

NOVEMBER 20-22 • 2024 **NEW ORLEANS • LA** 

# 2024 FEDERAL SMALL BUSINESS CONFERENCE

**STRENGTH** in Partnership



# Attendee Orientation & Priority Building

- Ann McLeod, CEM, CAE, SAME National Office
- **Belle Febbraro**, SAME National Office
- Lori Revely, SAME Small Business COI Incoming Chair
  - & Managing Partner/CEO, Cavalry Consulting

October 29, 2024, 3:00 p.m. ET















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#### **SPEAKER**



## Ann McLeod, CEM, CAE

**SAME National Office** 

**Director of Meetings & Membership** 

## **FUN FACTS:**

### **Halloween Edition**

- Favorite Candy: Reese's PB Cup
- Favorite Costume I ever wore: Jeannie from I Dream of Jeannie
- Favorite Scary Movie: The Exorcist



#### SPEAKER



#### Belle Febbraro

**SAME National Office** 

Associate Director of Education

# **FUN FACTS:**

### **Halloween Edition**

- Favorite Candy: Milky Way
- Favorite Costume I ever wore: 80s all the way
- Favorite Scary Movie: Mommie Dearest...NO MORE WIRE HANGERS



#### **SPEAKER**



# Lori Revely

Cavalry Consulting LLC Managing Partner/CEO

# **FUN FACTS:**

### **Halloween Edition**

- Favorite Candy: Almond Joy
- Favorite Costume I ever wore: Unicorn Onesie
- Favorite Scary Movie: Silence of the Lambs

# Have you been to SBC?

- a) Nope, I'm a newbie!
- b) Once
- c) Twice
- d) Three or more times
- e) Been so often I don't need this webinar!

















# What type of organization do you represent?

- a) Small Business (100 or fewer employees)
- b) Medium Business (101-2,000 employees)
- c) Large Business (2,001 employees
- d) Uniformed Service / Government Agency
- e) Non-Profit / Academic Institution
- None, I'm retired!















# Strength in Partnership... A LOT of Strength!

### 4,763 registrants currently

Large Business – 27%

Medium Business – 23%

Small Business – 24%

Government – 22%

Non-Profit / Academia / Retired – 4%

Exhibiting / Sponsoring Orgs - 630

















# Acronym Guide!

ASC = Attendee Service Center

SSC = Speaker Service Center

**ESC** = Exhibitor Service Center

COI = Community of Interest

AOF = Academy of Fellows

PDH = Professional Development Hour

SRR = Speaker Ready Room















# We Care about Your Experience!



- SAME Staff...look for us in our "daily SAME uniform" or red fleece/sweater
- Volunteers red t-shirts
- Help Desk
- SAME Booth
- SRR
- Post Conference Survey















# **QUESTIONS ON YOUR MIND**

#### Where can I get the attendee list?

Download from online Attendee Service Center (ASC) starting next week

#### Are sessions being recorded?

YES! So you can decide which sessions to attend in person and which to watch later

#### Is there free WIFI? What is the password?

- YES! Network name: SAMESBC24
- Password: Partnership

#### How can I search for other attendees and exhibitors?

Use the Itinerary Builder...we will demonstrate this later!















# **QUESTIONS ON YOUR MIND**

# Is there a SBC Mobile App?

YES! It provides the full conference information

# How should I pack for SBC?

We will address shortly

# How do I get from the Airport to my Hotel?

No shuttles provided so use Uber, Lyft or Taxi















# PREPARE NOW: It all Starts with Your Priorities















# Strategy: Identify Your Goal and Prepare Effectively





Why am I attending?



What is our ideal outcome/ROI goal?



Collaborate with your team and make a plan.















# **Maximize Your Time**



Attendee List (Attendee Service Center)



