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PRESIDENT'S THOUGHTS

by Tom Mahoney
Illinois PHCC President

Come Together: Members Are Invited to "CONNECT" at Upcoming PHCC Events

Our state's good neighbor, Wisconsin, is the site of our PHCC's National's "CONNECT" convention in October. More specifically, the destination from October 19-22 is the beer brewery-king: Milwaukee. For many of us in Illinois (but not all), it's a convenient drive and I hope it's another incentive to attend. This year's theme is Building Community. Advancing the Industry, and the vibrant and pertinent program schedule provides abundant reasons for contractors focused on success and growth to be there. The UAC (Union Affiliated Contractors) specialty group is presenting three pertinent sessions featuring a panel of attorneys; a three-segment class focusing on management rights, contractor obligations relating to paid time vs. worked time, and the wise use of industry funds; and an overdue overview of mental health resources aimed at addressing employee challenges and crises. Add to this the exhibit hall; compelling speakers; insightful tours and enjoyable social functions...and the "sum of the parts" is a great convention.

But there's more on the calendar with the PHCC before and after CONNECT. Our state chapter is offering state-approved 4-hour online CE classes on September 25 and October 17 (and again on November 13), so please be sure to take advantage of these important and convenient opportunities to earn your required credit. I still marvel at the fact that Bev and Shelly answered the call when it mattered most to make "online" CE education a reality, and no one does it better than the IL PHCC. Period.



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Our IL PHCC Board meeting is scheduled (midday) on September 18 in Bloomington, IL, and all our members are welcome. The leadership of our state association is always interested and eager to exchange ideas, seek new ways to serve those who belong, and encourage involvement. Our state association members have consistent and worthwhile forums to share news and information through the "Illinois Master Plumber" magazine and the website, but in-person gatherings such as meetings, the annual Expo (coming up again on March 19, 2027 at Drury Lane), and our CE classes are ideal chances to network.

In closing, this has already proven to be a busy and productive summer, and two important occasions are worth mentioning. First, our nation proudly celebrated its 250th "birthday" on July 4 as an occasion to together honor the amazing past and promising future of the most successful country in world history. Secondly, the annual meeting and installation of our IL PHCC Board this past June continues to be a personal and professional milestone for me as your current chapter President. I am following many "giants" in our trade who I will always admire and who inspire me to do my very best on your behalf.

Tom Mahoney



PLUMBING CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION RENEWAL TIME

All plumbing contractors registered with the Illinois Department of Public Health should receive a renewal form in August. Even though you may be renewing online, you must still email the insurance and bonds.

In the event that the online renewal should become unavailable, follow the instructions on the renewal form. If your renewal forms and payment must be sent by mail, you will still be able to email the insurance and bond documents.

Please make sure you look at all the materials carefully and submit your renewal as soon as possible - **DON'T DELAY**. Your registration is **NOT** considered renewed until full payment and your renewal documents (i.e. Surety Bond, Certificate of Insurance) are received. **All of these items MUST be received on or before September 30th to avoid late penalty.**

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SEPTEMBER 9-11, 2026

CCA Fall Meeting
Kohler, WI

SEPTEMBER 11, 2026

IPEA Round Table
Par-A-Dice Hotel
East Peoria, IL

SEPTEMBER 18, 2026

IL PHCC Board Meeting
Rob Dob's
Bloomington, IL

SEPTEMBER 25, 2026

IL PHCC Online CEU Class

OCTOBER 17, 2026

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OCTOBER 19-22, 2026

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2026/27 ILLINOIS PHCC CEU SCHEDULE

The Illinois PHCC schedule for online and in-person classes for the 2027 renewal year is listed below. These classes offer a minimum of 3 different speakers and topics in each class.

All Illinois PHCC classes will provide State hours for Certified Inspectors and Licensed Plumbers.

Below is our current schedule of continuing education classes for Illinois licensed plumbers. **Please visit our website at www.ilphcc.com for the latest information and to register for a class.** Registration links will be live at least 6 weeks prior to the class date.

