



February 14, 2019

**58th Annual North Carolina Association of Municipal Electric Systems
Engineering and Operations Conference &
22nd Annual Lineman's Rodeo**

Dear Municipal Member:

The NCAMES Board of Directors and I are excited to be hosting the 58th Annual NCAMES Engineering and Operations Conference in Fayetteville, N.C., on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 through Thursday, May 16, 2019 at the Embassy Suites & Richard M. Wiggins Convention Center located at 4760 Lake Valley Drive in Fayetteville, N.C. The 22nd Annual Lineman's Rodeo will take place at the Military Business Park located at 2821 Procurement Drive in Fayetteville, N.C., on Thursday, May 16, 2019.

In choosing Fayetteville for this year's Annual Conference, the Board hopes to continue the effort to bring excitement to NCAMES members and continue to enhance the feeling of a family, friendly atmosphere. Fayetteville is the home of the brave, and has history, heroes and a hometown feeling.

The cost to attend the conference will be \$200 per attendee. This includes attendance for all three days at the conference along with the vendor luncheon, rodeo events, awards/social and Annual NCAMES Business Meeting & Dinner. Please note that the format for the conference program schedule has changed this year. Be sure to check the time/day/location for each meeting/meal.

ElectriCities will be hosting a Utility Directors' Dinner on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at the Mash House located at 4150 Sycamore Dairy Road in Fayetteville. This dinner will also serve as our quarterly meeting for the Utility Directors Advisory Committee. Attendance by all Utility Directors is highly encouraged.

This year's conference information sessions are again divided into two tracks. Technical sessions are tailored towards utility directors, engineers and managers. Field sessions are tailored towards crew supervisors, linemen and other field personnel. You are free to attend any session in either track based upon your needs and interest in the subject presented. We are asking that supervisors and managers encourage all attendees to specify on the registration form which session he or she will be attending. Sign in sheets will be available for each session and copies will be sent to each city/town that has personnel in attendance at the annual meeting. Please note that our First Joint Session will feature our keynote speaker John Choate, a former Navy Seal. His presentation is titled "Teams – Principles from the Navy Seals."

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Enclosed you will find a Pre-Registration Form, Golf Tournament Information and Sporting Clay Information. Also enclosed is a list of vendors that supported NCAMES in 2018, and a draft of the Annual

Conference Program. Registration must be turned in by **Monday, April 15, 2019**. Please note on the golf tournament and clay shooting forms that the teams will be vendor-sponsored again this year. If you are interested in participating and need help filling or finding a team, please sign up and the tournament committee will assist you with pairings as needed. Registration forms can also be found on our website: www.ncames.com.

The Golf Tournament will take place at Gates Four Country Club located at 6775 Irongate Drive in Fayetteville and the Sporting Clay event will take place at Drakes Landing located at 3146 Chalybeate Springs Road in Fuquay Varina, N.C. Both of these events will take place on May 14, 2019.

Blocks of rooms have been reserved at the following hotels:

Embassy Suites by Hilton	Springhill Suites – Marriott
4760 Lake Valley Drive	4750 Lake Valley Drive
Fayetteville, NC 28303	Fayetteville, NC 28303
910/826-3600	910/860-3000
\$165.00/night – King; \$175.00/night – Queen Doubles	\$154.00/night – King; \$159.00/night – Queen Doubles

Reservations should be made directly with the hotels and are not included in the registration fee. When calling the hotel, please let the staff know that you are with NCAMES in order to get the special rate. **This rate is guaranteed through April 13, 2019, so please make your reservations early!**

The Vendor Area will be open from 10:45AM to 4:00PM on Wednesday, May 15, at the Springhill Suites. The Vendor Luncheon will be held from 12:00PM to 1:00PM to ensure municipal participants have sufficient time to visit with the vendors.

Fayetteville is known for its history, cultural diversity and military presence. You will find a variety of activities, shopping and dining for all participants, families and vendors. Fayetteville is also home to the Fayetteville Woodpeckers, a Houston Astros Minor League Baseball Team, who have a home stand at their new stadium in downtown Fayetteville, May 14-17. Visit www.visitfayettevillenc.com for additional information and things to do.

The NCAMES Annual Meeting and Conference is an excellent networking and industry technology update opportunity that you do not want to miss. We look forward to seeing you in Fayetteville, N.C., for this year's event.

Please visit www.ncames.com to see a short video presentation of the upcoming event.

Sincerely,

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