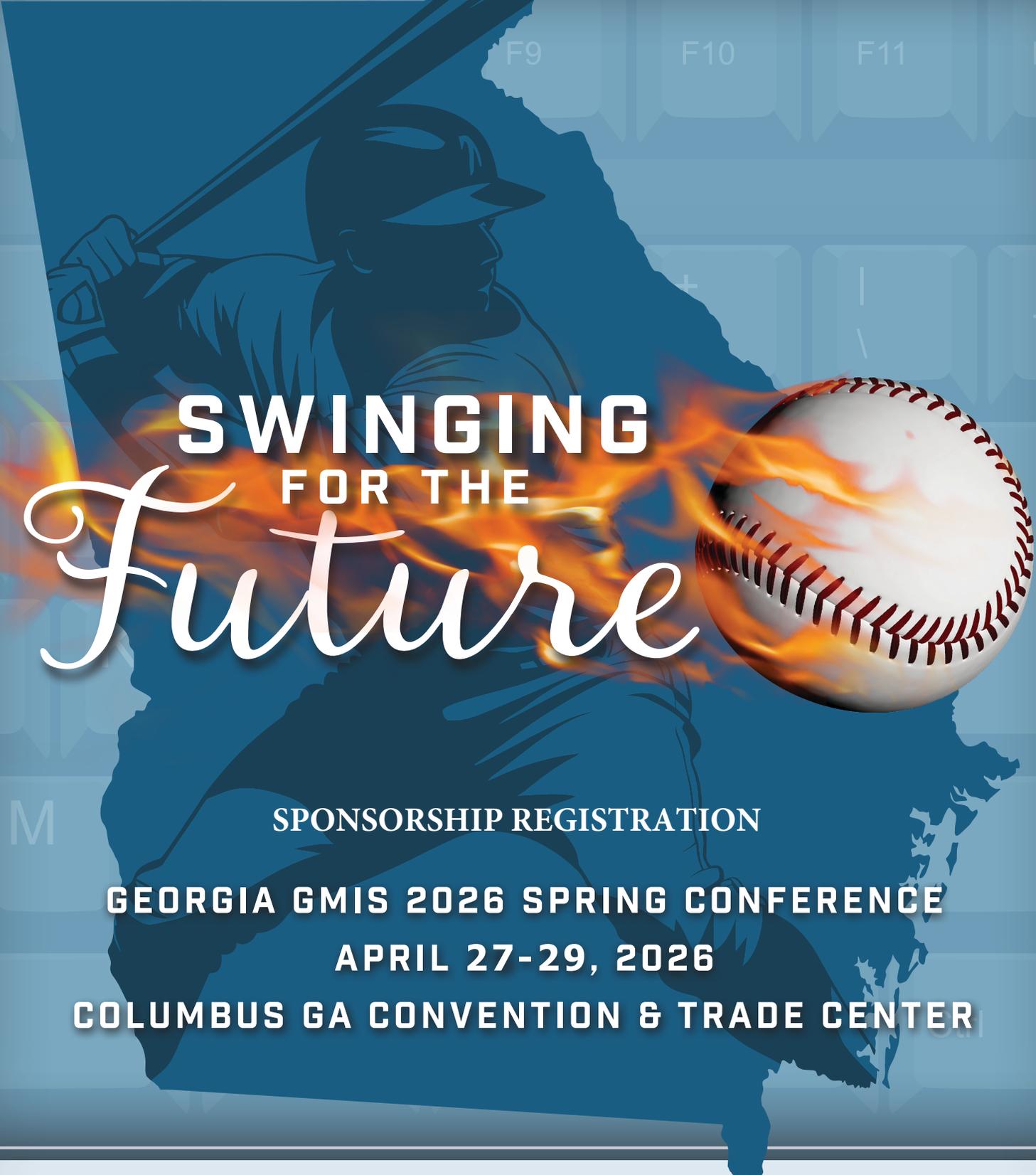




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**SWINGING
FOR THE**
Future

SPONSORSHIP REGISTRATION

GEORGIA GMIS 2026 SPRING CONFERENCE

APRIL 27-29, 2026

COLUMBUS GA CONVENTION & TRADE CENTER

Note from our President!

I am excited to announce the upcoming **GA GMIS Conference**, taking place **April 26–30 in Columbus, Georgia**. We are looking forward to hosting another engaging and impactful conference focused on collaboration, innovation, and the future of IT in government.