2026-2027 Continuing Education Dates

Friday, September 25, 2026

12:00pm – 4:00 pm (Online)

Saturday, October 17, 2026

8:00 am – 12:00 pm (Online)

Friday, November 13, 2026

12:00 pm – 4:00 pm (Online)

Friday, January 8, 2027

12:00 pm – 4:00 pm (Online)

Friday, February 5, 2027

12:00 pm – 4:00 pm (Online)

Saturday, February 20, 2027

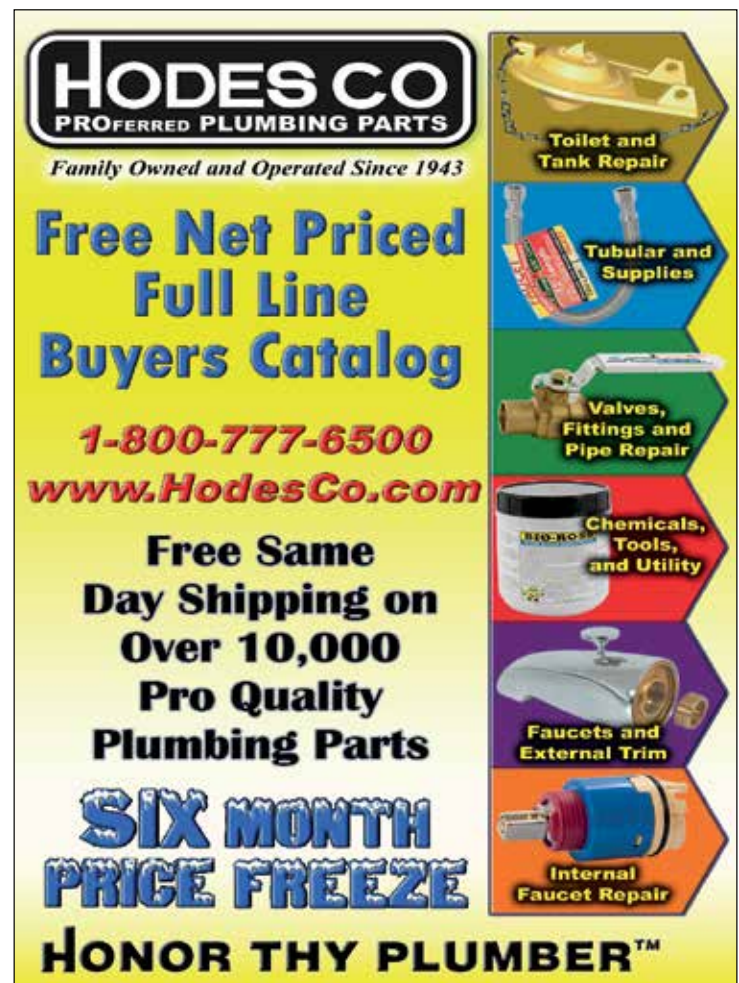
8:00 am – 12:00 pm (Online)

Friday, March 19, 2027

9:00 am – 1:00 pm (In person)
Drury Lane Conference Center,
Oakbrook Terrace, IL

Friday, April 23, 2027

12:00 pm – 4:00 pm (Online)



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Every contractor knows the pressure points facing the industry right now. Hiring remains difficult. Margins are tight. Pricing feels unpredictable. Technology is changing fast. Customers are consulting AI before they ever make a phone call. And for many business owners, succession planning and long-term financial protection remain lingering concerns that are easy to push aside during the daily grind.

That's exactly why PHCC CONNECT 2026 – Oct. 19-22 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin – is designed to be far more than just another industry event. CONNECT brings together contractors, industry experts, manufacturers, and business leaders to focus on practical solutions to the challenges plumbing and HVAC professionals are facing every day.

Whether you're looking for ways to improve profitability, strengthen workplace culture, sharpen your marketing, or better protect the business you've spent years building, CONNECT's education sessions, networking opportunities, and hands-on experiences are built to deliver ideas contractors can put to work immediately.

Education Tackling Today's Pain Points

The education program at CONNECT 2026 focuses on the issues contractors are talking about every single day.

Struggling to build stronger teams in today's labor environment?

Leadership expert Dr. Rick Goodman opens CONNECT with practical strategies for improving communication, collaboration, and employee engagement during his keynote presentation, “The Hidden ROI of Belonging: Building a Symphony of Talent in the Workplace.”



Are customers choosing your company ... or simply hiring the first contractor they find online?

In “Visibility Wins: From Invisible to In Demand,” branding specialist Terra Fletcher explains how contractors can stand out in crowded markets and build stronger customer demand.