Schedule your week/Invitations



Meals/Sessions/Priorities



Divide and Conquer





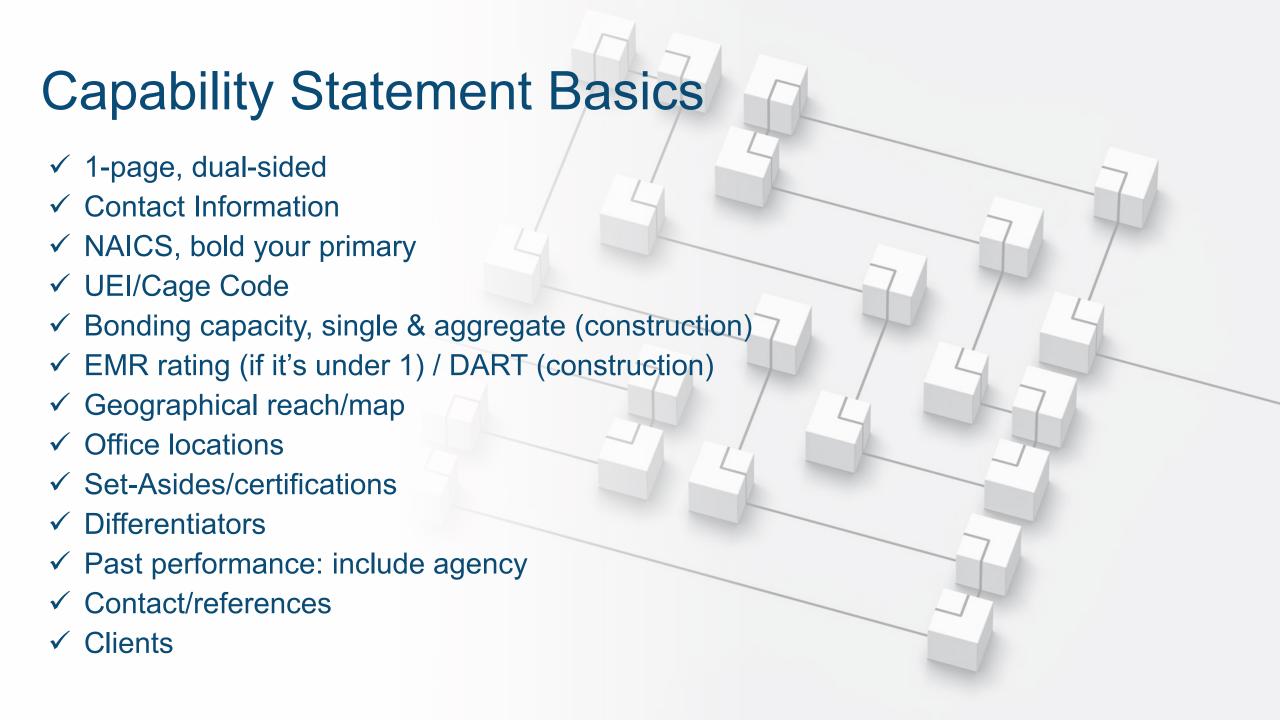












# Did You Know?

A team of volunteers is available to review your capability statement!

Sign up via the Matched Networking portal and search for "Capability Statement Review" in the list of companies!















# **Key Tips**

Mobile App / Social media opportunities

SBC Program and Schedule at-a-Glance

Connect Instantly w/ LinkedIn QR Code

**Daily Data Dump** 

Session Recordings

Follow Up































# **Pre-Conference Webinars**

Nail Your Capability
Briefings: An Inside
Look with Experts

\*recording available now\*

Examining the Final CMMC Rule and Its Impact on the A/E/C Industry
Nov. 5, 3 pm ET
\*recording available Nov. 6\*

Maximizing
Government Contracts
with APEX Accelerators
Nov. 14, 3pm ET

\*recording available Nov. 15\*













# Pre-conference Activities – Nov. 19

Unlocking Government Opportunities: Finding Free Insights into Federal Budgets & Contracts – SOLD OUT

Building Bridges: Partnering with Indigenous Communities

– Limited Space Still Available













### Wednesday General Session

- Wednesday, November 20 | 9:00 10:30 a.m.
- Service Engineering Chiefs

## Thursday General Session

- Thursday, November 21 | 9:00 10:30 a.m.
- Carlos Del Toro, Secretary of the Navy
- Kyle Scheele, Innovation Expert
- Small Business Awards











# New! Mega-Sessions



Army | Wednesday @ 1:30 p.m.



Navy | Wednesday @ 3:00 p.m.



SBA | Wednesday @ 4:30 p.m.



VA | Thursday @ 11:00 a.m.



Air Force | Thursday @ 2 p.m.



Other Federal Agencies | Thursday @ 3:30 p.m.

## Education Session Tracks – PDH & AIA Credits

Advanced Business & Procurement Strategies

Entering the Federal Marketplace

Government Perspectives

Marketing & Business Development

Regulations, Rules & the Government Framework

IGE Roundtables

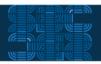
# PDH & AIA Credit

- Only Education Sessions & IGE Roundtables carry PDH credit. To have credits included on the post-event conference PDH transcript, attendees MUST be scanned into the session.
  - Credits attainable in-person: 8 PDHs
  - Credits available: 48 PDHs
- 41 sessions carry AIA credit. Of those, 4 have the HSW designation.
  - Complete the AIA Editable Form to include your AIA membership # & signature
  - Submit form to <a href="mailto:sessions@same.org">sessions@same.org</a>
- Audio recordings of sessions are available post-conference in the ASC. You may view and claim credits for these sessions.

Business Opportunities, Mega Sessions, and Micro Sessions do not have PDH credit













Business
Opportunity
Sessions –
Business
Lines

**Architecture & Engineering Construction Management Emergency Management Energy Programs Environment & Environmental Compliance** Healthcare A&E | Healthcare Construction **Horizontal Construction Civil Works Initiatives** 

**OCONUS** 

**Vertical Construction** 



#### **Department of Energy**



Department of State

Business
Opportunity
Sessions –
By Agency



GSA



NASA



VA Cemeteries, VA Leasing, VHA



EPA



- Located in the Exhibit Hall
- 20-minute quick learning
- Sorry, no PDH credit for micro sessions
- View schedule here: <u>https://www.samesbc.org/Micro\_Theater.cfm</u>



# Strengthening the Partnership between Government and Industry: IGE Roundtables

# SB-LB Partnering Opps on Remote Projects

• Wed. 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Mitigating Cyber Security Risk

• Wed. 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Federal Facility
Innovations

• Thur. 11a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

State of AI in the AEC Industry

• Thur. 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

# Strengthening the Partnership between Government and Industry: Listening Sessions

These sessions enable industry leaders to give feedback to, and dialog directly with, the senior leader of participating agencies & build shared understanding of issues most effecting project execution.

