Southern Region & 1890 National Urban Extension Conference 2023
Vibrant Southern Cities Reaching for the Stars

August 8-10, 2023
Houston Marriott West Loop by the Galleria
1750 West Loop South
Houston, TX 77027

Calls for Presentation Proposals

Timeline of Important Dates & Information:

Call for Proposals:
April 1st-May 15th, 2023

Selected presenters' confirmation of acceptance:
June 15th, 2023

Conference Website: https://harris.agrilife.org/ (Conference Web Page Coming Soon)

Conference Overview:
NUEL's Southern and 1890s Region, Prairie View A&M Cooperative Extension, and Texas A&M AgriLife are pleased to invite you to attend the 2023 NUEL Southern and 1890s Regional Conference in Houston, TX, on August 8-10, 2023. The conference's theme is *Vibrant Southern Cities Reaching for the Stars.* The conference intends for members of the Southern and 1890 regions to showcase the issues and responses circulating in their urban counties and Extension's response.

The conference will provide networking opportunities and share research and innovative educational strategies and responses that address the needs of urban, suburban, and peri-urban populations and urban-rural interdependencies.

Topics/Areas of Interest:
The conference will focus on the five National Urban Extension Leaders (NUEL) Focus Areas. Please ensure your proposal directly addresses one of the following:

- Strengthening Communities
- Protecting the Environment
- Improving Health
- Enriching Youth
- Feeding our Communities: Local food systems and networks

Individual Presentations:
Individual oral presentations on topics related to the conference theme or other topical areas of interest will be 45 minutes and moderated to ensure time restrictions. Presentations should be concise, with well-developed concepts, applications, and results.

Lightning Talks:
Lightning Talks are structured and focused presentations on the conference objectives. Presenters will have precisely 5 minutes to present, using 10 slides. Slides will automatically advance every 15 seconds. View a Lightning Talk example. Here are a few resources: how-to videos, tips, and why give an ignite talk.

Poster Presentations:
The presenter uses a poster to describe a project, research results, program summaries, or lessons learned as a visual display. The poster includes a brief narrative, tables, graphs, pictures, and other presentation formats. In PowerPoint, begin by creating a 1-slide. You will be able to introduce your poster to an audience with other posters of similar subject matter for 5 minutes. You should provide enough information to capture the participant's interest, leading to a conversation about your poster.

Use PowerPoint presentation -choose a blank slide. (The full poster must be contained in only one slide.) Adjust the slide size to make the poster dimensions a maximum of 36"x 48" or 48" x 36" or a smaller size if desired. Save your poster as a .pptx file while you are working on it. (When you are all finished and ready to submit your poster, save a copy as .pdf). The poster file size may not exceed 10MB.

How to Submit:

Proposals Submission Link: Qualtrics Call for Proposals

Be prepared to provide the following information:

- Indicate what type of presentation formation (individual, Lightning Talk, or Poster)
- Provide a title (100 characters max—or ten words max) that briefly identifies the content and audience and should be able to stand alone and give a clear idea of what will happen in the session.
- Provide an abstract of no more than 200 words, focusing on how your topic addresses one of the five priority areas. High priority will be given to abstracts with a clear presentation of the methodology/approach and the results/outcomes obtained. Topics should reflect diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts.
- Contact information for the lead presenter/point of contact

- o Title
- o Land-Grant Institution/Organization
- o Complete address (include the specific department)
- o Email
- o Phone
- Subject Matter Expertise
  - o Strengthening Communities
  - o Protecting the Environment
  - o Improving Health
  - o Enriching Youth
  - o Feeding our Communities: Local food systems and networks

Selection Process and Application Requirements:

- The Program Committee will review all proposals. Initial selection decisions will be made by June 1st, with notice to applicants by June 2nd. Selected presenters will have 14 days to accept. The Program Committee is responsible for placing sessions in the program at a day and time that best suits the overall program.
- Those interested in presenting at the conference must be registered with payment made by the early registration date (see website for specific dates). Those not registered and paid by that date will be dropped from the program.
- Presenters must provide electronic versions of their digital presentations before the conference to be uploaded on the appropriate computer.
- If you are selected to present at the conference, you will be asked to:
  - o Confirm your interest and ability to present

  - o Indicate any special audio-visual or presentation needs you will have. The conference will provide laptops and projectors. Access to in-room audio equipment and Wi-Fi will have to be requested at the time of confirmation of acceptance.
  - o The conference intends to share the conference presentations and materials through various media. In addition to their digital presentations, presenters must provide electronic copies of any other materials at or before the conference so they can be further disseminated.

Please, if you have any proposal-related questions, contact:

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