2024 FHEA Trade Show & Annual Educational Conference:
Attendee Evaluation Summary

Positives:

Great technical information

Great that all classes, exhibits, and meals were in the same location

Lots of CE credits were available

NFPA and AHCA presentations were very informative; code references

Very relevant and contemporary topics

Liked general sessions and various topics

Professional and knowledgeable speakers who were extremely well-informed in their fields

Vendor expo – learned a lot

Different perspectives

Quantity of sessions

Time for Q and A was great

Networking

This was a great event

Loved family inclusion

Value

Excellent

Appreciated the NFPA Updates and Life Safety Codes and Standards sessions

Loved the location – top-notch

All good

Good speakers, nice venue, good to have everything in one area

Nice variety of topics and quantity of CE

Number of vendors was good

Great venue to bring the family

Opening remarks from Adam and Skanda

Brett Culp was a terrific speaker

Every session was valuable

Beautiful venue and location

As a vendor getting CE, appreciated the reminders to attendees to visit booths

Great show and education

Amazing venue

Everything was good – great location, networking, and education

Guests of attendees should be able to attend at no charge

Negatives:

Too many exhibitors

Vendors were inconsiderate during educational sessions

More snacks

Meeting space was cold

Available coffee and sodas throughout the meeting

More topics about changing technology and innovation – classes were pretty directed to facility mangers

Need more CMMS Vendors

Vendors should be attending educational sessions

Needed more shuttles to and from the hotels

I didn't like the AI session – it does not belong in healthcare facilities

Would like more breaks

Have a speaker during lunch

Future Topics:

Flood control during storms

More NFPA topics

Air Temp and Humidity Control

Critical Space Management

Emergency Management

Survey Prep tool session

Sustainability

Utility shutdowns

Data clouds and Cybersecurity

Life Safety and Technology

Innovative equipment developments

UPS Tech

Microgrid

AI and Analytics for Maintenance Operation

Digital Revolution

Information on hiring qualified personnel

More on project management – related to healthcare construction

Joint Commission presentation

2024 FHEA Trade Show & Annual Educational Conference: Exhibitor/Sponsor Evaluation Summary

Positives:

The venue was good and well-staffed.

Having games such as corn hole, really got more folks interacting

Receiving the attendance list is the most important thing but, being able to mingle with the FHEA's that were in attendance outside the confines of a booth was the best part for me.

Venue was very nice, organized

Increasing the Expo/Show times was beneficial.

The welcome reception was well thought out and well attended.

Great organization by FHEA staff - friendly and helpful, enjoyed the keynote speaker, timely education sessions, beautiful location

Attendee visits to the booth were plentiful and consistent - the breakfast and lunch options were great. loved the healthy fruit and protein diversity - BBQ - attendee list

I liked the size of the exhibit hall, and the hotel was very nice.

The location was beautiful.

Receptions

Good amount of time for networking

Nice to be able to easily attend sessions and get CE

Execllent meeting and location – let's go back!

The food – meals were very good.

I did provide a door prize. Welcome reception was great, and Thursday was very productive, Many Facility Engineers coming by the booth. Lots of opportunities!

Providing sponsors with registrant contact info was invaluable for pre-publicity and post-publicity for our Bronze Sponsor Booth.

Loved the idea of Vendor Bingo-- Most people did not understand what prizes were in the drawing. Hype that up a bit and build more excitement. Overall, it's a great idea.

Suggestions:

Other exhibitors should not take people away from the trade show for private parties

Give the trade show set hours with one day focused on vendors

Better signs to find the hotel

Better layout of the exhibition to make it flow from beginning to end

No raffle prizes for exhibitors

The exhibition area can be smaller – less exhibitors

Encourage healthcare members to visit booths - generated no leads from any hospital system

Break up education sessions for more vendor time.

The schedule needs to be amended to respect vendors' time and efforts

Don't go back to WEC, stay in Orlando

More refreshments and snacks during the long exhibit hours

If having a BBQ, it should be outside

Hotel closer to the show.

Separate education from vendors in different rooms.