This year's theme, "*Swinging for the Future*", reflects the proactive mindset required of today's IT leaders. Much like baseball, success in technology depends on preparation, teamwork, and the ability to adapt to changing conditions. This conference is designed to help you step up to the plate with the knowledge, tools, and connections needed to help our local governments succeed.

We are excited to incorporate some fun into the week. On **Tuesday night**, we will attend a **Columbus Clingstones baseball game**, offering a relaxed setting to network, unwind, and enjoy time together. Then, on **Wednesday**, we will host our **Awards Reception**, recognizing achievements across our membership and celebrating those who continue to move GA GMIS forward.

We appreciate the continued support of our sponsors, and you will have numerous networking opportunities with these IT leaders and peers. Our membership is more effective with the products, services, and knowledge that you provide. So, plan to join us in Columbus as we are "*Swinging for the Future*" together.

Looking forward to seeing you all in Columbus!

Jonathan Taylor
President, Georgia GMIS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The event location is Columbus Convention & Trade Center, Columbus, GA. There are a limited number of exhibit hall spaces available. To participate, the registration form and fee must be received by April 17, 2026. We do take credit cards through PayPal only. Please contact Karen Knight at knightk@douglasvillega.gov if additional information is needed. **NOTE: Do not register through the UGA/CVIOG link on the website. It is for government participants only.** Sponsorship registration is by this brochure. There is no online registration.

SPACE AND PARTICIPATION IS LIMITED TO THE FIRST 45 PAID SPONSORS

Sponsor/Exhibitor setup will be held on Monday, April 27, 2026.

- All Sponsors/Exhibitors: your setup will begin at 1:30 pm
- Set-ups should be completed by 4:00 pm.
- Tear Down for all Sponsors will be on Wednesday, April 29, 2026, after 12:30 pm

IMPORTANT: Sponsors, please note that our Exhibit Hall will be in the North Exhibit Hall and will be tabletop only. Your display table will be 6 feet long and you will have 2 chairs. All display materials and handouts should fit on top of this 6-foot table. You may have the roll-up screens that fit behind your table. Sponsors who bring free standing, floor displays will be asked to dismantle them. There will be no exceptions to this request.

AFTER HOURS ACTIVITIES

No sponsor/vendor after-hours activity will be conducted on Tuesday, April 28. This is reserved for planned Georgia GMIS activities. NO EXCEPTIONS. You are allowed to have activities on Monday and Wednesday (after 7:00 pm).

HOTEL, LOGISTICS, LOGOS, EXTRA ATTENDEES AND PAYMENT

Hotel Reservations

When making your reservation, please mention you are with the Georgia Government Management Information Sciences (Georgia GMIS) conference to get the special rate of \$184 (plus \$5 state hotel/motel fee and applicable taxes) per night.

All reservations can be made by calling (706) 324-1800 or 1-800-455-9261 or online at <https://app.marriott.com/reslink?id=1772731879119&key=GRP&app=rehhttps://app.marriott.com/reslink?id=1772731879119&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

Be sure to reference the group code GMIGMIA. If you are booking online, you must enter a timeframe within the dates of the block 4/25-4/30 to apply the group code.

A block of rooms will be held at the hotel until March 30, 2026, or until all rooms have been reserved, whichever comes first. After this date, the hotel will make reservations at the prevailing room rate based on availability.

Hotel Parking

Discounted self-parking for rooms booked in the group block at the Marriott is \$10 per night. Please note, overnight guests are strongly encouraged to leave their vehicle parked at the hotel. All sessions will be held within a short walking distance from the hotel into the Convention & Trade Center. Should you choose to move your car from the hotel to the Convention & Trade Center, additional parking fees may apply.

Shipping

Please see the attached Columbus Convention & Trade Center Material Handling Services Form. You are responsible for all your Shipments to the Show and Outbound Shipments at Close of the Show and any expenses. Do not send this form to me. I will provide your booth numbers to the Convention Center and your materials will be delivered to your booth. Please use the following address to ship your packages:

Columbus Convention & Trade Center
ATTN: HOLD FOR GA GMIS ARRIVAL DATE OF 4/27
EXHIBITOR [Name of Representative & Company]
801 Front Avenue
Columbus, GA 31901

Electricity and Internet Access

Please see the attached Columbus Convention & Trade Center Exhibit Electrical & Water Service Order Form for information to order any electricity you may need for your booth. This must be rendered PRIOR to show opening, no exceptions! Please send all the information directly to the information provided Trade Center Exhibit Electrical Order Form as you are responsible for these charges. Do not send this form to me. I will provide your booth number to the Convention Center.