By application only - space is limited.

Open to industry senior execs...CEO, COO, VP, etc.

#### Agencies participating are:

- ➤ Office of the Secretary of Defense | Wed. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.
- ➤ Department of Veterans Affairs | Wed. 1:00 2:30 p.m.
- ➤ U.S. Army Corps of Engineers | Wed. 3:00 4:30 p.m.
- Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command | Thurs. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.
- ➤ U.S. Air Force | Thurs. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.

Application deadline: November 6 at Midnight ET

# Sessions ANSWERS to YOUR TOP QUESTIONS

#### Are sessions being recorded?

YES, except for micro sessions. Watch/listen from ASC

#### Where can I find the presentations for sessions?

After the conference visit the SBC website and login to ASC to access

#### What about PDH credit for my participation?

- Get badge scanned upon entering session room
- 2 weeks after the conference, view recordings and download a transcript in the ASC
- Self-tracking PDH form available for download from the ASC
- 1 PDH/ AIA credit per education session
- Credit is NOT available for business ops or micro sessions













# Let's pause for your content-related questions!



- 1. Networking Opportunities
- 2. SBC website tools















# **How Can I Identify People On-Site?**

Different colored strips on the badge holder indicate the "registration type"

- **Green** = industry attendee
- Orange or Gold = government
- Blue = exhibiting personnel
- **Gray** = attendee; one-day only
- Red = personal guest

Look for ribbons to further identify people!















### How can I find other SBC participants in advance?

#### **Exhibitors:**

- 1. On-line floor plan -https://www.samesbc.org/exhibit\_map.cfm
- 2. Itinerary builder in ASC (demo coming shortly)
- 3. SAME Events App

#### Registrants:

- 1. Attendee list; downloadable from ASC
- 2. Itinerary builder in ASC (demo coming shortly)
- 3. SAME Events App













# Daily Meals and Networking

Breakfast

Wednesday – 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. | Great Hall Lobby

Thursday – 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. | Great Hall Lobby

Friday – 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. | Exhibit Hall

Lunch

Wednesday - 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. | Exhibit Hall

Thursday – 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. | Exhibit Hall

Friday – 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. | Exhibit Hall

Networking

Wednesday – 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. | Exhibit Hall

Thursday – 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. | Exhibit Hall













### **Specialized Networking Opportunities**

#### Louisiana Post Golf Outing

Tuesday, November 19 | 11:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

#### Young Professionals / Fellows Reception

• Tuesday, November 19 | 8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

#### Academy of Fellows / Young Professionals Luncheon

• Wednesday, November 20 | 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.





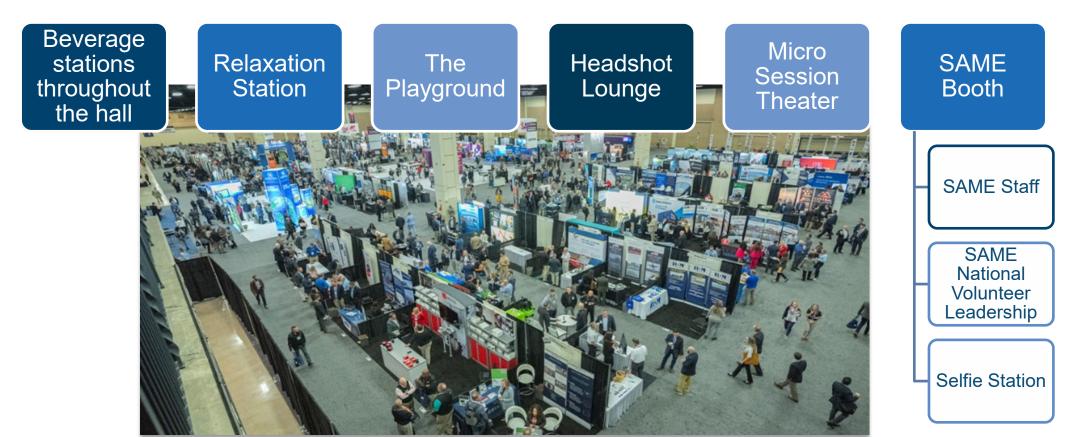








# **Exhibit Hall Highlights**



Hundreds of solutions to help deliver your mission!

















