**SPONSORSHIP** 

OPPORTUNITIES





OUR Reach YOUR Sponsorship



# ENGAGE

**OUR** Mission: turning complicated issues the industry is currently facing into building blocks for the future.

**OUR** 90+ Member companies **OUR** 110+ Industry partners

**OUR** Programs and services

**OUR** Network and connections

**OUR** Education and training services

**OUR** Conference

... is made possible, thanks to **YOUR** support.

# YOUR sponsorship matters



The Gas Machinery Research Council (GMRC) is a leading community of natural gas professionals dedicated to advancing reliability, efficiency, and cost-effectiveness in gas compression and machinery. For over 70 years, we've provided a platform for learning, collaboration, and innovation.

With your support, GMRC continues to:

- Drive cutting-edge research
- Advance industry best practices
- Support professional development
- Foster collaboration among experts

Your sponsorship of the 2025 Gas Machinery Conference (GMC) Louisville — enables us to deliver top-tier technical training, cutting-edge research, and valuable networking opportunities. This event features:

- 70+ training sessions led by industry experts
- 100+ exhibitors showcasing the latest technology
- Continuing education credits for professional development

Now more than ever, innovation and efficiency are critical to our industry's success. Your sponsorship fuels research, knowledge-sharing, and the future of gas machinery.

**OUR** reach of visibility, exhibition, networking, and member services — and **YOUR** sponsorship support — links an industry of people, ideas, and information **TOGETHER**.

We look forward to partnering with you to maximize your sponsorship impact.

#### **SUZANNE OGLE**

President & CEO, Southern Gas Association President, Gas Machinery Research Council

# What YOUR sponsorship provides

#### **BRAND VISIBILITY**

Put your brand front and center in the multiple mass e-marketing and social media campaigns promoting this year's schedule. **The higher your sponsor level, the more visibility.** 

## **LEAD GENERATION**

GMRC programs provide you access to qualified customers, business development connections, and even non-competing businesses that can collaborate with you on future projects.

### **CUSTOMER PERCEPTION**

Customers have a positive and reputable perception of businesses and brands that provide experiences, social content, and sponsorships of organizations such as GMRC. Over 98% of consumers share (and tag, follow and re-share) social content while attending these events and experiences.

### TARGETED MARKETING

Stand out from the competition and engage one-on-one with people from all segments of the natural gas industry looking for relevant ideas and solutions. We'll work with you to target your ideal audience through multiple marketing channels, event locations and conference experiences.

### RETURN ON INVESTMENT

Well after our events, program sponsors find value through joint marketing and partner participation. The return is measurable through elevated recognition, new customer leads, brand awareness, memorable experiences, and new relationships and partner connections.

# SEP 28-OCT 1 LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

The Gas Machinery Conference offers technical training and presentations, provided by the industry's leading subject matter experts. Educational sessions and technical papers on recent GMRC research are valuable for design engineers, facility engineers, technicians and others, with an emphasis on the operation, maintenance and testing of gas compression machinery. GMC will feature many exhibitors with dedicated exhibit hall times and events.

Interested in exhibiting? Please connect with Cristina Lau now to request your booth at Cristina.Lau@SouthernGas.org







# **REQUIREMENTS**

Check this list in order to sponsor the GMC conference:

- Companies must be a GMRC or SGA member
- Sponsors can choose from either a general sponsorship OR a conference event/ enhancement (if available) under each Sponsor level
- Simply choose your preferred level of support and which item you would like to sponsor
- There is no limit to the amount of General Sponsors accepted, but specialty items are limited to one sponsor only
- If you select to sponsor a specialty item (keycards, lanyards, etc.), you will be responsible for sourcing, ordering, shipping and paying for these items.

# GMC Conference Sponsorship Levels



## **TRIPLE FLAME**

Triple Flame sponsors receive recognition as follows:

- Company logo listed in all conference email communications and in the GMC Today
- Digital recognition on conference monitors if provided at Center
- Logo in onsite guidebook
- Logo in mobile app
- Podium and visual recognition in general session
- One time only request for a list of attendees who opted-in to share their contact details with suppliers. This request should be within three-weeks before or after program. Multipile requests cannot be accommodated. Reach out to memberservices@southerngas.org
- 2-minute video advertisement played at conference
- Logo hyperlinked on conference webpage
- Opportunity to sponsor ONE workshop for calendar year
- Corporate collateral can be displayed on designated sponsor table(s) in networking area
- Floor sticker at booth (exhibitors only)
- Logo on Triple Flame level meter board sign
- 25% off GMC Today advertisement

Select an option below:

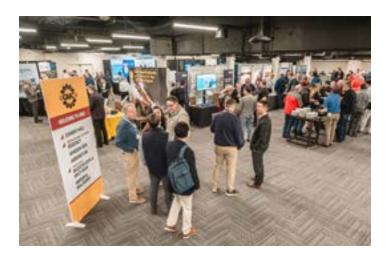
# ☐ General Triple Flame Sponsor \$20,000

