



Annual Conference Site Application Form

PROPOSAL FOR 2022 ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN THE WESTERN REGION

All forms and supplemental information must be submitted to David Civittolo, Past President, NACDEP, via e-mail to assoc.manager@nacdep.net. Submissions of applications should be made by March 28, 2020 for full consideration. Multi-state applications are welcome.

I. Proposed Conference City: Indianapolis **State: Indiana**

II. Proposed Dates¹ *(please consider hotel/conference room availability)*

First Choice: June 5-8, 2022

Second Choice: June 12-15, 2022

III. Proposed Committee Members

Conference Co-chair *(Local Conference Chair serving with NACDEP President-Elect)*

Name: Tamara Ogle (NACDEP Committee Member)

Title/Organization: Purdue Extension

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Additional Local Conference Committee Members *(option to attach list of additional members)*

a. Name: Michael Wilcox (NACDEP Past President)

Title/Organization: Purdue Extension Community Development Program Leader

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b. Name: Melinda Grismer (Comm Comm Chairperson & NACDEP President-Elect)

Title/Organization: Community & Regional Development Specialist, PCRD

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¹The Executive Committee will review proposals and select the site of the NACDEP Annual Conference. Conference dates will be proposed by the sponsoring state. Historically, NACDEP Annual Conference takes place between Sunday and Wednesday in a given week sometime from March through June. Favorable seasonal weather conditions should be considered when selecting dates. Furthermore, conflicts with other organizations such as the Community Development Society; National Extension Tourism (NET) Conference; other JCEP member organizations; state/regional organization conferences; and academic discipline conferences such as AAEA, Rural Sociology, etc., should also be considered in date selection.

IV. Please discuss the proposed conference site's ability to attract conference attendees²:

- a. *General information (please include information on airport airline service, population of host city, and other pertinent details, etc.)*

Fifty-percent of the United States population lives within an eight-hour drive of Indianapolis, the crossroads of America. While this well-regarded Midwestern city doesn't have the "destination" appeal of mountain or coastal locations, it is a practical choice for Community Development Extension professionals interested in a fun summer road trip or quick flight that might include a pre- or post-visit with friends or family members who they can see along the way. With a population of just over 850,000, Indianapolis offers a lot for a mid-sized city. No more than a 20-minute trip from the top-rated Indianapolis airport, it is very convenient to get to downtown Indianapolis by public bus transport or taxi cab/uber for between \$13-35 each way (depending on your transportation preference). Indianapolis boasts a compact, walkable city center that has you strolling past major attractions and top-notch restaurants.

- b. *Examples of off-site experiential professional development opportunities*

Although all of the mobile workshop ideas have not been thoroughly vetted, there are lots of possibilities that will certainly interest NACDEP attendees. Community development is woven into the fabric of the sports, arts, music, food and lifestyles that Indianapolis represents. Local venues, such as the Madam Walker Theatre, the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center, and the eight-mile cultural trail were built on the vision of community developers. We envision offering a wide selection of off-site experiential professional development opportunities that provide an up-close, outdoors and/or personal introduction to the people and places of Indianapolis (<https://www.visitindy.com/indianapolis-indy-like-a-local>) customized to the interests of community development professionals from across the country. The Alexander, our first choice for the conference hotel, is a first-class, innovative space designed for networking, art appreciation and sustainable dining powered by a creative culinary team par excellence.

- c. *Tourism and recreational opportunities for both participants and guests.*

Indianapolis is known as a sports town. During the summertime, the Fever (women's basketball), the Indians (minor league baseball team), and Indy Eleven (semi-professional soccer team) play at local venues just a short walk from the downtown hotels. The NCAA museum (located adjacent to its headquarters in Indianapolis) is an interesting browse, and a bit further away, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum (on the grounds of the Indy 500 race) will likely be a draw. Perhaps less known, but just as interesting, are the arts and culture opportunities that abound in Indianapolis, from the world-renowned Indianapolis Children's Museum, to the [Eiteljorg Museum](#) and the Indianapolis Museum of Art (recently renamed Newfields), they all host fascinating exhibits and tours all year long. Conference-goers will also want to check out Fountain Square Cultural District and Mass Avenue, all within walking distance of the conference hotel. There are lots of opportunities to stretch in the outdoors, walking (or biking, using Pacers Bikeshare) the connected paths of White River State Park along the canal, spending time at Eagle Creek Park or visiting the Indianapolis Zoo & Butterfly Gardens.

² The NACDEP Annual Conference is typically held Sunday thru Wednesday with dates ranging from mid-March to mid-June.

V. Conference Hotel Options by Choice. Please see attached sample menu and AV list with current prices for each potential location and provide the following information.

Hotel Contact Information	Number of Lodging Rooms Available for NACDEP Block (125 minimum)	Proposed Daily Lodging Room Rate (incl. taxes & fees)	Number of Available Meeting Rooms (30 person min.)	Free Internet in Rooms^ (Y/N)	Distance from Airport (Miles & Minutes)	Free Airport Shuttle* (Y/N)	Free Hotel Parking^ (Y/N)	Spillover Hotel Option~ (Y/N)	Incentives, Comments & Notes
1st: The Alexander	125+ Total available: 200 Total suites: 55 Attrition: 80%	\$179 (+ 17% tax) 1:50 comp ratio 25 comp upgrades	12 general session/ meeting rooms; fee waived with \$36,000 F&B	Yes. Complimentary wi-fi access in guest rooms, meeting spaces and public areas	10 miles, 15 minutes from Indy airport	No. Taxi cab service for \$35 each way Go Green Airport Shuttle = \$13/ person/way	Parking garage attached to the hotel via skywalk. Self-parking = \$35/overnight	Yes. The Omni & The Conrad.	Whole hotel to ourselves; intimate, personal, artsy; with creative, sustainable food.
2nd: The Crowne Plaza	125+ Total available: 225 Total suites: 177 Attrition: 80%	\$175 (+ 17% tax) 1:40 comp ratio 2 comp upgrades	10 breakout/ general session/ meeting rooms for \$1,500/day. \$18,000 F&B	Yes. Complimentary wi-fi access in guest rooms, meeting spaces and public areas	12 miles, 20 minutes from Indy airport	No. Taxi cab service for \$35 each way Go Express Airport Shuttle = \$13/ person/way	Crowne Plaza doesn't own parking lots; valet = \$42; surrounding lots cost \$30.	Yes. Embassy Suites, Sheraton City Centre	Renovated train station/ Pullman sleeper cars; historic feel; low cost; lots of space
3rd: The Hyatt	125+ Total available: 225 Total suites: 177 Attrition: 80%	\$189 (+ 17% tax) 1:40 comp ratio 5 comp upgrades \$139	10 general session/ meeting rooms; fee waived with \$50,000 F&B	Yes. Complimentary wi-fi access in guest rooms, meeting spaces public areas.	13 miles, 15 minutes from Indy airport	No. Taxi cab service for \$35 each way Uber = \$17-\$22 per trip	Underground parking lot not owned by Hyatt. Self-parking = \$38/day	Yes. The Westin, Embassy Suites, and Conrad are all connected skywalk.	NACDEP would "own" the third floor; to be fully renovated May 2020; near downtown.