# New Interactive Floorplan Maps in the Exhibit Hall

- View the floorplan
- Search for exhibitors

Also: Mobile device charging lockers will be placed throughout the Exhibit Hall, mostly in lounge spaces









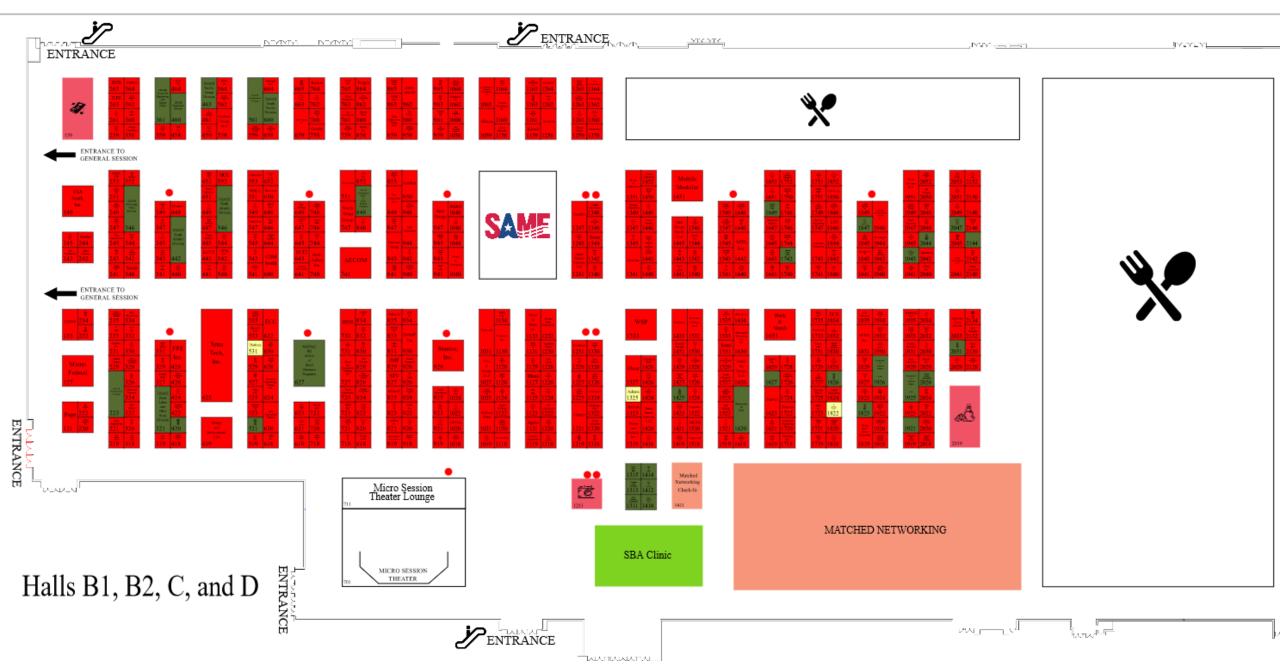








#### **Up these escalators to Biz Ops Sessions**



# SBA Clinic – NEW!

- SBA team members will be available to meet one-on-one with small businesses to discuss their certification programs
  - 8(a) Business Development
  - Woman-Owned / Economically Disadvantaged Woman-Owned Small Business
  - HUBZone
  - Veteran-Owned / Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business
  - Mentor Protégé
- 15-minute meetings by appointment limited number available
- Appointment-making now open (<u>click here!</u>); walk-in appts may be available

# **Matched Networking Appointments**

Hosts are representatives from uniformed services and government agencies OR businesses

Matching system – find who is looking for YOU based on the qualities they want and those you entered

Matches are based on your attendee profile

One-on-One meetings between you and the Host | 15 minutes long















# **Matched Networking: The Fine Print**

Available to full conference registrants ONLY

First-come, first-served

Limited to 3 appointment requests initially

Appointments open to small business on Monday, November 4

Appointments open to others on Tuesday, November 12

Appointments are managed via the:

- ASC for attendees
- ESC for hosts













# Confirmations for Matched Networking appointments will come from the email address

noreply@same.org

Be sure to whitelist this address!















# **Matched Networking Best Practices**

- Review the Roles & Responsibilities
- Review the "How-to Guides"
- Complete the "Supplemental Information Form" & send, along with your Capabilities Statement, to the host (ask for an email address ... attachments cannot be sent thru the system)
- DO.YOUR.HOMEWORK!
- Be on time.
- Appointments are for the pre-arranged time only...if you're late, you eat into your time.
- Be prepared. Be open. Be respectful. Make it a win-win!
- Follow-up afterwards!













# Our Tools Help You Do Your Homework

- Review the conference schedule
- Determine sessions you want to attend + bookmark them
- Determine exhibitors you need to see + bookmark them
- Search attendee list and identify those you want to meet
- Make Matched Networking Appointments















# And now a Website + ASC Demo

Please see the appendix of the presentation for instructions/screenshots

















# Let's pause for your questions!



# Next, we'll talk about logistics:

- 1. What to pack
- 2. What to do when you arrive
- 3. Overview of the convention center















# Let's Talk Logistics















# Get Packing: Attire!

### Conference daytime:

- Business casual for attendees
- Uniformed...check the <u>dress code page!</u>
- Comfortable shoes ALWAYS
- Cardigan, blazer, scarf...meeting rooms are often cold!

### Receptions:

Casual for all

















**Lots** of business cards

**Get Packing:** 

# **Business Essentials**



3x3 post-it notes



Fine tip sharpies, they write on any surface!