- Receives everything listed under Triple Flame
- One speaking opportunity at special event

# ☐ Evening Receptions \$20,000

Please select a date: Sunday, Monday or Tuesday

- Receives everything listed under Triple Flame
- Option to welcome attendees at the selected reception
- Branding on all reception signage and bars
- Exclusive option to provide branded reception items (cups, napkins, etc – sponsor makes all arrangements to source and provide these items onsite)





# **DIAMOND**

Diamond sponsors receive recognition as follows:

- Company logo listed in all conference email communications and in the GMC Today
- Logo in onsite guidebook
- Logo in mobile app
- Podium and visual recognition in general session
- 1-minute video advertisement played at conference
- Logo hyperlinked on conference webpage
- Opportunity to sponsor ONE workshop for calendar year
- Corporate collateral can be displayed on designated sponsor table(s) in networking area
- Floor sticker at booth (exhibitors only)
- Logo on Diamond meter board sign
- 20% off GMC Today advertisement

Select an option below:

# ☐ General Diamond Sponsor \$15,000

Receives everything listed under Diamond

# ■ Monday General Session With Lunch

\$15,000

- Receives everything listed under Diamond
- Logo on general session signage
- Logo recognition on screen as attendees enter the room
- Opportunity to welcome attendees
- Can provide welcome remarks
- Logo recognition on screen

# □ Conference WiFi \$15,000

- Receives everything listed under Diamond
- Company branding on WiFi login link 900+ attendees will have your company name on their mind daily as they type in the WiFi password

# □ Exhibit Hall \$15,000

- Receives everything listed under Diamond
- Branded directional signage
- Branded aisle floor signage throughout exhibit hall



# GMC Conference Sponsorship Levels



## **PLATINUM**

Platinum sponsors receive recognition as follows:

- Recognition on signage and print material at conference
- Logo in onsite guidebook
- Logo in mobile app
- Podium and visual recognition in general session
- Logo hyperlinked on conference webpage
- Opportunity to sponsor ONE workshop for calendar year
- Corporate collateral can be displayed on designated sponsor table(s) in networking area
- Floor sticker at booth (exhibitors only)
- 15% off GMC Today advertisement

Select an option below:

# □ General Platinum Sponsor \$10,000

Receives everything listed under Platinum

# ■ Badge Lanyards \$10,000

- Receives everything listed under Platinum
- Sponsor receives exclusive right to offer branded conference badge lanyards to 750+ attendees which will be handed out at registration to each attendee
- Lanyard sponsor will make all arrangements to source and provide these items onsite at additional cost to sponsor

# ☐ Head Shot Studio \$10,000

Sponsor the Head Shot Studio for attendees to take a professional head shot.

- Receives everything listed under Platinum
- Sponsor receives recognition in the booth where head shots will be taken



# ☐ Tuesday Lunch in Exhibit Hall \$10,000

- Receives everything listed under Platinum
- Special signage at the lunch
- Added logo recognition in guidebook
- Exclusive option to provide branded luncheon items (cups, napkins, etc. Sponsor makes all arrangements to source and provide these items onsite)

# ■ Way Finding Signage and Floor Clings \$10,000

- Receives everything listed under Platinum
- Branded daily directional and/or floor clings for attendees to find their way from HQ Hotel to Convention Center



# **GOLD**

Gold sponsors receive recognition as follows:

- Recognition on signage and print material at conference
- Logo in mobile app
- Logo on conference webpage (no hyperlink)
- 10% off GMC Today advertisement

Select an option below:

# □ General Gold Sponsor \$7,500

Receives everything listed under Gold

# □ Conference Tote Bags \$7,500

- Receives everything listed under Gold
- Sponsor receives exclusive right to offer branded conference tote bags to 750+ attendees which will be available at registration to each registrant
- Tote bag sponsor will make all arrangements to source and provide these items onsite at additional cost to sponsor

# ☐ Hotel Key Cards \$7,500

- Receives everything listed under Gold
- Sponsor receives exclusive right to offer branded hotel key cards to 750+ attendees to be delivered and handed out to registrants at the Hyatt as the host hotel
- Key card sponsor will make all arrangements to source and provide these items onsite at additional cost to sponsor

# □ Sports/Water Bottles \$7,500

- Receives everything listed under Gold
- Sponsor receives exclusive right to offer branded bottles to 750+ attendees
- Reusable bottles will be handed out at registration
- Bottle sponsor will make all arrangements to source and provide these items onsite at additional cost to sponsor

# ■ Mobile App \$7,500

- Receives everything listed under Gold
- Prominent logo placement within mobile app seen by all attendees utilizing daily show guide

# ■ Wednesday Lunch in Exhibit Hall \$7,500

- Receives everything listed under Gold
- Special signage at the lunch
- Exclusive option to provide branded luncheon items (cups, napkins, etc. Sponsor makes all arrangements to source and provide these items onsite)

