



January 31, 2020

**59th Annual North Carolina Association of Municipal Electric Systems
Engineering and Operations Conference &
23rd Annual Lineman's Rodeo**

Dear Municipal Member:

The NCAMES Board of Directors and I are excited to be hosting the 59th Annual NCAMES Engineering and Operations Conference in Shelby, NC, on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 through Thursday, May 14, 2020 at [The LeGrand Center](#) located at 1800 E Marion Street in Shelby, N.C. The 23rd Annual Lineman's Rodeo will take place at the Cleveland Community College Electrical Lineworker Academy Training Grounds located at 1820 E Marion Street on Thursday, May 14, 2020.

In choosing Shelby 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. Shelby is the home of the [International Lineman's Museum](#) and the [American Legion World Series](#).

The cost to attend the conference will be \$250 per attendee. This includes attendance for all three days at the conference along with the vendor luncheon, rodeo events, and NCAMES Annual Business Meeting, dinner, Hall of Fame recognition, safety award presentations and rodeo awards. 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 13, 2020. 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.**

Enclosed you will find a Conference Registration Form, Golf Tournament Information and Sporting Clay Information. Also enclosed is a list of vendors that supported NCAMES in 2019, and a draft of the Annual Conference Program. We are pleased that this year you can pay your registrations utilizing a credit card. Registration must be turned in by **Wednesday, April 1, 2020. All registrations received after April 1 will incur a late fee of \$125.** Please note on the golf tournament and clay shooting forms that the teams will

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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 [Riverbend YMCA Golf Course](#) located at 3005 Longwood Drive in Shelby and the Sporting Clay event will take place at [Cleghorn Gun Club](#), 1887 Union Road, Rutherfordton, NC. Both of these events will take place on Tuesday, May 12, 2020.

Blocks of rooms have been reserved at the following hotels:

Country Inn & Suites	Hampton Inn & Suites	Fairfield Inn & Suites
2001-A E Dixon Blvd	2001-B E Dixon Blvd	1715 E Dixon Blvd
Shelby, NC 28150	Shelby, NC 28150	Shelby, NC 28150
704/480-0881	704/487-2800	704/487-8688
\$83.00/night – King	\$99.00/night – King, Queen Doubles	\$109/night Kings, Queen Doubles
\$83.00/night – Queen Doubles	\$119/night – King Suite	
Cutoff Date: 4/27/2020	Cutoff Date: 4/27/2020	Cutoff Date: 3/31/2020
All offer free hot breakfast and wireless internet		

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. You may also find links to hotel registrations on the NCAMES website (www.ncames.com) **This rate is guaranteed through April 1, 2020, so please make your reservations early!**

The vendor area will be open from 10:45AM to 4:00PM on Wednesday, May 13, at The LeGrand Center. The vendor luncheon will be held from 12:00PM to 1:00PM to ensure municipal participants have sufficient time to visit with the vendors.

Uptown Shelby's tree-lined streets are inviting to all. One can hear the music and stories of the American South at the [Earl Scruggs Center](#), taste local produce at the [Foothills Farmer's Market](#), see a national act at the [Don Gibson Theatre](#), discover local artists at the [Cleveland County Arts Council](#) and explore our eclectic local businesses. Between live music, great shopping, gallery show, delicious food and special events, there is always something fun to do in Uptown. Visit www.uptownshelby.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 Shelby, 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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