A few capability statements



















# You've Arrived!

Now your to-do list:

Head to Badge Pickup to scan your bar code and pick up your conference materials:

- Name badge and holder
- Conference tote containing a printed program, TME magazine...

Registration Hours:

Date	Open	Close
Tuesday, Nov 19	8:00 a.m.	8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov 20	7:30 a.m.	6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Nov 21	7:30 a.m.	5:30 p.m.
Friday, Nov 22	8:30 a.m.	12:30 p.m.

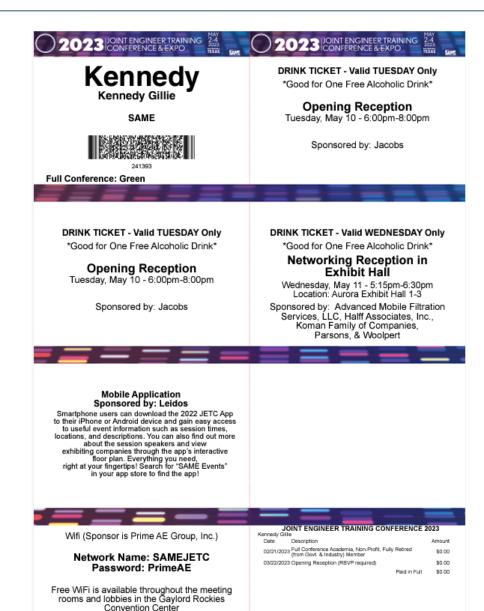




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#### Dear Ann:

Thank you for registering and welcome! This notice will serve as OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION of your registration for SAME's 2024 Federal Small Business Conference (SBC), to be held November 20-22, 2024, at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center in New Orleans, LA. We are excited that you will be a part of this event.

















# **Map of Convention Center**







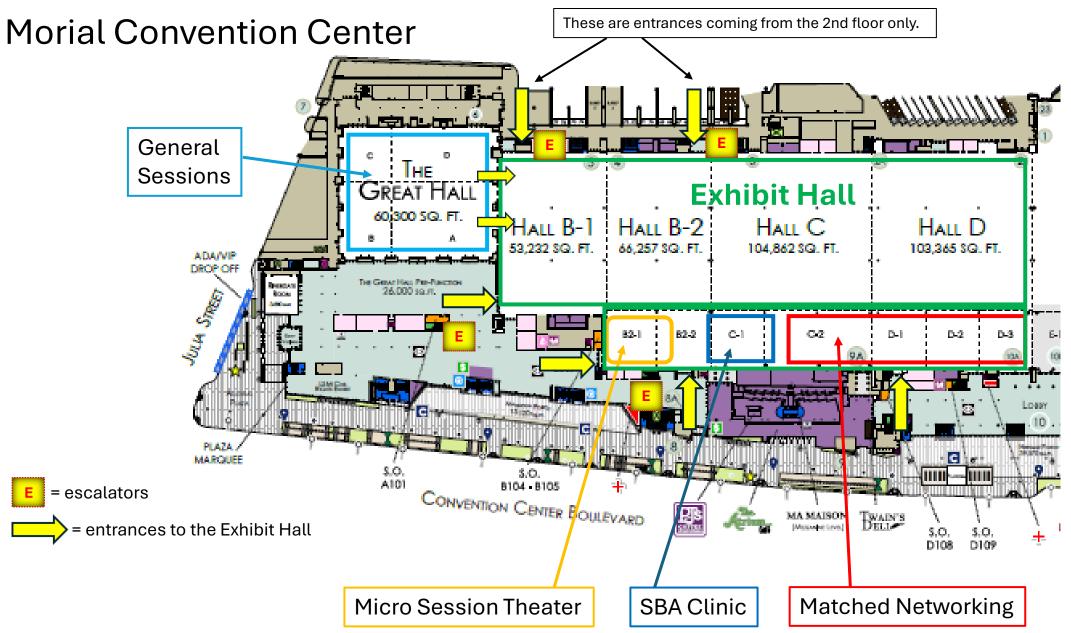
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#### First Floor -



Second Floor -

**Morial Convention Center** 

207 = B. Bridges(tu)
NAVFAC Listening Session (Th)

214 = IGE Roundtables

217-219 = 1<sup>st</sup> Timer Meet & Greet (Tu); Fellows & YP Lunch (W)

224 = Listening Sessions

R-05 = Speaker Ready Room corridors connecting two sides of 2nd floor S.O. B211 - B216

**E** = escalators

208-209 = Advanced

Biz & Procurement

R-01 = Govt Perspectives

Preconf Workshop (Tu)

R-06 & R-07 = Biz Ops

R-08 & R-09 = Mega

R-02 & R-03 =

R-04 = Biz Ops

Biz Ops

Sessions

210 = Entering the Federal Marketplace

220-221 = Building Bridges General Session; Mktg & Biz Development

222 = Regulations, Rules & Govt Framework

# **Additional Question?**



registration@same.org



exhibit@same.org



sessions@same.org















# After SBC... Remember to Visit the ASC

- Final Attendee List
- All session presentations and audio recordings
- PDH transcript of your participation
- Downloadable PDH and AIA Forms
- Link to Photos taken at SBC
- Registration Receipt



# Who's Ready for SBC?

- a) I'm all set...just need to action my itinerary builder
- b) I need to do some more homework to get prepared
- c) I'll be going shopping
- d) YIKES, I still need to REGISTER!

















