

ARKANSAS GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

48TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE



WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY
July 29-31, 2026



NW ARKANSAS HOTEL, SPA &
CONVENTIONAL CENTER AT
EMBASSY SUITES



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8:00AM- 8:15AM	Welcome from the Mayor's Office Mayor Greg Hines, Rogers
8:15AM-9:05AM	Cybersecurity & A.I. - What Every Business Needs To Know Teri Westbrook, Pinnacle IT
9:05AM-9:20AM	Sponsor Time - Pinnacle IT
9:20AM-9:30AM	Break
9:30AM-9:45AM	Sponsor Time - Mitchell Williams Law Firm
9:45AM-10:35AM	Sales & Use Tax 101 Arkansas Department of Finance & Administration
10:35AM-10:50AM	Sponsor Time - J.P. Morgan Chase
10:50AM – 11:10AM	Break
11:10AM – 12:00PM	GASB Updates David Coleman, Katie Flores, Becca Kiser, Forvis Mazars
12:00PM – 1:30PM	Lunch
1:30PM – 2:20PM	1099s Update Stacey Atchison, Megan Riekhof, Forvis Mazars
2:20PM – 2:35PM	Sponsor Time - Forvis Mazars
2:35PM – 3:25PM	Purchasing/ Procurement Amanda Beilfuss, Procurement Director City of Fayetteville
3:25PM – 3:40PM	Sponsor Time - Andrews Technology
3:40PM – 4:00PM	Break
4:00PM – 4:50 PM	Internal Revenue Compliance & Tax Exempt Bonds John Albritton, Landmark/ Michele Allgood, Mitchell Williams Law Firm Ryan Bowman, Friday, Eldredge, Clark/ Jason Holsclaw, Stephens, Inc
4:50PM – 5:00 PM	Sponsor Time - Springbrook Software

8:00AM- 8:30AM

Breakfast

8:30AM-9:20AM

Investing in Financial Markets

It's More Than Stocks & Bonds!!

Mimi Hurst, CFA Managing Director, Stephens Inc

9:20AM-9:35AM

Sponsor Time - Euna Solutions

9:35AM-9:45AM

Break

9:45AM-10:35AM

Grants & Other Finance Updates

Caran Curry, Arkansas Municipal League

10:35AM-10:50AM

Sponsor Time - Enterprise Fleet Management

10:50AM – 11:40AM

Tips on How to Pass a Successful Audit

Candice Gasaway & Joe Archer, Arkansas Legislative Audit

11:40AM – 12:00PM

Sponsor Time - Raymond James

12:00PM – 1:30PM

Business Meeting & Lunch

1:30PM – 2:20PM

Basic Grant Writing

Caran Curry, Arkansas Municipal League

2:20PM – 2:35PM

Sponsor Time - OpenGov

2:35PM – 3:25PM

Issue 3 - Economic Districts

John Wilkerson, Arkansas Municipal League/ Gabe Holstrom

3:25PM – 3:40PM

Sponsor Time - Corvani

3:40PM – 3:50PM

Break

3:50PM – 4:40 PM

Passing a Sales Tax Bond - What Works?

Mayor, Molly Rawn, City of Fayetteville/ Mayor Joe Hurst, City of Van Buren
George Shelton, Company Politics/ Leigh Ann Biernat, Stephens, Inc

4:40PM – 4:55 PM

Sponsor Time - Carty, Harding & Hearn

8:00AM- 8:30AM	Breakfast
8:30AM-9:20AM	Ask a Director!!! Joy Black, City of Bryant/ Tyler Winningham, City of Conway Casey Wilhelm, City of Rogers
9:20AM-9:30AM	Final Giveaway
9:30AM-10:20AM	Ethics Blake Pennington, Sr Assistant Attorney, City of Fayetteville
10:20AM-10:40AM	Break
10:40AM – 11:30AM	News Arkansans Can Use from Washington D.C. - ARPA Closeout, No Tax on Overtime, and Pennies Galore Emily Brock, GFOA
11:30AM – 12:00PM	Closing Remarks

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EVENTS

TUESDAY

Explore Rogers &
dinner on your own.

