

# National Association of Elevator Contractors

70th Annual Convention and 2019 EXPO

Amway Grand Plaza & DeVos Place Convention Center – Grand Rapids, MI

Show Days: September 18 – 19 ☒ Convention: September 16 – 19

## 2019 TRADE SHOW FACTS

### **ADMISSION AND BADGES:**

Badges will be available for pick up at the Registration Counter located in the DeVos Place Convention Center. Please bring your registration confirmation. Registration information can be found online at [NAECConvention.com](http://NAECConvention.com).

Direct any questions you may have concerning Registration to Megan Ragan at 800.900.6232, 770.760.9660, or [megan@naec.org](mailto:megan@naec.org).

### **EXPO ONLY REGISTRATION:**

Admission to the Expo is \$80.00, with the exception of non-exhibiting suppliers. Each Exhibitor can provide a complimentary exhibit only registration code to their customers (not including Suppliers) and other key buyers to visit the exposition. Please note that these complimentary registrations are available through exhibitors only and may not be used by non-exhibiting Suppliers. Any Suppliers, or Exhibitors who register using this complimentary code will be marked invalid, and notified that their registration has been removed. These registrations are complimentary if the attendee registers by August 31, 2019. After August 31, 2019, the registration fee for the exposition will be \$80.00 for Members, \$110.00 for Non-Members. The registration is good for both show days. Attendees can register with the special exhibitor code online at [www.naeconvention.com](http://www.naeconvention.com); by mailing the form directly to 2019 EXPO Registration, 1298 Wellbrook Cir, Conyers, GA 30012 or by faxing the completed form to 770-760-9714.

### **Spouse/Guest Registration**

Please note that individuals registered as Spouse/Guests will not be allowed to enter the hall during exhibitor setup and dismantling. Spouse/Guests who will assist in the exhibit booth must register on a separate form as Exhibitor Personnel.

### **SUIT-CASING POLICY:**

**What is Suit-casing?** Suit casing is when a non-exhibiting company solicits business in exhibit hall aisles, another company's booth or public spaces within the convention center. Suit-casing practices include passing out brochures and business cards in the aisles or conducting meetings in special areas of the show floor such as the Delegate Lounge and Food Court.

**What is NAEC's Suit-casing Policy?** Any attendee who is observed to be soliciting business in the aisles or other public spaces, in another company's booth, or in violation of any portion of the NAEC Exhibition Policy will be asked to leave immediately. Additional penalties may be applied. Please report any violations you may observe to show management.

**Attendee Awareness:** Show management has alerted attendees of the policy on suit-casing through the registration brochures, confirmation letters, the program book, the exhibit hall guide and signs posted on the show floor. If approached by non-exhibiting companies soliciting their business during the trade show, we ask attendees to support the show's exhibitors and not engage in a business matter with them at that time. They are asked to report the incident to show management.

### **AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION:**

The Gerald R. Ford Airport provides convenient access to Grand Rapids.

National and regional airlines that fly to Grand Rapids are:

- Southwest
- Allegiant
- American Airlines
- Delta
- Frontier
- United

The DeVos place Convention Center is located about 20 minutes from Gerald R. Ford International Airport. For more information, please visit their website at [www.flygrandrapids.org](http://www.flygrandrapids.org).

### **CAR RENTAL**

The rental car agencies' counters are located on the first level of the parking garage of the Gerald R. Ford International Airport. Look for the rental car return lane as you approach the parking garage. Please note that NAEC Members receive a special discounted rate when booking online through Enterprise, and National Car Rental. For more information, please contact Megan Ragan-Megan@naec.org or call NAEC's Headquarters to request for the code. 770-760-9660

### **TAXI SERVICE**

Taxicabs are readily available and provide service to the Philadelphia metro area and surrounding counties. Check with your taxicab company of choice for more information on fares and destinations served.

### **LIMOUSINE SERVICE**

Visit the Experience Grand Rapids website for a listing of local companies offering limousine service. <https://www.experiencegr.com/>

### **HOUSING:**

#### **Amway Grand Plaza Hotel – Headquarters Hotel**

Directions: <https://amwaygrand.com/contact/directions>

Convention Room Rates: Single or Double Rooms start at \$169 Plus applicable tax

Reservation Deadline: August 26, 2019

Check-in/out: 4:00pm – 11:00am

Parking Fees: \$16 Self / \$25 Valet

Reservation Online: Link located at [www.naeconvention.com](http://www.naeconvention.com)

Reservation Deadline: Reservations must be received by August 26, 2019, whereupon rooms will revert back to open booking to the public. If you wish to cancel, please do so at least 72 hours prior to arrival to avoid cancellation penalties.

#### **Courtyard Grand Rapids Downtown**

Directions: <https://www.marriott.com/hotels/maps/travel/grrdt-courtyard-grand-rapids-downtown/>

Convention Room Rates: Single or Double Rooms start at \$179 Plus applicable tax

Reservation Deadline: August 26, 2019

Check-in/out: 4:00pm – 11:00am

Parking Fees: Off-site parking, fee: 6 USD hourly, 29 USD daily

On-site parking, fee: 4 USD hourly, 20 USD daily

Valet parking, fee: 25 USD daily

Reservation Online: Link located at [www.naeconvention.com](http://www.naeconvention.com)

Reservation Deadline: Reservations must be received by August 26, 2019, whereupon rooms will revert back to open booking to the public. If you wish to cancel, please do so at least 72 hours prior to arrival to avoid cancellation penalties.

### **JW Marriott Grand Rapids**

Directions: <https://www.marriott.com/hotels/maps/travel/grrjw-jw-marriott-grand-rapids/>

Convention Room Rates: Single or Double Rooms start at \$194 Plus applicable tax

Reservation Deadline: August 26, 2019

Check-in/out: 4:00pm – 11:00am

Parking Fees: Off-site parking, fee: 6 USD hourly, 29 USD daily

On-site parking, fee: 6 USD hourly, 29 USD daily

Valet parking, fee: 34 USD daily

Reservation Online: Link located at [www.naeconvention.com](http://www.naeconvention.com)

Reservation Deadline: Reservations must be received by August 26, 2019, whereupon rooms will revert back to open booking to the public. If you wish to cancel, please do so at least 72 hours prior to arrival to avoid cancellation penalties.

IMPORTANT: While Show Management has a number of rooms blocked at each convention hotel, any unsold rooms will be released for sale to the public after their respective reservation deadlines. Waiting until those dates will not ensure that you will get a room. Rooms are sold on a first-come, first-served basis.

### **BEWARE OF HOUSING SCAM**

NAEC has partnered directly with the Amway Grand Plaza as the exclusive hotel of the 70th Annual NAEC Convention and Expo in Grand Rapids. All accommodations booking should be done directly through the hotel. NAEC does not endorse or have a relationship with any other housing company!

Please note that all of our vendor forms will have the NAEC Logo. Visit [www.naeconvention.com](http://www.naeconvention.com) for direct links to hotel sites.

### **WEATHER IN GRAND RAPIDS:**

Average temperature in Grand Rapids in September: High 73° Low 52°. The best time of year to visit Grand Rapids for warm-weather activities is from mid-June to early September. The month of September in Grand Rapids experiences gradually increasing cloud cover, with the percentage of time that the sky is overcast. However, the overall temperature remains pleasant.