Still relying on gut instinct when it comes to estimating and pricing?

Popular PHCC instructor Kirk Alter tackles one of the industry's biggest frustrations in “Stop Blaming the Software: Why Estimating Fails ... and It's Not the Technology.”

Think your employees tell you everything?

Workplace culture expert Nora Burns – known as “The Undercover Employee™” – shares what crews often say behind the scenes in “Stories From the Breakroom: What Employees Tell Each Other But Don't Tell You.”

Could one accident, lawsuit, or tax mistake threaten everything you've built?

“Built to Last: Protecting the P-H-C Contractor's Business & Wealth” explores practical strategies for reducing liability and protecting both business and personal assets.

Education Session Topics Include:

- Business Growth & Profitability
- Leadership & Workforce Development
- Sales & Marketing
- Recruiting & Retention
- Regulatory & Legislative Updates
- Technology & Operational Efficiency

Contractors Need Other Contractors

The education sessions may spark the ideas, but some of the most valuable takeaways at CONNECT come from the conversations that happen between them.

Whether it's sharing pricing strategies over breakfast, discussing hiring challenges on the tradeshow floor, or talking shop with contractors who have already solved the problems you're facing, CONNECT creates opportunities to learn from peers who truly understand the realities of running a trade business.

Networking Highlights Include:

- Brew City Bash Opening Party
- Wisconsin After-Party, Hosted By PHCC of Wisconsin
- Opening Breakfast & Keynote

- Tradeshow, including breakfast & lunch
- PAC Fundraising Reception
- Closing Party at the Harley-Davidson Museum, with live music from the Milwaukee Tool Shed Band



Wondering Which Tools and Technology Are Actually Worth the Investment?

The Product & Technology Showcase gives contractors a hands-on opportunity to explore new tools, equipment, software, vehicles, and business solutions designed to improve efficiency and profitability.

Instead of sorting through endless sales pitches online, attendees can speak directly with manufacturers, ask questions, compare options firsthand, and discover practical solutions they can put to work immediately.

While you're on the show floor, watch the next generation of professionals showcase their skills and compete for the title of the nation's top apprentice. The PHCC Educational Foundation's National Plumbing Apprentice Contest is PHCC of Indiana Valerie Butler's favorite part of CONNECT. "You get to watch people from all over the country and see how they plumb – every plumber does it differently," she says. "It's fun to see how others think and to learn from them."

You Don't Normally Get Access Like This

While you're in Milwaukee for CONNECT, you can participate in behind-the-scenes industry tours that offer a rare look inside some of the industry's most recognized manufacturers.

- ***Kohler Company & Design Center Tour.*** Explore cast iron production, enameling, craftsmanship, and innovation inside one of the plumbing industry's most iconic manufacturers.
- ***InSinkErator Manufacturing & Headquarters Lab Tour.*** See American manufacturing, product assembly, engineering labs, and product testing at the world's largest food waste disposer manufacturer.

Both tours require pre-registration and are expected to fill quickly.



Milwaukee Makes CONNECT Easy

CONNECT 2026 takes place at the Baird Center, with the Hilton Milwaukee City Center host hotel conveniently connected to the convention center ... making it easy to move between education sessions, networking events, and the tradeshow floor.

Attendees are encouraged to book early to secure PHCC's reduced hotel rate of \$229 plus taxes.

Getting there is easy, too. Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport (MKE) is located just eight miles from downtown. Once you're there, you'll find breweries, restaurants, museums, and lakefront attractions all within easy reach.

Register Early and SAVE!

Attendees who register before Aug. 8 can take advantage of early-bird savings for CONNECT 2026.

For registration, hotel reservations, and the full conference schedule, visit [**phccweb.org/connect**](https://phccweb.org/connect).



“PHCC CONNECT brings contractors together from across the United States, and one of the biggest highlights is the breakout sessions. You learn about so many areas of your business that you may not have realized could be improved or grown. I encourage plumbing and HVAC business owners to bring their employees—from leadership and pricing to time management and collaboration, everyone walks away with valuable insights they can apply right away.”
Mike Prencavage, owner, The Family Plumber

Schedule at a Glance*

(See full schedule at phccweb.org/connect)

Sunday, Oct. 18

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

2 p.m. – 5 p.m.