WEDNESDAY

Forvis Mazars Night 5:30 - 8:30

Salt Grass Steakhouse
4044 S JB Hunt Drive
Rogers, AR 72758

Join us for finger foods and drinks,
provided by Forvis Mazars.
Be sure to stop and say hello and
thank you to David & Katie!!!

THURSDAY

AGFOA Appreciation Night

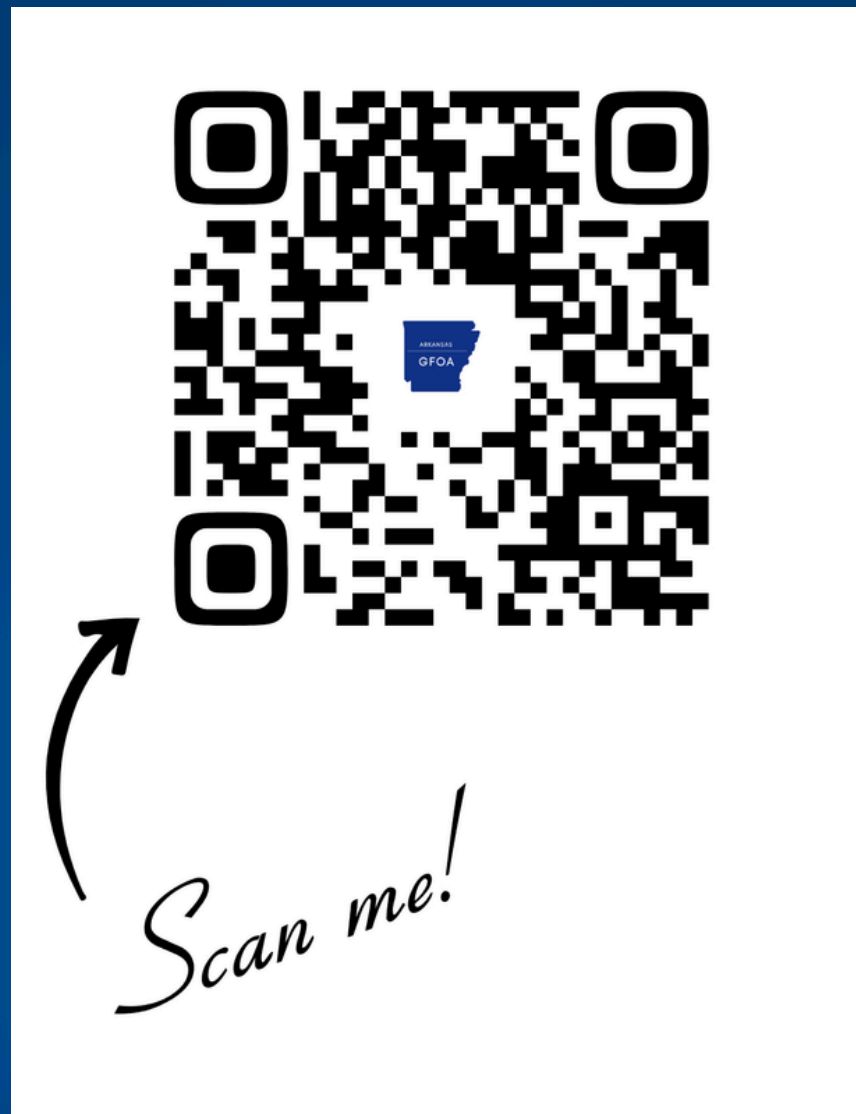
6:00 - 8:00

Top Golf
3919 S JB Hunt Drive
Rogers, AR 72758

Join us for fun night of golf, fajita
fiesta buffet, & 2 drinks included.

SPEAKERS

Please scan this QR code to view speaker bios on AGFOA's website



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