Free WIFI is provided, however, if you need a dedicated Internet line, please let me know and I can send that information to you.

Logos

Please email a high-resolution copy of logo to Karen Knight so that we may use it on our website.

Extra Attendees

Please note sponsor attendees are limited to the number on your sponsorship/exhibit level. There is no provision for adding any additional attendees unless you sponsor a titled event. **ALL ATTENDEES MUST HAVE AN OFFICIAL GA GMIS NAME BADGE FOR ACCESS TO ALL AREAS/EVENTS. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Tuesday Night Dinner/Baseball Game

GA GMIS is going to the Columbus Clingstones Baseball game! The Columbus Clingstones are the Atlanta Braves AA baseball team and play their games at Synovous Park. You are welcome to join us for this fun evening. Please note on your registration form if you will attend the game. **WE MUST KNOW IN ADVANCE IF YOU WILL ATTEND THE GAME.** No vendor activities can be scheduled on this night.

Wednesday Awards Reception

Please note on your registration form if you will attend the Wednesday Awards Reception. I need an accurate count for this activity. This event will be held at the Columbus Convention & Trade Center. No vendor activities can be scheduled on this day until after 7:00 pm.

Company Information

Please send 2-3 sentences about your company for a sponsor/exhibitor directory we will distribute to our participants and will also be on the GA GMIS App. Include who will be attending and their contact information.

Payment

Mail your registration form and check *no later than April 17, 2026* (payable to Georgia Chapter of GMIS International) to:

GA-GMIS

P. O. Box 219

Douglasville, GA 30133-0219

ATTN: Karen Knight

Please email your registration form to me to “hold your place” while we wait for the check to arrive.

Credit Cards: Credit cards can be accepted through PayPal with a processing fee. If you wish to use a credit card, please let me know so I can send an invoice through PayPal. Please do not send me any credit card information.

CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY:

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2026 GA GMIS SPRING SPONSORSHIPS

Why sponsor?

The GA GMIS Spring Conference provides excellent brand visibility and networking opportunities with key IT decision makers in the public sector IT industry.

Who Attends?

GMIS International is the most inclusive Government IT Association worldwide. GA GMIS represents city, county, and state agencies across Georgia. This is your chance to meet face-to-face with these industry leaders.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Cost

Sponsor

Gaming Suite

\$11,000

PCS

GA GMIS will host, facilitate, and staff a gaming suite for when the conference sessions have ended for the day. It will be open on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights. This is in conjunction with the Networking Suite. We will have arcade games, pool table and other fun activities. As sponsor, you will have your company signage at the venue and noted on the website. A spokesperson from your organization will have the opportunity to speak briefly during the conference. You can have up to four attendees from your company (including the exhibit booth so a grand total of four attendees). GA GMIS will take care of all the arrangements. This sponsorship includes the exhibit booth.

SOLD

Tuesday Dinner/ Entertainment

\$11,000

Critical Cloud

The Tuesday night dinner and entertainment will be a fun night at the Columbus Clingstones Baseball Game at Synovus Park. This offers an excellent networking opportunity for all GA GMIS Participants (including sponsors/vendors). As sponsor, you will have your company signage at the venue and noted on the website. A spokesperson from your organization will have the opportunity to speak briefly during the conference. You can have up to four attendees from your company (including an exhibit booth so a grand total of four attendees). GA GMIS will take care of all the arrangements. This sponsorship includes the exhibit booth.

SOLD

Geek Trak

\$6,000

Fortinet

You will be the title sponsor of Geek Trak and your company name and logo will be on all registration materials for the conference. Other benefits include company signage at the Geek Trak location, name, and logo on the GA GMIS website as title sponsor, premium booth in the Exhibit Hall. A spokesperson from your organization will have the opportunity to speak briefly during Tuesday lunch. You can have up to four attendees from your company (including the exhibit booth so a grand total of four attendees). GA GMIS will be providing the content for this session. Must have an exhibit booth to sponsor this event.

SOLD

Networking Suite

\$6,000

Surelock Technologies

GA GMIS will host, facilitate, and staff an evening networking suite when conference sessions have ended for the day. It is part of the gaming suite and separate sponsorship. A favorite tradition of conference attendees and excellent networking opportunity, all conference participants are invited to relax, visit with their peers, and enjoy refreshments. You will receive signage at the venue, up to four attendees from your company (including an exhibit booth so a grand total of four attendees), and the ability to meet, greet and network with the participants. Due to liability concerns, GA GMIS will service the bar in the suite. Must have an exhibit booth to sponsor this event.