6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

PHCC Executive Committee Meeting

Educational Foundation Board of Directors Meeting

PHCC Joint Board Dinner (*Invitation Only*)

Monday, Oct. 19

8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

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12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m.

12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

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1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

4 p.m. – 5 p.m.

5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.

8 p.m. – 10 p.m.

PHCC Board of Directors Meeting

Kohler Company & Design Center Tour (*Pre-Registration*

PHCC Academy® Partners Meeting

QSC Advisory Committee Meeting (*Invitation Only*)

InSinkErator Manufacturing & HQ Lab Tour (*Pre-Registration*

National Auxiliary Business Meeting

Apprentice Contest Orientation

Brew City Bash Opening Party

Wisconsin After-Party

Tuesday, Oct. 20

8 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

9:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Opening Breakfast & Keynote Presentation

Educational Sessions

Tradeshow Open – Lunch Served

Annual Business Meeting

Apprentice Contestant Dinner

PAC Fundraising Reception

Wednesday, Oct. 21

8 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Foundation Donor Breakfast (<i>Invitation Only</i>)
8 a.m. – 11 a.m.	Tradeshow Open – Breakfast Served
11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Educational Sessions
12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m.	Lunch ‘n Learn (<i>Hosted by QSC</i>)
12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m.	Past National Officer Lunch (<i>Invitation Only</i>)
12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m.	Lunch on Own
12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m.	Association Executives Council Business Meeting
2:15 p.m. – 5 p.m.	Educational Sessions
4 p.m. – 5 p.m.	Post Board of Directors Meeting
6 p.m. – 9 p.m.	Closing Party at the Harley Davidson Museum

Thursday, Oct. 22

9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	PHCC Awards Show and Breakfast
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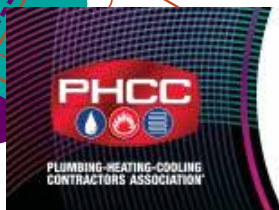
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Special Sessions Planned for Union Contractors on Wednesday, October 21

The UAC (Union-Affiliated Contractors, an enhanced service group of the Plumbing-Heating-Cooling-Contractors (PHCC) - National Association) will present two sessions of special interest to PCA members. Full conference and one-day registrations are available. Remember...Milwaukee is about a 2-hour drive from Chicago, making it easy to attend the UAC sessions on October 21—and also be able to experience the Product & Technology Showcase and CONNECT education sessions offered that day.

Contact S.J. at the PCA office at 312-563-9526, ext. 2 or at sj@pcaofchicago.com to learn how to register and attend!

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 21

11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. CT

Legal-Ease - Legal Panel - What questions do attorneys wish their clients would ask but rarely if ever do?

Moderated by UAC Advisor & PCA of Greater Chicago Executive Director S.J. Peters

Three seasoned management-side attorneys in the signatory contractor, association, trust fund and collective bargaining spaces will answer significant and common questions that employers (and employer trade organization leaders) will always find pertinent, sometimes surprising, but never boring. Presented as a “trial” at the PCA’s April 2026 membership meeting, the program has been further focused and refined for maximum practicality. Panelists include Michael Duffee (Thompson Coburn); Richard Samson (Ogletree Deakins); and Christina Wernick (Laner Muchin). Moderated by PCA Executive Director and UAC Advisor S.J. Peters.

Key Legal Topics Explored: Rights & Wrongs (3 segments - 20 min each):

- How contractor contribution and deduction obligations for their union employees can differ (and how to address this) for hours worked compared to hours paid - Christina Wernick
- Management Rights Under a Union Contract - Richard Samson
- Proper Uses of Industry Funds - Michael Duffee

PANELISTS:

