in shades of blue and green. To its right, the text reads "SHIFT PERSPECTIVE Shape the Future" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. Below this text is a green rectangular button with the white text "REGISTER NOW". On the right side of the banner, there is a dark blue graphic element resembling a stylized 'T' or a cross. Inside the top horizontal bar of this graphic, the text "78TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE" is written in white. Below that, in a smaller white font, are the dates "May 20-22, 2024" and the location "The Westin Savannah Harbor Savannah, Georgia". The bottom vertical bar of the graphic is also dark blue, and the right side of the graphic is accented with green and light blue blocks.

SHIFT PERSPECTIVE
Shape the Future

REGISTER NOW

78TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
May 20-22, 2024
The Westin Savannah Harbor
Savannah, Georgia

[Registration is now open for our 78th Annual Conference.](#) Join us May 20-22, along with your fellow TVPPA members, at the Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort & Spa in Savannah, Ga., for three days of inspiration and collaboration.

Success begins with us and at this year's Annual Conference, we're working together to shape the future. Historic and charming Savannah offers an ideal venue to cultivate fresh connections, deepen your relationships and create plans for the future of consumer-owned power in the Tennessee Valley.

Pre-conference activities kick off on Monday at 8 a.m. with our Annual Golf Tournament at The Club at Savannah Harbor, Savannah's premier golf destination.

Monday's other planned activities include spa activities for your guests, a meeting of TVPPA's Board of Directors, a welcome reception on the resort's River Lawn, and the Distributors Insurance customer appreciation dinner.

This year's agenda provides fresh outlooks and inspiring leadership sessions to help you prepare for tomorrow. Sessions and speakers include:

- **Transforming Your Leadership Productivity for Peak Performance with Dr. Nick Bontis;**
- **From Research Lab to Utility Implementation with Bryan Hannegan;**
- **Renewables, Hydrocarbons, and the Future of The Electric Grid with Robert Bryce;**
- **The Future of Advanced Nuclear in the Tennessee Valley with MTE's Chris Jones and TVA's Don Moul;**
- **Nationwide Impacts and Efforts Related to Industry Challenges; and more.**

On Tuesday evening, we'll celebrate a fellow member who has exemplified leadership in the public power industry at our Distinguished Service Award Dinner. Following the dinner, you'll have the opportunity to engage with colleagues and new friends at an enchanted Garden Party to benefit Line Brother's Keeper.

[View the full agenda and register today to shift perspective and shape the future.](#)

Equipment Available for Sale

5,000 Routers Available



Attention Broadband Providers: Following an upgrade to a new router technology, Chattanooga EPB currently has a surplus of 5,000 brand-new [Zyxel AC2400 Gigabit Ethernet Gateway routers](#) in their original packaging. With a wholesale cost of \$107 each, Chattanooga EPB is offering these routers to fellow TVPPA members for a discounted price of \$80 each. (The retail cost for this router is approximately \$225.)

Interested parties can contact [Ken Jones](#), Sr. Director of Procurement, Vendor Relations and MWOB at Chattanooga EPB.



Training Calendar

April 2-4

Advanced Lineworker Certificate Training
Phase 1
Bowling Green Municipal Utilities
Bowling Green, Ky.

April 2

Special Event Security
TMEPA
Brentwood, Tenn.

April 3-4

Critical Decision Making
TMEPA
Brentwood, Tenn.

April 8-12

Lineman Apprenticeship, Lab 1
Fundamentals
Kissimmee Utility Authority
Kissimmee, Fla.

April 8-12

Lineman Apprenticeship, Lab 5
Troublemaking
Huntsville Utilities
Huntsville, Ala.

April 8-12

Lineman Apprenticeship, Unit 1
Emerald Coast Technical College
Defuniak Springs, Fla.

April 15-19

Lineman Apprenticeship, Lab 4
Underground
Greenville Energy Authority
Greenville, Tenn.

April 15-19

Lineman Apprenticeship, Lab 2
Construction
Princeton Training Facility
Princeton, Ky.

April 15-17

Advanced Lineworker Certificate Training
Phase 2
Dothan Utilities
Dothan, Ala.

April 15-19

Fundamentals of Distribution Circuit Analysis
(PDE #1)
TMEPA
Brentwood, Tenn.

April 22-26

Substation Maintenance
Lab A
East Mississippi EPA
Meridian, Miss.

April 23-26

Basic Fiber Lab

April 9-10

Intro to Pricing & Rate Design

TMEPA

Brentwood, Tenn.

April 9-11

Line Design & Staking Certification

Level 1

JEA

Jackson, Tenn.

April 9-11

Digger Derrick Lab

Huntsville Utilities

Huntsville, Ala.

April 15-20

Lineman Apprenticeship

Pre-Apprentice Workshop

JEA

Jackson, Tenn.

JEA

Jackson, Tenn.

April 23-25

Advanced Lineworker Certificate Training

Phase 4

Cullman EC

Cullman, Ala.

April 29-May 3

Lineman Apprenticeship, Lab 2

Construction

Kenergy

Owensboro, Ky.

April 29-May 2

Foreman Academy

Track 1

CDE Lightband

Clarksville, Tenn.

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