# Thank you, Gold Sponsors!











































# 2025 JOINT ENGINEER TRAINING CONFERENCE & EXPO GIVEN GIVEN GRASS



- Over 2,500 attendees expected
- Call for Presentations closes January 8th
- Booth Sales after SBC...wanna exhibit?
- Registration and Housing Open in January

Visit www.samejetc.org



# APPENDIX A:

Search Attendees, Exhibitors, Sessions & Build Itinerary















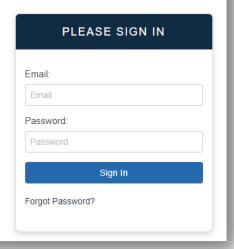


# Step 1: Log in to the ASC

#### **Attendee Service Center**

The Attendee Service Center (ASC) is a great feature that allows you to update your individual attendee registration, access documents, and more. The ASC is different than the ESC (Exhibitor) and the SSC (Speaker) Service Centers; it helps manage individual registration, not exhibit booth or speaking engagements. Features within the ASC include:

- Update/correct information in your registration record, such as your badge name, prefix, RSVP items, etc.
- · Pay a registration balance due
- · Obtain copy of registration invoice or receipt
- Documents, including the Attendee list (Attendee Lists will be posted to the ASC two weeks prior to the conference and a final list within one week after the conference)



Log in to the SBC Attendee Service Center (ASC) <a href="https://www.samesbc.org/asc\_login.cfm">https://www.samesbc.org/asc\_login.cfm</a>

To access the ASC, you must be registered to attend. No one is automatically registered!

Log-in information (e-mail and password) was included in your registration confirmation email.



Once logged in, click on "ASC - Attendee Matched Networking & Itinerary Builder" located in the left menu.





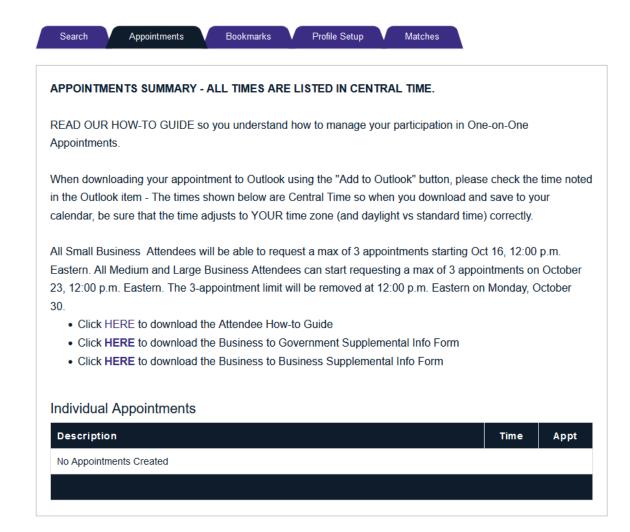






## **Step 2: Itinerary Tools**

- The Attendee Matched Networking & Itinerary Builder page is your toolkit for making connections and managing appointments.
- Note the 5 tabs across the top
  - Search: to find exhibitors, attendees, sessions + more
  - Appointments: to manage your appointments
  - Bookmarks: to view your bookmarks
  - Profile Setup: to view and update your profile
  - Matches: to view the list of networking hosts with whom you matched







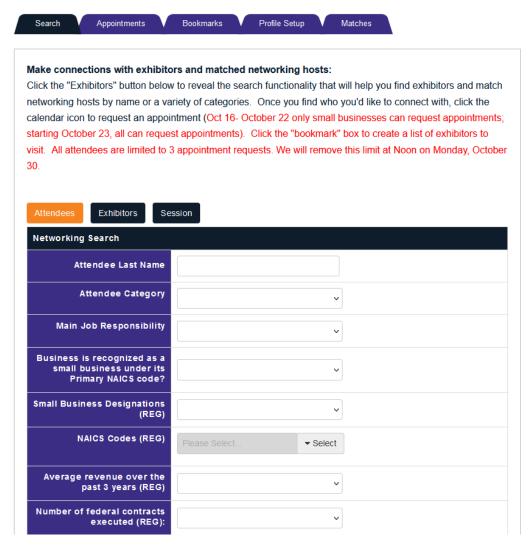






## **Step 3: Search Tools**

- Click the "Search" tab to search for attendees, exhibitors, and sessions.
- Each search allows you to create bookmarks that generates lists to help you plan your time.
- Click on the appropriate button to search that group.