Michael Duffee - Attorney & Partner, Coburn LLP

Christina Wernick - Attorney & Partner, Laner Muchin/Chicago

Richard Samson - Attorney & Shareholder, Ogletree - Deakins

Moderator: S.J. Peters - PCA of Greater Chicago Executive Director & UAC Advisor



Michael Duffee



Richard L. Samson



Christina Wernick



S.J. Peters

2:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. CT

Supporting Employees Through a Crisis

Recognize, Respond and Refer: Managing Behavioral Health Risks on the Job

Moderated by UAC Advisor & PCA of Greater Chicago Executive Director S.J. Peters

Contractors and employers increasingly face difficult situations involving employees who are struggling with mental health concerns, possible substance-related impairment, or potential suicide risk. In safety-sensitive workplaces, these situations require a response that is compassionate, prompt, well-documented, and grounded in safety. This panel discussion will provide practical guidance on recognizing warning signs, having difficult conversations, making appropriate referrals, and coordinating with internal resources and Employee or Member Assistance Programs. Panelists will also address what employers can reasonably expect from EAP/MAP when an employee has signed a release of information, and what should be included in a sound return-to-work process after referral and treatment. Attendees will leave with practical strategies, checklists, and clear action steps they can apply in the real world.

PANELISTS:

Bill Heffernan - LCPC, CEAP - Mosaic Workplace Training & Consulting

Kathleen Horton - Rosecrance Behavior Health

UA Panelist(s): TBA



Bill Heffernan



Kathleen Horton

What's waiting for you at CONNECT 2026:

- ▶ Keynote speaker Dr. Rick Goodman, a team-building and leadership expert.
- ▶ Additional education sessions on leadership, workforce development, profitability, and technology.
- ▶ A Product & Technology Showcase, featuring new industry tools and solutions, Learning Labs and Podcast Pods.
- ▶ Networking with contractors from across the country.

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Industry Tours Offered at CONNECT

Monday, October 19, 2026

8:00am – 3:00pm - **Kohler Company & Design Center Tour** (Pre-registration required)

Step inside the iconic Kohler factory for an immersive behind-the-scenes experience. Journey from the intensity of cast iron production to the artistry of enameling as you explore the craftsmanship, innovation, and people that have shaped Kohler's legacy in the plumbing industry. This guided, three-mile walking tour is led by knowledgeable retired employees who bring the facility's rich history to life through firsthand stories and insights.



1:00pm – 4:00pm - **InSinkErator Manufacturing & HQ Lab Tour** (Pre-registration required)

Get an insider's view of the world's largest food waste disposer manufacturer! Your journey begins with a guided tour of our Racine manufacturing facility, where you'll witness the precision of American assembly and the rigorous quality control that delivers the reliability of a product Built to Last.

Following the plant tour, we'll head to our Headquarters and Innovation Center in Mount Pleasant for an exclusive look into our high-tech testing labs. You'll go behind the scenes to see the unrelenting testing that goes into our Dura-Drive induction motors and SoundSeal Technology. It's a unique opportunity to see how innovation and local manufacturing work together to support the plumbing trade.

Protect Your Business From Phishing Attacks

Phishing is a common method cybercriminals use to try to infiltrate businesses. It's often done via email, text messages, or fake websites to trick employees into opening harmful links or sharing sensitive information. A single click can lead to exposed passwords, financial data, or customer records, which can disrupt operations and lead to costly recovery efforts.

How Can You Help Prevent Phishing at Your Business?

Start with these steps to help your employees stay aware of how phishing works and what to watch for¹:

- **Recognize Red Flags:** Train employees to identify phishing red flags such as: unexpected requests, urgent language, misspelled words, unusual sender addresses, or suspicious links.
- **Provide Training Exercises:** Regular [cybersecurity exercises](#) can encourage employees to keep their guards up. It can help them learn to watch for potential phishing attempts, along with what to do if an attack occurs.
- **Update and Back Up Systems Regularly:** Ensure that your software is up-to-date and [back up data](#) often to secure offsite locations. Regular updates can remedy security gaps before attackers can exploit them.
- **Continue to Build a Cybersecurity Culture:** Reinforce [secure online practices](#) and ensure employees know how to report suspicious emails or possible phishing attempts.

Phishing attacks are often easily preventable if your employees know what to look for. Make sure they have the right tools and knowledge to watch for these threats to protect your operations. For more cybersecurity risk management resources, reach out to your local Federated Insurance® [marketing representative](#).

1. Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency. "Teach Employees to Avoid Phishing." Accessed May 5, 2026. <https://www.cisa.gov/audiences/small-and-medium-businesses/secure-your-business/teach-employees-avoid-phishing>.

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Hotel & Travel Information



**All events will be held at the
Baird Center unless otherwise noted**

PHCC has arranged a room block at the **Hilton Milwaukee City Center**, which is connected to the Baird Center. Although most events will be held at the Baird Center, some PHCC leadership functions and the Opening Party will occur at the Hilton Milwaukee City Center.

