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Demystify AI with TVPPA's Next Hot Topics Webinar

Join Kim Vance on June 18 for *Integrating AI into Utility Administration*



Integrating AI
((Hot Topics))

DATE:
June 18

TIME:
10 a.m. ET/ 9 a.m. CT

Kim Vance
Baker Donelson

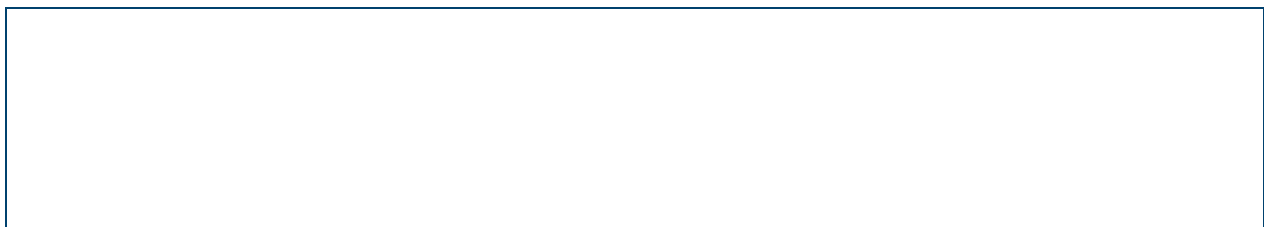
Join us **Tuesday, June 18 at 10 a.m. ET/9 a.m. CT** for TVPPA's next Hot Topics webinar as we host Baker Donelson's Kim Vance who will help you learn how your utility can start using artificial intelligence (AI) tools to improve administrative efficiency.

Kim will share tips, tricks, and advice on which AI tools work best to meet a variety of needs. She will also offer suggestions for developing policies to guide your organization's use of AI tools.

Register [here](#) for this event. If you have questions or need help with registration, please email training@tvppa.com.

Congratulations to Our New Certificate Recipients

ADV CPE and CPE Certificates Awarded at TVPPA Annual Conference





Pictured L to R: Brad Taylor, Cumberland EMC; Dustin Love, Hopkinsville ES; Nathan Matthews, Guntersville EB; Jarman Hicks, Upper Cumberland EMC.

Congratulations to our newest round of certificate recipients who received their awards during the Honors Luncheon at TVPPA's 78th Annual Conference in Savannah, Ga., last week. Earning TVPPA's Advanced Certified Power Executive certificate were: Mitchell Cain, Appalachian EC; Dustin Love, Hopkinsville ES; Clint Malone, Southwest Tennessee EMC; Adam Newcomb, Appalachian EC; Chadwick Orr, Appalachian EC; Michael Russell, Southwest Tennessee EMC; Scott Sims, Southwest Tennessee EMC; Scott Tipton, Appalachian EC; and William White, Covington ES.

The following individuals earned TVPPA's Certified Power Executive certificate: Chris Burden, Warren RECC; Bethany Edwards, Paris BPU; Amy Ensley, Cleveland UA; Gabe Hermes, Dickson ES; Jarman Hicks, Upper Cumberland EMC; Nick Hodges, Warren RECC; John Jackson, CDE Lightband; Tracy Jett, Appalachian EC; Jason Kendall, Southwest Tennessee EMC; Patty Livesay, Appalachian EC; Nathan Matthews, Guntersville EB; Chris Mooney, Ripley P&L; Jared Pedigo, Gallatin DE; Josh Poston, Warren RECC; Brad Rhodes, TVA; Dawn Smith, Guntersville EB; Neal Smith, McMinnville ES; Justin Spencer, Dickson ES; Brad Taylor, Cumberland EMC; Larry Taylor, MTE; Zak Wren, Warren RECC.

If you'd like to learn more about the Certified Power Executive, Advanced Certified Power Executive, or any of TVPPA's other Education & Training certificate programs, visit our website at tvppa.com/training or email training@tvppa.com.

Register for the Nuclear Opportunities Workshop

East Tennessee Economic Council Hosting Event on July 30-31

Make plans to join industry experts, suppliers, and students for NOW 2024, the Nuclear Opportunities

Workshop (NOW). This is an annual conference that shines a spotlight on all things nuclear in Tennessee's Oak Ridge Corridor.

This conference focuses on both fission and fusion subjects for professionals and suppliers. Attendees will have opportunities to learn about industry developments, business opportunities, and advancements in research and technologies. Attendees can network and engage with experts from TVA, the U.S. Department of Energy and its contractors, as well as a diverse array of small and large private-industry companies showcasing demonstration projects and technological capabilities. Plus, there are opportunities for companies and organizations to promote their services during the two-day event held at the Hilton Knoxville Airport.