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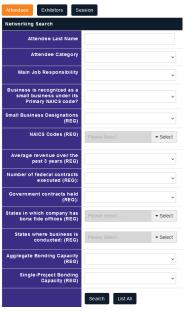




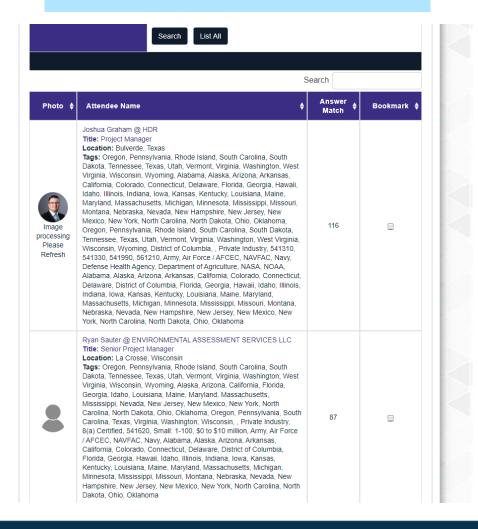
### **Step 4: Search Attendees**

- Click the "Attendees" button to search attendees
- Use dropdowns to see search criteria and select those you want to find.

CLICK SEARCH TO GENERATE THE **SEARCH** 



#### These are the search results











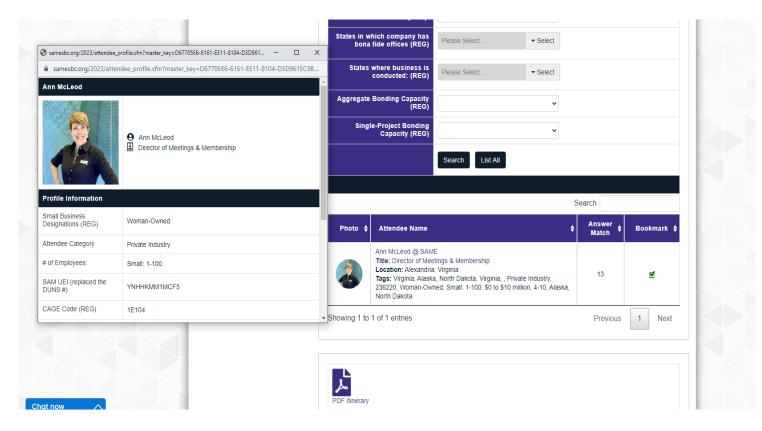






## Step 4: Search Attendees cont.

- Click on person's name to open their profile
- Click on "bookmark" in the bookmark column to add them to your bookmarks list
- NOTE: if an attendee indicated they do not want to be included in the attendee list – you WILL NOT find them here!















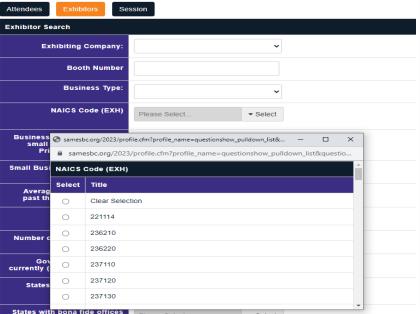
## **Step 5: Search Exhibitors**

Click the "Exhibitors" button to search attendees

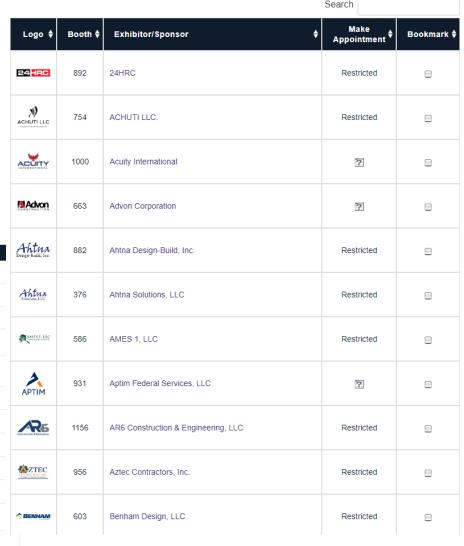
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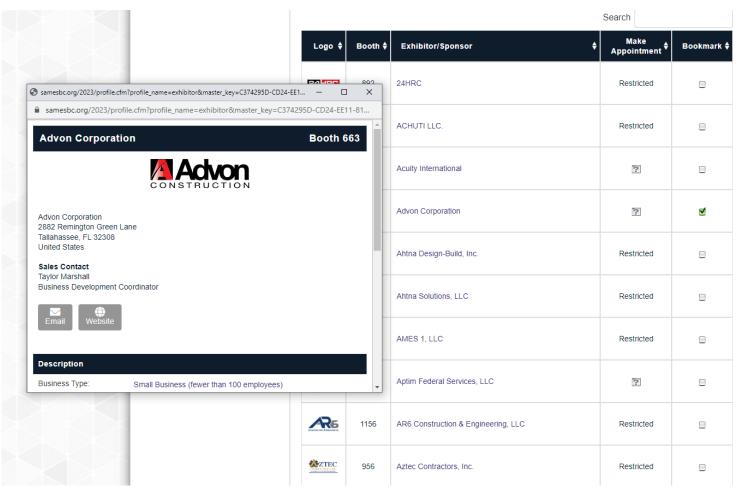






# Step 5: Search Exhibitors cont.

- Click on exhibitor's name to open their profile
- Click on "bookmark" in the bookmark column to add them to your bookmarks list
- In the "Make Appointment" column:
  - Restricted means they are not accepting appointments, or their calendar is full