Hilton Milwaukee City Center

509 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53203

A reduced room rate of \$229 plus applicable state and local taxes has been secured for the PHCC CONNECT 2026 Conference. The hotel discount rate deadline for the CONNECT hotel is **Monday, September 28, 2026**, or until the block sells out, whichever comes first.

Book your room by using the link at www.phccweb.org.

Beware! Housing scammers will try to solicit CONNECT attendees and offer hotel accommodations in Milwaukee, Wisconsin for the conference. These unofficial (pirate) companies may appear to offer wholesale or discounted hotel pricing. PHCC cannot verify the authenticity of such companies and will not be able to provide resolution to issues related to such reservations. **The hotels listed on this page are the only official conference hotels and they will not call or email you unsolicited.** Do not give your credit card information or make any reservations with any housing bureau, housing company, or convention housing organization appearing to represent PHCC, the conference, or the Milwaukee Visitors Bureau. Frequently, such unaffiliated companies will use a name like "Convention Housing" or "Expo Housing" and are often based in Las Vegas or Orlando. Please do not hesitate to contact the PHCC Conference Department at (703) 964-1242 to verify hotel reservation sites and/or correspondence.



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**PLEASE FILL OUT FORM COMPLETELY.
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(includes tabs, Plumbing License Law, Plumbers Licensing Code,
Plumbing Contractor Registration Code and
Lawn Irrigation Contractor & Lawn Sprinkler Code)

_____ of code book(s) X \$60.95

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

Mail form with payment to:

**Illinois PHCC
821 South Grand Avenue, West
Springfield, IL 62704**

Make checks payable to the Illinois PHCC.

There will be a \$40.00 service charge for any checks returned due to insufficient funds.

Questions? Contact the Illinois PHCC at bev@ilphcc.com or shelly@ilphcc.com

(217) 522-7219

PHCC CONNECT 2026 to Feature Expanded Two-Day Product & Technology Showcase, Featuring Learning Labs and Podcast Pods



Attendees will explore innovations, gain insights and network with industry experts over two days.

Plumbing and HVACR contractors looking for a diverse range of the latest products, technologies and business solutions will find them at PHCC CONNECT 2026, hosted by the **Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors—National Association** (PHCC), October 19–22 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

As part of this year's theme—"Building Community. Advancing the Industry."—attendees will experience a two-day Product & Technology Showcase, October 20–21, providing more opportunities to network with manufacturers and other industry partners, discover innovative products, and explore solutions designed to improve business operations and jobsite performance.

Some exciting new features this year include "Milwaukee Central," a dedicated area highlighting manufacturers with strong ties to the Milwaukee region, and the ESCO Institute's "Did You Know Mobile Training Studio," featuring live demonstrations, hands-on learning opportunities and a professional podcast broadcasting focused on today's evolving technologies and workforce needs.

Throughout the Showcase, attendees can also participate in Learning Labs—interactive presentations led by industry experts covering emerging trends, business strategies, workforce development and best technical practices. In addition, attendees can also visit the Podcast Pods, where live interviews and discussions will feature industry leaders, success stories and conversations focused on the future of the plumbing and HVACR industries.

“The Product & Technology Showcase, Learning Labs and Podcast Pods create a dynamic environment where contractors can learn and discover new ideas,” says Jason Pritchard, President of PHCC-National Association. “With two days dedicated to these experiences, attendees will have even more opportunities to engage with industry experts and take home valuable insights that can help strengthen their businesses.”

The trade show floor will also feature the PHCC Educational Foundation’s Plumbing Apprentice Contest, where top apprentices from across the country will demonstrate their skills and compete. The event continues to showcase the skills and dedication of the next generation of professionals.

For more details, including the schedule, on education sessions, speakers, exhibitors, registration and hotel reservations, visit phccweb.org/CONNECT.





2027 Exposition Application & Contract March 19, 2027

Company Name: _____
Type or Print Company Name as it is to appear on Printed Material

Booth Preference: Indicate Booth Preference as Shown on Floor Plan.

of 8'x10' Booth spaces _____ Choices 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____

All distribution of materials and placement of signs MUST stay within your assigned booth space. No solicitation will be allowed outside of your booth space. No trucks, trailers or displays will be allowed outside the entrance of Drury Lane without the permission of the Illinois PHCC.

