

BEST PRACTICES

2026 EXPO OCTOBER 13-15 INDIANAPOLIS, IN
COMPRESSED AIR / VACUUM / COOLING
CABPEXPO.COM

AGENDA AT A GLANCE

TRACK 1: SYSTEM DESIGN & OPTIMIZATION | TRACK 2: MAINTENANCE, RELIABILITY & PERFORMANCE

*All sessions are subject to change

TUESDAY, OCT. 13, 2026

SESSION #1: 8:00AM-9:15AM

TRACK 1: NATURAL REFRIGERANTS AND HEAT PUMP ENERGY SAVINGS

Mustafa Wahid, Roche Diagnostics; Rob Tanner, Johnson Controls

SESSION #2: 9:30AM-11:00AM

TRACK 1: OPTIMIZING CHILLER PLANTS AND FREE COOLING SYSTEMS

Hemant Tiwari, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital; Jim Nonnenmann, PRVN Consultants

SESSIONS #1 & #2: 8:00AM-10:30AM

TRACK 2: CAGI EDUCATION SEMINAR – COMPRESSED AIR EFFICIENCY, AUDITING PRACTICES AND CERTIFICATION

Neil Mehltrittter, Kaeser Compressors; Justin Russell, Ingersoll Rand; Mark Krisa, Ingersoll Rand; Chad Larrabee, Compressed Air & Gas Institute



11:15AM-12:15PM | OPEN TO ALL ATTENDEES

OPENING DAY PANEL DISCUSSION: The Critical Importance of Industrial Energy & Water Efficiency

Moderated by Andrew Berger, President, Indiana Manufacturers Association; Roderick Smith, Compressed Air Best Practices.

Panelists: Mustafa Wahid, Roche Diagnostics; Brad Runda, Runda Energy Consulting;

Jim Nonnenmann, PRVN Consultants; Jose Luis Sarmiento Escalante, John Deere



WEDNESDAY, OCT. 14, 2026

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7:30AM-9:00AM

WOMEN IN COMPRESSED AIR, VACUUM & COOLING NETWORKING BREAKFAST From Exception to Expectation: How Women Are Rewriting What Leadership Looks Like

Keynote Speaker: Laura Lemons, Director, Administrative Services Center, Eli Lilly and Company



SESSION #3: 8:00AM-9:15AM

TRACK 1: INTEGRATED ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND DECARBONIZATION CASE STUDY

John Troyer, Schneider Electric; Edward Kiser, PE, World Energy Innovations

TRACK 2: COMPRESSED AIR IS A FOOD INGREDIENT – SAFETY FIRST SPECIFICATIONS

Roderick Smith, Compressed Air Best Practices; Phil Kruger, Harris Equipment

SESSION #4: 9:30AM-11:00AM

TRACK 1: INTERMITTENT DEMAND CONTROL STRATEGIES: FROM MULTIPLE VSD COMPRESSORS TO SOLUTIONS FOR BIG AIR EVENTS

Tim Dugan, Compression Engineering Corporation; Tom Taranto, Data Power Services

TRACK 2: SUSTAINED ENERGY REDUCTION THROUGH OPERATIONAL DISCIPLINE AND ENERGY MANAGEMENT

Jose Luis Sarmiento Escalante, John Deere; Brad Runda, ICF (under contract to Oak Ridge National Lab and U.S. DOE)

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PLENARY SESSION: The Future of Manufacturing

Jake Hall, the Manufacturing Millennial, explores workforce pressures, rising production demands, energy challenges and the need to optimize core plant utilities.



OCT. 13 OR OCT. 14: 2:00PM-3:30PM

CERTIFIED COMPRESSED AIR SYSTEM SPECIALIST EXAM



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THURSDAY, OCT. 15, 2026

SESSION #5 : 8:00AM-10:00AM

TRACK 1: DESIGNING HIGH-PERFORMANCE COMPRESSED AIR SYSTEMS

Bryan Jensen, Independent; Peter Vinck, Inflow Corp; Gil Rangel, ADG Concepts

TRACK 2: REAL-WORLD COMPRESSED AIR RELIABILITY AND MAINTENANCE LESSONS

Sal Calvo, Compressed Air USA; William Orndorff, Kiriu USA; Mustafa Uslu, Revindus

SESSION #6 : 10:15AM-12:00PM

TRACK 1: UTILITY INCENTIVES, M&V & DEMAND-SIDE OPTIMIZATION

Billy Alston, TRC; Karthik Radhakrishnan, Energy Sciences; Nasr Alkadi, CLEAResult

TRACK 2: COOLING CHALLENGES AND PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS IN PLANT OPERATIONS

Clayton Penhallegon, Integrated Services Group; Tom Thompson, Efficient Plastics Solutions; Richard Francis, CM Towers

Conference Workshops

Compressed Air Challenge

Learn how to achieve 10-30% cost savings through more effective production and use of compressed air. Participants must attend all sessions.

OCT. 13, 1:00PM-4:00PM |

OCT. 14, 8:00AM-11AM AND 2:00PM-4:00PM



Compressed Air Treasure Hunt

Go beyond your annual leak audit with five demand side Treasure Hunt projects that reduce flow and pressure to uncover energy savings. Includes hands on work with fully operational table top compressed air labs and pneumatic circuits.

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Pneumatic Conveying

Strengthen your skills in pneumatic conveying system design and troubleshooting. Complete live sizing exercises, review case studies and participate in a group mock system design activity.

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Industrial Chilled Water

Advanced training on the design, operation and optimization of process chillers and industrial chilled water systems.

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Sales Engineering

Sales Foundations – Introduces the core skills needed to confidently engage prospects and guide conversations that lead to revenue. Two identical sessions offered.

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OCT. 15, 8:00AM-11:00AM

Precision Prospecting – A fast-paced, practical session focused on building a reliable prospecting system.

OCT. 14, 9:30AM-11:00AM



EXPO FLOOR HOURS

Tuesday, October 13 12:00PM-6:00PM
Wednesday, October 14 12:00PM-5:00PM

Leak Detection Pavilion

Locate compressed air leaks, demo ultrasonic leak detector technology, learn best practices for planning and conducting leak assessments and discover how to use leak quantification and cost analysis tools to estimate potential energy savings.



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OCT. 14, 12:00PM-3:30PM

New Technology Pavilion

Explore new technologies from leading manufacturers of compressed air, filtration, monitoring and pneumatic components.

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Networking Event at Punch Bowl Social



Relax and connect with colleagues at our annual networking event. Enjoy unlimited arcade play, food, drinks and a vibrant atmosphere in the heart of downtown Indianapolis.

OCT. 13, 6:30PM-9:00PM

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