Early registration ends tomorrow, May 31, but regular registration remains open until July 30. Click [here](#) to learn more, see the full agenda, and register.

Meet Shawn Blomgren

TVPPA Introduces New Technical Education Manager

Please help us welcome TVPPA's newest employee, Shawn Blomgren.

Shawn joined the TVPPA Education & Training team on Wednesday, May 29, as the new Manager, Technical Training. However, he is no stranger to TVPPA or the E&T team.

As an instructor for TVPPA, Shawn taught a host of classes including apprentice lineman training and advanced lineman training. He is also a chief judge for the Tennessee Valley Lineman Rodeo and will be working closely with E&T Director Caleb Hall for this year's rodeo being hosted by Chattanooga EPB at the Tennessee Riverpark on June 7-8.

He was previously employed by Huntsville Utilities where he held various positions from groundman, apprentice, journey lineman, lead lineworker, pole climbing instructor, to supervisor during his 24-year career with the organization.

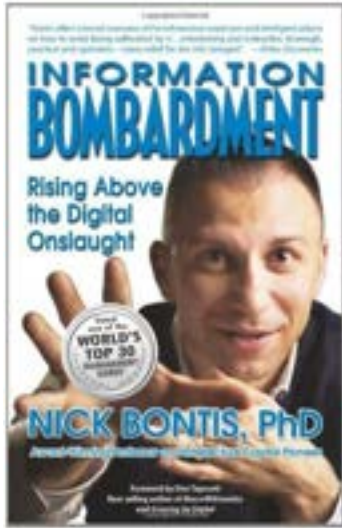
Noting that he is excited to begin his new job with TVPPA, Shawn said, "I look forward to pursuing my passion for training. I enjoy passing on knowledge to the younger generation and seeing people grow as a result."



Navigate the Digital Deluge with Dr. Nick Bontis

Annual Conference Attendees Can Download His Book for Free

If you heard Dr. Nick Bontis speak at last week's TVPPA Annual Conference, you won't want to miss out on following up with his book [Information Bombardment](#).



This insightful book equips readers with strategies to thrive amidst the onslaught of data and disruption. TVPPA Annual Conference attendees can access a free PDF copy exclusively through the TVPPA Conferences app.

Harness Bontis' expertise to rise above information overload and lead effectively in the digital age.

To download the PDF in the Conferences app, click the Speakers tab, then click on Dr. Nick Bontis, click his session title and then scroll down to Attachments.



Training Calendar

June 3-7

Lineman Apprenticeship, Lab 5
Troubleshooting
Kissimmee Utility Authority
Kissimmee, Fla.

June 3-8

Lineman Apprenticeship
Pre-Apprentice Assessment Workshop
Greeneville Energy Authority
Greeneville, Tenn.

June 3-7

Lineman Apprenticeship, Lab 2
Construction
Emerald Coast Technical College
Defuniak Springs, Fla.

June 3-6

Foreman Academy, Track 1
Dothan Utilities
Dothan, Ala.

June 4-5

Communicating Effectively with Utility
Customers
JEA
Jackson, Tenn.

June 4-5

Business Strategy
TMEPA
Brentwood, Tenn.

June 11-13

Line Design & Staking Certificate Training
Level 2
JEA
Jackson, Tenn.

June 11-13

Advanced Lineworker Certificate Training
Phase 5
Dothan Utilities
Dothan, Ala.

June 11

Situational Threat Awareness
TMEPA
Brentwood, Tenn.

June 12-13

Infrastructure Security
TMEPA
Brentwood, Tenn.

June 14

ABCs of Electrical Systems
Northcentral EC
Olive Branch, Miss.

June 24-28

Lineman Apprenticeship, Lab 1
Fundamentals
JEA
Jackson, Tenn.

June 5-6

Business Statistics & Analysis

TMEPA

Brentwood, Tenn.

June 10-14

Lineman Apprenticeship, Lab 3

Operations

Princeton Training Center

Princeton, Ky.

June 10-14

Fiber Construction Lab

JEA

Jackson, Tenn.

June 24-28

Lineman Apprenticeship, Lab 3

Operations

Huntsville Utilities

Huntsville, Ala.

June 25-27

Digger-Derrick Lab

MTE

Murfreesboro, Tenn.

June 25

Employee Relations & Communications

TECA

Nashville, Tenn.

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