

CONFERENCE DETAILS

Pre-conference Courses

Before the excitement of Utility Products Conference and Exposition begins on Tuesday, Jan. 24, our session partner, the Electrical Industry Training Institute (EITI), will offer two short pre-conference courses on Monday, Jan. 23. The morning course will examine qualifying employees to work near high voltage substation equipment, and the afternoon course will build on that information and look into grounding and bonding. The morning course is scheduled from 8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m., and the afternoon course from 1:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 24, 1:00 – 1:50 p.m. – Room 203, Concourse Level

Managing Electrical Operations, Part 1

**Speaker: Gerry Bramhill,
Electrical Industry Training Institute**

Presented by:  **ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY TRAINING INSTITUTE**
Discover the Power of Training

This industry overview, presented by the Electrical Industry Training Institute in two parts, provides utility management personnel with an orientation to T&D hardware and equipment, including underground distribution and substations. Session participants will leave with an enhanced knowledge of an electrical utility operations system. Part 1 will cover maintenance, best work practices and field management. *Part 2 of this session will occur on Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. Attendance at Part 1 is not a requirement for Part 2.*

Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m. – Room 203, Concourse Level

Developing Occupational Programs at Your Local Community College

Speaker: Dr. Duane Doyle, Arkansas State University–Newport

Presented by: **Arkansas State University–Newport**

Colleges aren't just for degrees anymore. Today, occupational options and certification courses can be found in regional colleges all over the country. This session, presented by Arkansas State University-Newport, looks into creating and growing those programs in your community to educate the workforce of the future.

Wednesday, Jan. 25, 9:00 a.m. – 9:50 a.m. – Room 203, Concourse Level

Examining Occupational Grounding, Part 1

Speaker: Matt Dell, Hi-Line Utility Supply Co.

Presented by:



When working with power, safety is key. And, safety begins with grounding. The first part of this two-part session, presented by Hi-Line Utility Supply Co., gives an overview of grounding best practices and standards. *Attendance at Part 1 is not a requirement for Part 2.*

Wednesday, Jan. 25, 10:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. – Room 203, Concourse Level

Examining Occupational Grounding, Part 2

Speaker: Steve Gordon, Hubbell Power Systems Inc./AB Chance

Presented by: **CHANCE**

When working with power, safety is key. And, safety begins with grounding. The second part of this two-part session, presented by Hubbell Power Systems, takes an insider's look at equipotential grounding including its history, the effects of current on man and the use of mats, among other topics.



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Wednesday, Jan. 25, 1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m. – Room 203, Concourse Level

Managing Electrical Operations, Part 2

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Understanding Switching Best Practices

Speaker: Tim Lollar,
Electrical Industry Training Institute

Presented by:  **ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY TRAINING INSTITUTE**
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Stepping up and stepping down power is the center of every distribution substation operation, including yours. To do that, you need equipment and people with detailed knowledge about that equipment and how to use it. This session, presented by the Electrical Industry Training Institute, gives you an expert's opinion on the best ways to use switching for maintenance, fault clearing and reliability.

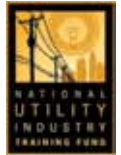
Thursday, Jan. 26, 9:00 a.m. – 9:50 a.m. – Room 203, Concourse Level

Crafting Training and Development for Line Workers

Speaker: William Neiles, National Utility Industry Training Fund (NUITF)

Presented by:

Bringing in new apprentices can cost you time and money, especially given the high turnover rate for the job. This session, presented by the National Utility Institute Training Fund, draws on the expertise of its partnership between utilities and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers to give you a peek into their hands-on utility boot camps to screen new employees.



Thursday, Jan. 26, 10:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. – Room 203, Concourse Level

Adopting Lessons from Local Smart Grid Work

Speakers: Anthony Hawkins and Dwain Duke, CPS Energy

Presented by: 

Thinking about the benefits and hurdles of a smart grid implementation is a breeze before you start changing out parts of your system. Once the old is replaced with the new, though, challenges present themselves during the discovery phase. This session, presented by CPS Energy, offers first-hand experiences and lessons from a utility's actual and on-going advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) and distribution automation (DA) implementation.

