



Call for Presentations - Guidelines

AGC's 2020 Construction Safety, Health and Environmental Conference **ENVIRONMENTAL SESSIONS**

The Associated General Contractors of America will hold its 2020 Construction Safety, Health and Environmental Conference (CEC) on July 14-16, 2020, at Omni Louisville Hotel in Louisville, KY. The conference addresses the most critical safety and environmental issues impacting the business of construction, provides management guidance for professionals, and gives context for other construction professionals looking to understand the key concepts and round out their knowledge.

This notice is a call for presentations for a limited number of speaking opportunities related to the **ENVIRONMENTAL SESSIONS** during the conference — as well as cross-cutting issues that would benefit safety and health as well as environmental professionals.

Please read the guidelines below before using the online proposal form. The guidelines —

- Lay out AGC's expectations of all presenters, discussion leaders and panelists.
- Provide a listing of the information needed to complete the online proposal form. You cannot save and return to the online proposal form at a later date. Gather your information in advance of submitting your information on the online form. We also suggest you save your information in an MS Word document or other application.

Proposals are due by close of business on February 28, 2020 (deadline extended).
Please use the online form at www.agc.org/enviroCFP. AGC will notify you of the status of your proposal (pending, approved, or declined) by March 16, 2020. All speakers will be notified as soon as possible whether they are selected to speak.
Presentation materials are due no later than June 19, 2020.

IMPORTANT NOTE: *This call for presentations covers only environmental issues as well as those cross-over topics that would appeal to a broader audience of SH&E professionals. If you are interested in presenting on strictly safety & health issues only, please contact environment@agc.org and we will direct you to the staff person handling those sessions.*

Audience:

AGC's Construction Safety, Health and Environmental Conference offers all attendees an opportunity to share best practices and learn from experts. Regular attendees for the environmental issues sessions are emerging and senior environmental professionals or SH&E professionals who work directly for construction companies or AGC chapters — as well as other professionals who provide environmental services and products to the construction industry. AGC welcomes environmental and cross-cutting presentations and panel discussions intended to appeal to all or any significant segment of this group.

Educational sessions:

There are two types of sessions for which you can submit proposals:

- *Environmental Sessions* - in-depth material relevant to specific environmental focus areas, e.g., water, air, waste, species, sustainability or resilience, environmental-specific technologies, etc.

- *Cross-cutting Sessions* - appeals to a broad “construction safety, health and environmental” audience, e.g., leadership, management, training, general technologies, risk and crisis management, etc. Should provide a mix of safety and health as well as environmental examples.

Additional criteria for both types of sessions:

- May use a single presenter, multiple presenters or a panel format. If a panel method is selected, the panel should include a moderator.
- Should share case studies relevant to the construction and development industries.
- Should employ experience-based learning with audience interaction.
- Should present innovative techniques or best practices.
- Should provide a handout and/or other meaningful takeaway for attendees.

AGC expectations:

AGC expects all speakers to:

- Sign the AGC speaker agreement that outlines the speaker’s roles and responsibilities and grant AGC the right to distribute conference materials to attendees.
- Deliver content as developed and agreed upon.
- Submit all program materials, including handouts and PowerPoint slides, electronically by June 19, 2020, so that we can review the materials and prepare them for distribution to the attendees.

Speaker expenses:

Speakers will receive one complimentary, nontransferable conference registration. Speakers will not be reimbursed for any expenses incurred in developing content or materials for their presentations, travel to/from the conference, or accommodations.

Submission instructions:

Please submit your completed presentation proposal form, which can be found online at www.agc.org/enviroCFP, by close of business on February 28, 2020. AGC will notify you of the status of your proposal (pending, approved, or declined) by March 16, 2020. All speakers will be notified as soon as possible whether they are selected to speak.

AGC intends to provide continuing education credit for the conference, which means that AGC’s expectations will be higher than for prior environmental conferences. You will, for example, have to meet deadlines for materials and work with AGC and any co-presenters to draft learning objectives and assessment questions based on session materials. Please consider your ability to meet these obligations when submitting your proposal.

- Signed speaker form, biographical sketch, headshot, session description, and learning objectives (four per session) are due within two weeks of acceptance of your proposal.
- Presentation materials are due no later than June 19, 2020.
- Assessment questions (five per session) are due no later than July 10, 2020.

Submitting your proposal:

Please complete the online form at www.agc.org/enviroCFP. Below is a list of the information you will need available prior to beginning the online process. You cannot save and return to the online proposal form at a later date.

1. Title of Presentation
2. Description of Presentation
3. Four Learning Objectives
4. Target Audience
5. Description of Session Approach and Audience Engagement
6. Presenter Information (e.g., contact information, bio)
7. Primary Point of Contact
8. Confirmations/Disclosures:
 - a. Continuing Education Credits
 - b. Commercial Interests
 - c. Prior Delivery
9. Additional Information (optional)

Possible topics for consideration:

Each year, AGC offers educational information on a wide range of environmental issues of importance the construction and related industries. The broad topic categories in the listing below were identified by past attendees as areas of interest for the conference.

AGC encourages the submission of any-and-all session proposals that relate to construction and the environment. Be innovative and creative, you are not limited by this list.

Environmental Leadership and Management

- Regulatory, legislative update
- Building your knowledge
- Available apps and technology
- Tools and templates
- Permitting
- Factoring environmental requirements into your bid
- Communicating with owners
- Data and documentation
- Working with HR and/or safety professionals on document retention, environmental training records, inspections/audits, etc.
- Compliance manuals/management systems
- Ethics
- Reducing risk factors
- Quality control methods
- Effective training and toolbox talks
- Leadership development
- Mentoring / motivating teams
- How to get resistant members of the team to take you—and the environment—seriously

Environmental Compliance

General

- Emergency response plans: jobsite resilience
- Work near very sensitive areas (environmental)
- Managing risk at offsite support facilities

Air

- Updates on common requirements/permits
- Fleet maintenance

Species

- Working around listed species
- Federal vs. state listed species
- Innovative conservation plans
- Species mitigation
- Migratory bird issues

Hazards/Site Contamination/Toxics

- Identification and assessments
- Disposal
- Responsibility/liability
- Hidden contamination
- Abatement/remediation
- Emerging chemicals issues

Water

- Spill prevention and response
- General permits: construction, multisector, vessels
- Stormwater plans
- Inspections and corrective actions
- Innovative stormwater treatment
- Sampling
- Batch plants
- Process water
- “Waters of the United States”
- Compensatory mitigation challenges
- Water clean-up plans (TMDLs)
- Water quality trading

Sustainability and Resilience

- Sustainability or resilience initiatives/programs
- Materials developments
- Calculators/tools/technologies
- Industrial materials/beneficial use
- Recycling/reuse
- Resource conservation
- Low impact development (LID)
- Green infrastructure
- Resiliency: Is it green? An infrastructure issue? A jobsite concern? Who is responsible?
- How are communities increasing their resilience? How does that impact development decisions and how we build?

For questions, please contact environment@agc.org.