SOLD

Wednesday Awards Reception \$4,000

The Wednesday Awards Reception offers an excellent networking opportunity for all GA GMIS Participants (including sponsors/vendors). As sponsor, you will have your company signage at the venue and noted on the website. A spokesperson from your organization will have the opportunity to speak briefly during the event. You can have up to four attendees from your company (including the exhibit booth so a grand total of four attendees). GA GMIS will take care of all the arrangements. Must have an exhibit booth to sponsor this event.
1 Available

GA GMIS App Sponsor \$4,000 DSI Tech

Be the exclusive GA GMIS app sponsor for Spring 2026. Your logo will be on the app and all attendees will see it each time they access it. At this level, your company will have up to three attendees from your company (including an exhibit booth so a grand total of three attendees). GA GMIS will take care of the app and the content. Must have an exhibit booth to sponsor this event.

SOLD

Break Sponsor \$3,000 each

Sponsor the AM/PM breaks on Tuesday of the GA GMIS Conference. At this level, your company receives signage prominently displayed during the morning or afternoon break. Must have an exhibit booth to sponsor this event.

2 Available

Trade Show Badge Holder \$3,000 BOSS

Place your company logo on the official name badge lanyards distributed and worn by all registered attendees. GA GMIS will purchase and produce these items. Due to production timelines, the deadline for this sponsorship is six weeks prior to the conference. Must have an exhibit booth to sponsor this item.

SOLD

All sponsorship opportunities must have an exhibit booth to sponsor these events/items (except Gaming Suite and Baseball Game). All sponsorship opportunities will receive the benefits of the Exhibit Booth in addition to any extras of sponsorships (example – extra people).

Exhibits

Exhibit Booth \$4,000

- Name and Logo on GA-GMIS website
- One 6-foot table, skirting, and 2 chairs
- **Two Attendees from your company**
- **Sponsor meals for Two**
- **Tuesday Night Dinner/Baseball Game - Tickets for Two**
- **Wednesday Awards Reception – Tickets for Two**
- Attendance List one week before and final list after the conference

**GEORGIA GMIS
 SPRING CONFERENCE 2026
 EXHIBITOR / SPONSOR REGISTRATION FORM**

COMPANY _____ PHONE _____

CONTACT _____ EMAIL _____

NAMES OF ATTENDEES FOR BADGES (use separate sheet for their local contact info):

Any dietary restrictions for your attendees (vegetarian, gluten, etc.):

Attend Tuesday Night Baseball Game: YES _____ How Many _____ NO _____

Attend Wednesday Awards Reception: YES _____ How Many _____ NO _____

SPONSORSHIP and EXHIBITOR FEES:

	Quantity	RATE	TOTAL
Gaming Suite Sponsor 1 Available (Includes booth)		\$11,000.00	SOLD OUT
Columbus Clingstones Baseball Game Sponsor 1 Available (Includes booth)		\$11,000.00	SOLD OUT
Geek Trak Sponsor 1 Available		\$6,000.00	SOLD OUT
Networking Suite Sponsor 1 Available		\$6,000.00	SOLD OUT
Wednesday Awards Reception Sponsor 1 Available		\$4,000.00	
GA GMIS App Sponsor 1 Available		\$4,000.00	SOLD OUT
Break Sponsor 2 Available		\$3,000.00 each	
Trade Show Badge Holder Sponsor 1 Available		\$3,000.00	SOLD OUT
Exhibitor Booth All Sponsors must have Exhibitor Booth		\$4,000.00	
GRAND TOTAL			

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EXHIBIT ELECTRICAL & WATER SERVICE ORDER FORM

COLUMBUS GEORGIA
CONVENTION & TRADE CENTER

EXHIBITOR INFORMATION			Booth #:
Event Name:		In Date:	Out Date:
Company/Organization:		Contact Name:	
Address:	City:	State:	Zip:
Email:	Fax:	Phone:	

Daily Standard Electrical Access	Advance Rate	Floor Rate	Amount	Water Service (on exhibit floor)	Rate	Amount
2 plug-ins for up to 20 amps	\$50	\$75		0 – 1000 gallons	\$75	
Per power strip		\$12				