Booth Costs: One to three booths - \$1195 each. Four or more booths - \$1155 each.

Discount price for Illinois PHCC Associate Members:

One to three booths - \$995 each. Four or more booths - \$955 each.

\$250.00 deposit per booth must accompany application form. 3% discount if full amount of booth cost is paid prior to December 31, 2026. BALANCE MUST BE PAID NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 15, 2027.

Make check payable to: Illinois PHCC, 821 South Grand Ave. West, Springfield, IL 62704

Company _____

Street Address or P.O. Box _____

City / State / Zip _____

Contact _____

Phone Number _____ Cell Number _____

E-mail _____ Website _____

Signature _____

The following products or services will be displayed: _____

Space assigned on a first come, first served basis. Please furnish all information requested. Cancellation must be by mutual consent of the applicant and the Illinois PHCC. A copy of the accepted contract will be emailed to you. If the contract is canceled prior to January 1, 2027 a full refund will be made. No refunds after January 2, 2027. Booth space contracted without deposit will be made available as space is needed. Illinois PHCC will not be responsible for lost, stolen or damaged goods or damage to the Drury Lane Conference Center. *In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Illinois PHCC Association will make all reasonable efforts to accommodate persons with disabilities at its meetings. Please call 800-795-7422 with any special requests.*

Booth Assignment(s) _____

Date ____/____/____ Signed: _____

Illinois PHCC Executive Director/Show Manager

Illinois PHCC Exhibitor Terms and Conditions

Management: This event is sponsored by the Illinois Plumbing, Heating, Cooling Contractors Association (IL PHCC), herein designated as the "Management". Management has the sole authority to accept or reject an application to exhibit in any Illinois PHCC Expo and to determine which exhibitors are the best fit for attendees. An Exhibitor is an applicant for booth space that has been accepted for participation in the trade show by Management.

Booth Assignment: Management reserves the right to make all final decisions for booth assignment, layout, and configuration. Every effort will be made to assign the exhibitor's requested booth choices. Participation is at the sole discretion of Management and reserves the right to cancel any exhibitor.

Display Restrictions: All products, services, or literature displayed must fit within the allotted 8' x 10' booth space. Exhibits may not project beyond the space allotted or interfere with traffic, other exhibits, including line of sight. Exhibits may not extend into any aisle. Management reserves the right without recourse to prohibit any portion of any exhibit, which in its opinion is not suitable, or in keeping with the character of the event. This reservation of rights by Management applies to persons, things, conduct, printed matter, catalogs, and any other material relating to or affecting the event. No signs, banners, or flyers may be displayed or distributed outside of assigned booth space. The use of any public area outside of assigned booth space for the display of signage, solicitation, products, services, demonstrations, distribution of circulars, or other material is prohibited. Anyone not assigned a booth space will not be permitted to solicit business or distribute information/samples on the show floor or anywhere inside or outside the tradeshow facility. No trucks, trailers, or displays will be allowed outside the entrance of or in the parking area of the Drury Lane Conference Center without permission of the Management.

Food and Beverage: Absolutely no alcohol is to be given out or sold in any booth. Alcohol must be purchased from the bars provided and staffed by the trade show facility. Food and beverages must be purchased from the facility and only with prior approval of Management. Snack size or smaller candy or snacks may be given out. There is to be no use of popcorn machines, chocolate fountains, microwaves, etc. without written approval by the Management and the facility.

Liability and Insurance: Neither the Management nor the Drury Lane Conference Center will not be responsible for lost, stolen or damaged goods, or damage to the Drury Lane Conference Center. It is the sole responsibility of the exhibitor to obtain such insurance. Exhibitors are liable for the cost of repairing any damage to the facility caused by the exhibitor, its employees, representatives, or agents.

