

### Register Now for TVPPA's First Innovation Conference



TVPPA will host its inaugural [Innovation Conference](#) September 26-27 at the Marriott Cool Springs in Franklin, Tenn.

This idea summit will provide insight into the creative solutions our members are using to address the challenges they're facing today in the Tennessee Valley, as well as innovations taking place across the industry.

In addition to a technology track, participants can also gain insight into the latest advances in people management through a workforce development track and advance their ability to share information in our communications track. Among other critical topics, scheduled sessions will address:

- design thinking;
- getting started with AMI/MDM/GIS;
- battery storage, solar and ride-through technology;
- preparing and training workforce for new technologies;
- innovative recruiting and job structure strategies;
- being a trusted energy partner and leader;
- educating boards and communities on infrastructure improvements;
- and maintaining and restoring trust in times of change.

Don't miss this exciting chance to learn from and among your peers.

[Register today to secure your spot.](#)

### Distributors Insurance Learning Management System Offers Safety & Workforce Development Training

Did you know that Distributors Insurance policyholders have access to a variety of tools to augment their current safety and workforce development training programs?



#### DISTRIBUTORS INSURANCE

In addition to routine safety audits that help identify and correct potential safety risks, Distributors Insurance policyholders can provide direct on-site safety training to their employees through the Distributors Insurance Learning Management System which offers training on a wide range of subjects. Users can find industry-specific safety training as well as courses that cover soft skills and address employee development topics such as workplace harassment and topics like defensive driving.

"Access to coverage through Distributors Insurance is an exclusive benefit of TVPPA membership and the Learning Management System is just one of the advantages offered by Distributors Insurance. It's a great tool for our members to have in their safety toolbox," said Caleb Hall, TVPPA education and training manager. "This kind of vast safety training content would typically be out of budget for most of our members but is readily available to Distributors Insurance participants thanks to the company's reinvestment of capital to help promote safety culture and reduce accidents."

### TVPPA R&D Committee Seeks Project Proposals

TVPPA's Research & Development Committee invites members to submit proposals for potential projects to be funded by the committee in partnership with TVA.

The R&D Committee will review each project submission to determine which projects to pursue through R&D funds. You are welcome to present your project idea at an upcoming R&D Committee meeting, or one of the Committee members can present on your behalf.

**The deadline for submissions is September 1, 2022.** For more information and to receive a copy of the submission form, please email R&D Committee chairman [Tom Suggs](#) or TVPPA committee liaison [Jim Sheffield](#).

### New Grants Manager Joins Meguire Whitney



Saul Castillo joins TVPPA legislative representative Meguire Whitney as the firm's new grants manager.

Castillo joined Meguire Whitney following a stint as a budget and grant manager for the State of Tennessee. A Chicago native who served in the U.S. Army for 26 years, he will now lead Meguire Whitney's team of grant experts, helping to identify federal funding opportunities related to broadband, clean energy, electric vehicles, decarbonization, economic development, energy efficiency and infrastructure.

TVPPA members can find a comprehensive list of available federal grants and funding options on the Federal Funding Repository in the members-only portion of TVPPA's website. If you have questions about a specific opportunity listed in our Federal Funding Repository, you can email the Meguire Whitney grants team directly at [grants@meguirewhitney.com](mailto:grants@meguirewhitney.com).

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### Training & Events Calendar

**Don't Miss a Single Learning Opportunity**  
Below you'll find Education & Training courses, TVPPA Conferences and other learning opportunities like our Hot Topics Webinars that will be coming up in the near future. Be sure to visit the training and conferences sections at [tvppa.com](http://tvppa.com) and our members-only section for a full calendar and details on additional ways you can learn and grow with us.