<i>Additional Notes</i>	
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Method of Payment
Check, credit card or money order must accompany request or be rendered prior to show opening. No exceptions! <i>(A non-refundable 2.5% + \$1 convenience fee will apply to all credit/debit card transactions)</i>
Make Remittance Payable and Mail to: Columbus Georgia Convention & Trade Center P.O. Box 1340 Columbus GA 31902-1340
or charge my credit card:
<i>Please check one:</i> VISA MASTERCARD AMERICAN EXPRESS DISCOVER
Name on Card:
Account Number:
Expiration Date: CVC Code:
Total \$ Zip Code:
Signature:

CONDITIONS AND REGULATIONS:
1. All electrical service charges must be paid prior to the opening of the exhibit.
2. Each rate is <u>per day</u> .
3. If unable to determine electrical requirements, contact Trade Center electrician for assistance.
4. Wall, column, and permanent building utility outlets are not a part of booth space and are not to be used by exhibitors unless specified otherwise.
5. All equipment, regardless of power source, must comply with all federal, state, and local safety codes.
6. Use of open clip sockets, latex or lamp cord wire, duplex or triplex attachment plugs in exhibits is prohibited.
7. Under no circumstances shall anyone other than Trade Center staff make electrical connections.
8. Special equipment requiring the electrician or technicians for assembly, servicing, preparatory work and operation may be executed without Trade Center staff; however, all service connections and overload protection to such equipment must be made by Trade Center staff.
9. All equipment must be properly tagged and wired with complete information as to type of current, voltage, phase, cycle, etc.
10. All material and equipment furnished by the Columbus, Georgia Convention and Trade Center for this service order shall remain the Trade Center's property and shall be removed by our staff at the show close. Exhibitors will be billed for all missing materials.
11. Electrical power for lights and displays will be turned on one hour prior to the show opening time and off at show closing time daily unless you have requested and paid for 24-hour service.
12. Unless otherwise directed, Trade Center electricians are authorized to cut floor covering to permit installation of service.
13. All exhibitor's cords must be of the 3-wire grounded type. All exposed noncurrent carrying metal parts of fixed equipment, which are liable to be energized, shall be grounded.
14. Rates quoted for all connections cover only the bringing of service to the booth in the most convenient manner and does not include connecting equipment or special wiring.
15. Advance orders with payment must be received a minimum of three (3) days prior to exhibitor arrival for move-in. Please note that a City-Government Mandate has been issued for all credit card portals therefore, 2.5%+\$1 Service Fee is applied to all card transactions.



801 Front Avenue, Columbus, GA 31901
Phone: (706) 327-4522 Fax: (706) 327-0162

MATERIAL HANDLING SERVICES FORM

Name of Event _____ Event Date _____
Company Name _____ Booth #(s) _____
Street Address _____ Contact Person _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone Number _____
Email Address _____

Shipments to the Show

Origin of Shipment _____ Delivery Carrier _____
Shipping Date _____ Approx Arrival Date _____
Total # of Pieces _____ Total Weight _____

Shipments of common freight and crated exhibits will be received from common carrier(s) and will be unloaded, placed in storage, removed from storage and delivered to your booth(s). All shipments must arrive prepaid.

Outbound Shipments at Close of the Show

Outbound To _____ Via: Truck Air
Street Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Shipper _____ # of Pieces _____
Description or Special Instructions _____

The representative at the show must label containers and furnish all shipping documents. It is your company's responsibility to call the carrier and arrange for pickup. Remove all expired shipping labels before outbound shipment. Please have your on-site representative leave a bill of lading on top of the outgoing shipment cartons. Cartons must be sealed and clearly labeled.

Rates: \$30.00 Flat Rate for Receiving / Outbound Shipments

Limits of Liability & Responsibility

We will not be responsible for uncrated, improperly packed materials or concealed damage. We will not be responsible for damages or loss of materials after delivery to booth or at conclusion of show prior to delivery to outbound carrier. Therefore, exhibitor should contact their insurance carrier if necessary; to provide insurance coverage for materials from the time they leave your firm until they are returned after the show. I have received all packages that were shipped to the Trade Center

Payment Information

Make checks payable to: Columbus GA Convention & Trade Center Visa, Mastercard, Discover and American Express Cards Accepted. Please note for all credit card transactions that is a 2.5%+\$1 service fee.

Credit Card _____ Expiration Date _____ Zip _____ CVV Code _____

Authorized Signature _____