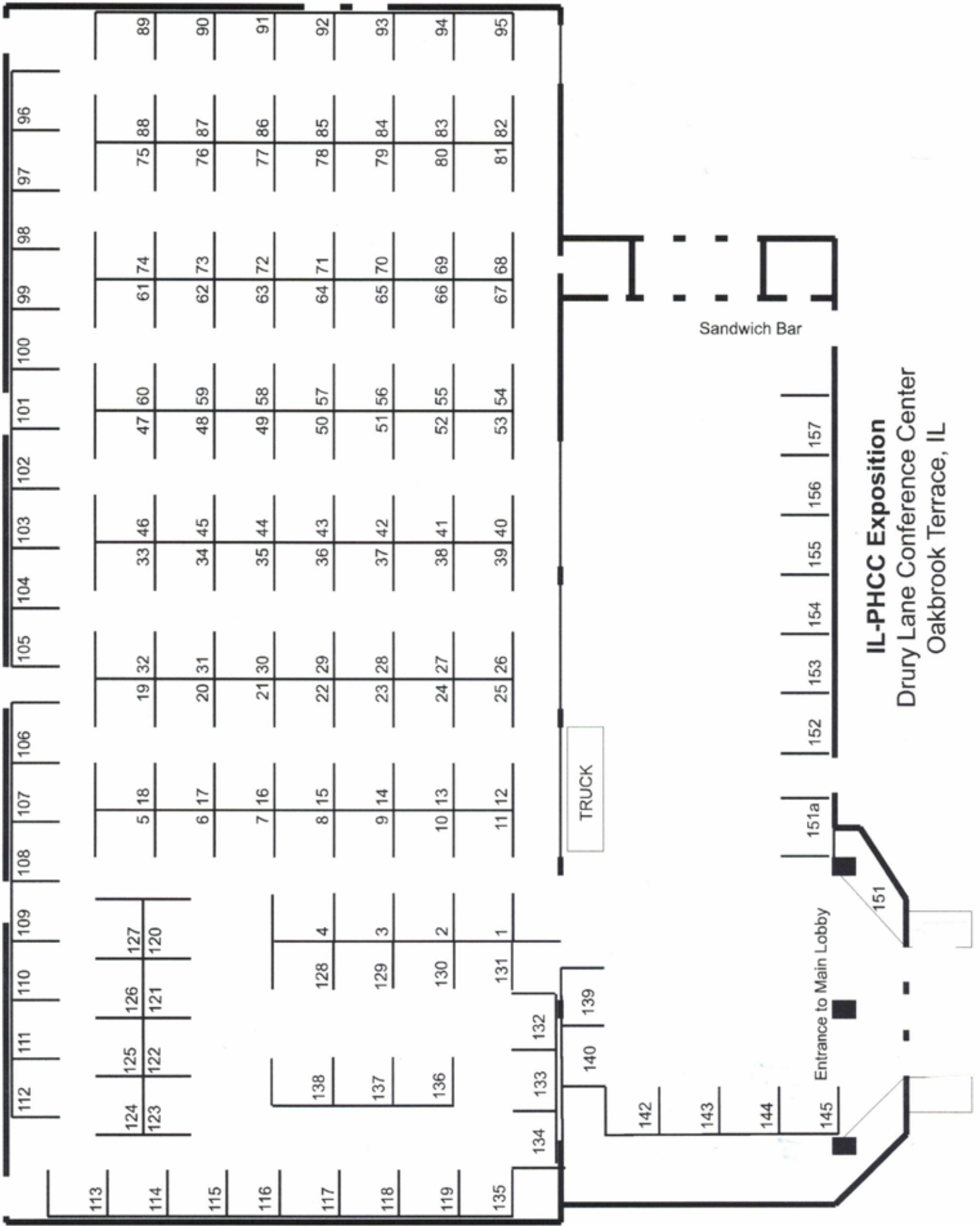
No Conflicts: There shall be no activities planned in conflict with this event.

Force Majeure: If the event venue or any part of the exhibit area is unavailable whether for the entire event, or a portion of the event as a result of wind, fire, flood, natural disaster or any other such cause or as a result of governmental intervention, malicious damage, acts of war, terrorism, strike, lockout, riot or other cause or agency over which Management has no control, or should Management decide that because of any such cause it is necessary to cancel, postpone, or re-site the event or reduce the exhibit time, Management shall not be liable to indemnify or reimburse the Exhibitor in respect of any damage, loss, direct or indirect, arising as a result thereof.

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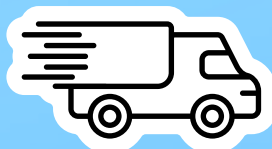
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