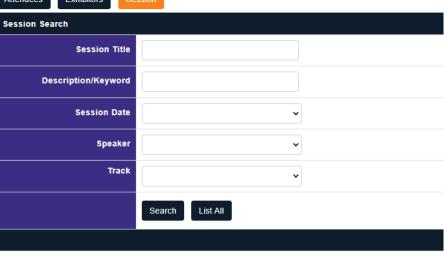




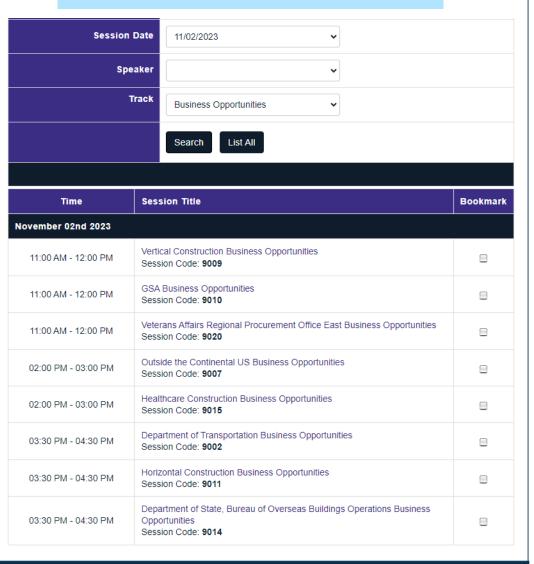
## **Step 6: Search Sessions**

- Click the "Sessions" button to search sessions
- Use dropdowns to see search criteria and select those you want to find.
- CLICK SEARCH TO GENERATE THE SEARCH

  Attendees Exhibitors Session



#### These are the search results









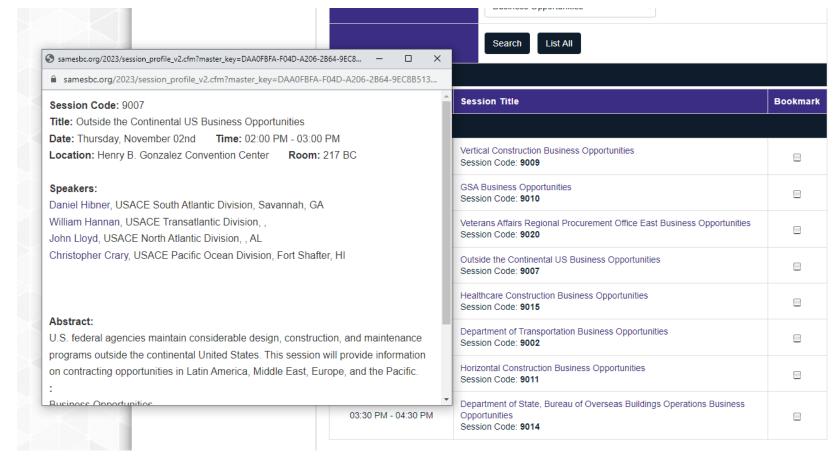






# Step 6: Search Sessions cont.

- Click on the session name to see more info on the session:
  - Location
  - Speakers
  - Description
- Click on "bookmark" in the bookmark column to add it to your bookmarks list and schedule









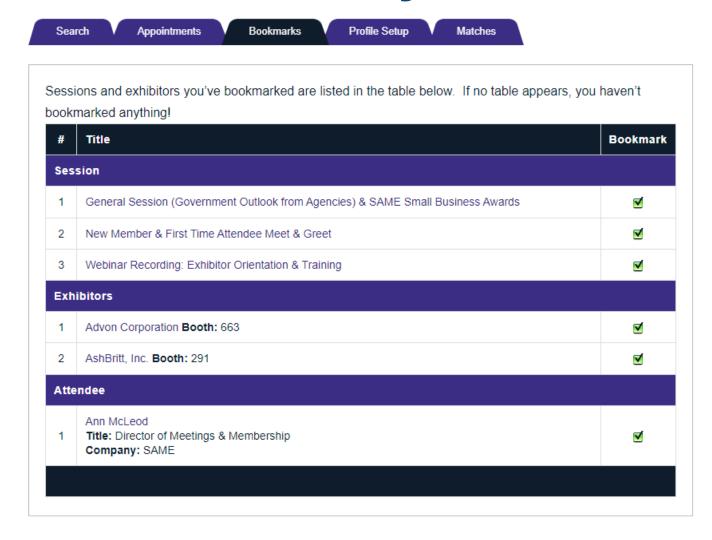






# Step 7: View Bookmarks & Itinerary

- Click the Bookmarks tab to see all your bookmarks
- Click "PDF Itinerary" to download an itinerary that lists all your bookmarks, a color-coded floorplan showing your bookmarked exhibitors, and a session and appointment list!















# Whatever you do on the website's itinerary builder is carried over to the event app, and vice versa.

















# APPENDIX B: SAME Events App

















Build your itinerary and download the app to...

Strengthen your Experience!

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# App Demo

















