

2023 CMBG Conference 1st Announcement
Sheraton Phoenix Downtown
June 25-28, 2023
Phoenix, AZ

March 10, 2023

Arizona Public Service (APS) is pleased to host the 30th annual Configuration Management Benchmarking Group (CMBG) Conference June 25-28, 2023, at the Sheraton Phoenix Downtown in Phoenix, AZ. This announcement provides some preliminary information regarding the conference to allow for proper planning of this important event.

The CMBG conference is a great way to network with other Configuration Management (CM) practitioners throughout the nuclear industry. The conference covers timely topics of true relevance to implementation of successful CM programs. As in the past, the 2023 conference promises to be another informative and interactive benchmarking forum that enables knowledge-sharing of best industry practices.

This year's conference will include a Sunday night mixer event, a tour of the Strategic Alliance for FLEX Emergency Response (SAFER) facility, and a group activity to the Arizona Diamondbacks vs. Tampa Bay Rays baseball game at Chase Field.

Details for the 2023 CMBG Conference are included and can also be found on the [CMBG website](#). Please reach out with any questions, comments, or concerns.

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Conference Registration

The conference registration fee is \$425, which includes the following:

- A pre-conference mixer event (Sunday, June 25, 2023, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.)
- Daily breakfast, lunch, and refreshments
- A tour of the Strategic Alliance for FLEX Emergency Response (SAFER) facility
- Arizona Diamondbacks vs. Tampa Bay Rays baseball game at Chase Field

Conference registration will begin March 10, 2023, and end May 26, 2023. Late registration is \$475 and will begin May 27, 2023, and end June 23, 2023. Register for the conference at <https://2023CMBG.eventbrite.com>. Please use the attached breakout session descriptions to determine which breakout sessions to attend prior to registering for the conference.

Hotel Reservations

The conference will be held at the [Sheraton Phoenix Downtown](#). The CMBG rate is \$149 per night. This group rate is available two days before the conference, based on availability. The \$149 per night rate does not guarantee a bed type (king or two doubles). To guarantee a specific bed type (king or two doubles), there is an additional \$10 per night fee.

There are five rooms available at a government rate. Please email Jon Sears (Jon.Sears@aps.com) to reserve one of these rooms.

Reservations will begin March 10, 2023, and end May 26, 2023. After May 26, 2023, reservations will be accepted as available and will be at the hotel's normal rates. To reserve a room, visit the Sheraton's reservation page at <https://book.passkey.com/event/50460448/owner/68648/home>.

Group Activity

This year's conference group activity will be an Arizona Diamondbacks vs. Tampa Bay Rays baseball game at Chase Field. Admission to the game is included as part of the conference registration fee for each conference attendee. To bring a guest (friends/family), an additional \$45 fee is required for each guest. Purchase tickets for your guest(s) at https://2023CMBG_ACTIVITY.eventbrite.com

Transportation

The Sheraton Phoenix Downtown Hotel is located ~6 miles from Sky Harbor International Airport. Please refer to the attached Transportation Guide for transportation options.

Additional Details

This year's conference will include a tour of the Strategic Alliance for FLEX Emergency Response (SAFER) facility. The nuclear industry has two National Response Centers, one in Memphis, TN, and one in Phoenix, AZ. These response centers help U.S. nuclear power plants meet the requirements of the NRC's Mitigation Strategies Order, which was issued after the Fukushima accident. The centers contain extra equipment to duplicate plants' emergency diesel generators, pumps, hoses, etc. This equipment would maintain plant safety functions for an indefinite period if an event disabled a plant's installed safety systems.