<h4 style="color: #0070C0;">August</h4> <p><b>August 15-19</b> Lineman Apprenticeship - Lab 5 Troubleshooting Greenville L&amp;P Greenville, Tenn.</p> <p>Lineman Apprenticeship - Lab 4 Underground Princeton Training Center Princeton, Ky.</p> <p>Lineman Apprenticeship - Lab 2 Construction Jackson Energy Authority Jackson, Tenn.</p> <p>Lineman Apprenticeship - Lab 2 Construction East Mississippi Electric Power Association Meridian, Missi.</p> <p><b>August 16</b> Hot Topic Webinar Hosted by Charlie Spencer "TN Valley Robotics: Training the Workforce of the Future" 10 a.m. ET/9 a.m. CT <a href="#">Register Here</a></p> <p><b>August 16-17</b> Interpersonal Supervisory Skills II Appalachian Electric Cooperative New Market, Tenn.</p> <p>Human Resource Development CDE Lightband Clarksville, Tenn.</p> <p><b>August 18</b> Bridging the Generation Gap Appalachian Electric Cooperative New Market, Tenn.</p> <p><b>August 18-19</b> Underground Distribution Power Design ONLINE</p> <p><b>August 19</b> Selling Utility Services Appalachian Electric Cooperative New Market, Tenn.</p> <p><b>August 22-24</b> Advanced Lineworker Certificate Training - Phase 1 Cullman Power Board Cullman, Ala.</p> <p><b>August 22-26</b> Lineman Apprenticeship - Lab 2 Construction Middle Tennessee Electric Murfreesboro, Tenn.</p> <p>Lineman Apprenticeship - Lab 3 Operations Kissimmee Utility Authority Kissimmee, Fla.</p> <p><b>August 23</b> Work Order, Inventory &amp; Plant TMEPA Brentwood, Tenn.</p> <p><b>August 23-24</b> Utility Law Miller &amp; Martin Chattanooga, Tenn.</p> <p><b>August 24</b> Legal Update for the Accounting Professional TMEPA Brentwood, Tenn.</p> <p><b>August 29 -September 2</b> Substation Maintenance - Lab B Huntsville Utilities Huntsville, Ala.</p> <p><b>August 30-September 1</b> Advanced Lineworker Certificate Training Phase 2 Bowling Green Municipal Utilities Bowling Green, Ky.</p>	<p><b>September 7</b> Conflict Mediation TMEPA Brentwood, Tenn</p> <p>Internal Controls and Fraud Protection CSA Tupelo, Miss.</p> <p><b>September 11-16</b> Lineman Apprenticeship Pre-Apprentice Assessment Workshop Middle Tennessee Electric Murfreesboro, Tenn.</p> <p><b>September 12-16</b> Lineman Apprenticeship - Lab 5 Troubleshooting Princeton Training Center Princeton, Ky.</p> <p><b>September 19-21</b> Advanced Lineworker - Phase 1 LaFollette Utilities Board LaFollette, Tenn.</p> <p><b>September 19-23</b> Lineman Apprenticeship - Lab 3 Operations Huntsville Utilities Huntsville, Ala.</p> <p>LAP Book 3 Emerald Coast Technical College Defuniak Springs, Fla.</p> <p><b>September 20</b> Budgeting, Finance and Accounting for Accountants TMEPA Brentwood, Tenn.</p> <p>Transportation Safety Huntsville Utilities Huntsville, AL</p> <p><b>September 21</b> Accident Investigation Huntsville Utilities Huntsville, Ala.</p> <p>Time Management TMEPA Brentwood, Tenn.</p> <p><b>September 21-23</b> Advanced Lineworker - Phase 1 LaFollette Utilities Board LaFollette, Tenn.</p> <p><b>September 26</b> ABC's of Electrical Systems TMEPA Brentwood, Tenn.</p> <p><b>September 26-30</b> Lineman Apprenticeship - Lab 1 Fundamentals Middle Tennessee Electric Murfreesboro, Tenn.</p> <p>Substation Maintenance Lab A Kissimmee Utility Authority Kissimmee, FL</p> <p><b>September 27</b> Non-verbal Communication Skills TMEPA Brentwood, Tenn.</p> <p><b>September 27-28</b> Strategic Planning &amp; Organizational Development CDE Lightband Clarksville, Tenn.</p> <p><b>September 28-29</b> Communicating Effectively with Utility Customers TMEPA Brentwood, Tenn.</p> <p><b>September 30</b> Selling Utility Services TMEPA Brentwood, Tenn.</p>
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