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Utility Supply Chain conference led by Utility Supply Chain professionals

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150+ attendees from 35+ Utilities and both local and national suppliers

Procurement Outlook, Tariffs, Electrification, EPC Contracting, Reporting Automation, Demand Planning and Forecasting, Economic Outlook, AI Use Cases, New investments in Nuclear, State of Water Infrastructure, Non-Employee Labor Strategies, Labor Shortages, AI & Staffing, Storm Recovery

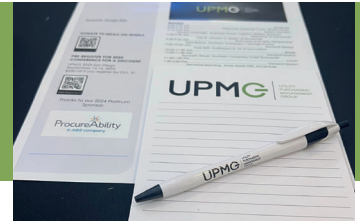
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UPMG 2025 Conference Agenda



Monday, September 22nd

TIME	ACTIVITY
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Welcome Reception Welcome Remarks: Tapp Inc.

Tuesday, September 23rd

7:30 am - 8:30 am	Breakfast
8:30 am - 8:45 am	Welcome Remarks: UPMG Chair Safety Moment: Ardmore Logistics
8:45 am - 8:55 am	Welcome Remarks: Estela de Llanos, VP of Land and Environmental Services and Chief Sustainability Officer, SDG&E
8:55 am - 9:45 am	General Session: Future of Procurement: Trends, Disruptors, and a Plan for Action - Conrad Snover CEO, ProcureAbility
9:45 am - 10:00 am	Break
10:00 am - 11:00 am	Breakout Sessions Day 1: Impact on the Utility Supply Chain: A. Currents of Change: Electrification's Impact on the Utility Supply Chain Jordan Dailey, ProcureAbility Eric Barton, CenterPoint Energy Jason Rees, Entergy Warren Ruis, SDG&E B. Beyond the Blueprint: Evolving EPC Contracting & Management Models: Ben Ford - Ameren Joe Page - AEP Paula Pell - Clarity Consulting Group C. Analytics & AI/ML across the End-to-End Supply Chain: Nathan Nickerson, Accenture Amit Efergan, Con Ed
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Lunch
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	General Session: The Inadequate State of Water Infrastructure in the United States Josh King, American Water
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Power in Partnerships: Peer-to-Peer Exchange 1. Winning the Wait: Turning Lead Times into Strategic Advantage 2. Clicks to Clarity: Making Supply Chain Software Tools Work Smarter 3. Trust but Verify: Building Resilient, Long-Term Partnerships 4. Workforce Agility: Turning Labor Constraints into Opportunity 5. More with Less: Innovative Approaches to Cost Containment 6. Macro Matters: Navigating Tariffs, Turmoil, and Transformation
2:00 pm - 2:15 pm	Break
2:15 pm - 3:15 pm	General Session: Utility Supply Chain Strategies in the Age of Tariffs Conrad Snover, ProcureAbility Melanie Cross, TVA Dan del Sobral, National Grid Helen Gao, SGG&E
3:15 pm - 4:15 pm	From Forecast to Fulfillment: Rethinking Demand Planning for Today's Supply Chains: Dan del Sobral, National Grid Adamantia Leivada, National Grid
4:15 pm - 4:30 pm	Day 1 Remarks: Conrad Snover, CEO, ProcureAbility
	Break
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Evening Networking Event: Star of India

Wednesday, September 24th

7:30 am - 8:30 am	Breakfast Women in Utilities Breakfast (seating limited)
8:30 am - 8:40 am	Welcome Remarks: UPMG Chair Safety Moment: Ardmore Logistics
8:40 am - 9:30 am	General Session: AI in Action: Unlocking Value Through Applied Use Cases: Colleen Zupan, GEP David Chen, SDG&E David Cottenden, Ardmore Logistics Scott Wilezol, Duke
9:30 am - 10:15 am	General Session: Small Reactors, Big Impact: Investing in the Future of Nuclear - SMRs Pat Looney, GE Vernova
10:15 am - 10:30 am	Break
10:30 am - 11:15 am	General Session: Economist: Dr. James D. Hamilton, Robert F. Engle Professor of Economics at UC San Diego
11:15 am - 12:15 pm	Lunch
12:15 pm - 1:15 pm	Breakout Sessions Day 2: A. Navigating Tariffs in an Ever-Changing Environment: David Hindman, Alix Partners B. From Paper to Partnership: Redefining Contracting Excellence: James Chesnut, Day & Zimmermann Markley Ward, Clarity Consulting Brandon Zimmerman, Southern Company C. The 2029 DOE Transformer Standard: What It Means for Utilities & Supply Chains: Ken Gunnufsen, Howard Industries David Nathasingh, Metglas Jack Ward, Howard Industries
1:15 pm - 2:15 pm	General Session: Construction at a Crossroads: Addressing Workforce Shortages Greg Sizemore, Construction Users Roundtable (CURT)
2:15 pm - 2:45 pm	Networking Break
2:45 pm - 3:45 pm	General Session: From Grid to Growth: CPO Perspectives on Supply Chain Transformation Moderator: Scott Wilezol, Duke Panelists: Adrienne Collins, Southern Company Josh King, American Water Jenn Jett, SDG&E Elissa Ouyang, California Water Service
3:45 pm - 4:45 pm	General Session: Risk to Resilience: Lessons from the Eye of the Storm Moderator: Melanie Cross, TVA Panelists: Tasha Davis, Duke Andreas Dorer, Elmar Cory Misui, SDG&E
4:45 pm - 4:55 pm	Day 2 Remarks: Conrad Snover, CEO, ProcureAbility
	Break
5:15 pm - 6:30 pm	Supplier Networking

Thursday, September 25th

7:15 am - 8:00 am	Board / SAC Meeting
8:00 am - 9:00 am	Breakfast
9:00 am - 9:15 am	Safety Moment: Ardmore Logistics Welcome Remarks: Introduction of next year's UPMG President
9:15 am - 10:15 am	General Session: Beyond Borders: How Local Spend Drives Global Value Charles "Chip" Finneran, DTE
10:15 am - 11:15 am	General Session: From KPIs to ROI: Telling the Supply Chain Value Story Jason Hairston, BPA Brittany Malowney, SDG&E
11:15 am - 11:25 am	Closing / Look Ahead to 2026
11:25 am - 12:45 pm	Lunch (on your own)
12:45 pm - 5:00 pm	From Data to Decisions: A Benchmarking Insights Deep Dive (virtual - by invite only)