# ☐ Tech Update Sessions \$7,500

Sponsor two days of the Tech Updates

- Receives everything listed under Gold
- Walk in logo branding on screen in Tech Update Room





# GMC Conference Sponsorship Levels



## **SILVER**

Silver sponsors receive recognition as follows:

- Recognition on signage and print material at conference
- Logo on conference webpage (no hyperlink)
- Recognition during conference general session
- 5% off GMC Today advertisement

Select an option below:

# ☐ General Silver Sponsor \$5,500

Receives everything listed under Silver

# □ Conference Notepads \$5,500

- Receives everything listed under Silver
- Receives exclusive right to offer branded notepads to 750+ attendees
- Notepad sponsor will make all arrangements to source and provide these items onsite at additional cost to sponsor

# □ Conference Pens \$5,500

- Receives everything listed under Silver
- Receives exclusive right to offer branded pens to 750+ attendees
- Pen sponsor will make all arrangements to source and provide these items onsite at additional cost to sponsor

# □ Breakout Room \$5,500

Limited Availability

- Receives everything listed under Silver
- Walk in logo branding on screen in a breakout room for the ENTIRE day

# ☐ Coffee Break \$5,500

Please select a date: Tuesday or Wednesday

- Receives everything listed under Silver
- 2 coffee breaks per selected day
- Logo recognition on signage at selected break
- Recognition in conference app on selected day
- Exclusive option to provide branded break items (coffee mugs/cups, napkins, etc – sponsor makes all arrangements to source and provide these items onsite at additional cost to sponsor)

# **BRONZE**

Bronze sponsors receive recognition as follows:

- Recognition on signage and print material at conference
- Recognition during conference general session
- Recognition in conference app
- Option to purchase ad in conference guidebook

# ☐ General Bronze Sponsor \$3,500

Receives everything listed under Bronze

New sponsorship ideas are always welcome. Do you have an idea but don't see it on this list? We will be happy to work with you on coordination and accommodation of the sponsorship





# **GMC Sponsor Agreement Form**



# **SPONSOR INFORMATION**

Company Name:		
Sponsor Representative:		Title:
Business Address:		
City:	State:	ZIP/Postal Code, Country:
Business Phone:	Email:	
Company Website:		
	or placement canno	t be guaranteed on printed materials or website produced by GMRC
Cancellation Policy: Sponsorships are non-cancellab the level of sponsorship.	ole. Promotion of yo	ur sponsorship will begin after payment is received and will align wit
GMC SPONSORSHIP DETAILS		
GMC Conference Sponsor Level:		Sponsorship Value: \$
Sponsored Event/Item:		
METHOD OF PAYMENT (CHECK	ONE)	
Check enclosed in US\$	Credit Card	3% Convenience fee for Credit Card transactions. Call with credit card details.
Return form to: Tina Hamlin <u>Tina.Hamlin@SouthernGas.org</u>		Please Note: Your credit card will be charged the full amount
Questions: 202.255.2698		(listed in Sponsorship Value) upon receipt of this signed agreement.
SIGN AND DATE BELOW		
GMRC Representative:Tina Hamlin	S <sub>I</sub>	oonsor Representative:
Signature:	Signature:	
Date:	Date:	

**ACCEPTANCE:** Sponsor has read the Terms & Conditions on the next page of this Agreement. Sponsor understands that this Agreement shall be legally binding between GMRC and the Sponsor. Sponsor also understands that any changes in the information in this Agreement must be provided to GMRC in writing.

#### TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SPONSORSHIP

#### 1. AGREEMENT

These terms and conditions of sponsorship (the "Terms and Conditions") are entered into by GMRC ("GMRC") and the sponsor ("Sponsor"), whose name is set forth on the Sponsorship Agreement Form (the "Sponsor Form"). Together, the Sponsor Form and these Terms and Conditions (collectively, the "Sponsorship Agreement") shall govern the performance of the Sponsor (the "Sponsorship"), as described further in this Sponsorship Agreement. Capitalized terms not otherwise defined in these Terms and Conditions shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Event Sponsorship Form. Unless otherwise specifically noted, all references in these Terms and Conditions to paragraphs or sections will refer to the paragraphs and sections of these Terms and Conditions. GMRC reserves the right to accept or refuse any Sponsorship Agreement or proposed Sponsorship, in its sole discretion.

#### 2. PAYMENT & CANCELLATION POLICY

Full payment must be received with the Sponsor Form to secure the Sponsorship. Without full payment GMRC cannot guarantee and will not reserve the Sponsorship for Sponsor. Sponsorships are non-cancellable. Sponsorships are non-transferable.

#### 3. CONFLICTING MEETINGS AND SOCIAL EVENTS.

In the interest of the success of the Conference, Sponsor agrees not to extend invitations to social events, call meetings, or otherwise encourage absence of any other conference registrants or members of the Council from the Conference and/or Exhibit at any time during the Conference and/or Exhibition, except on those days and during those times that the Council designates for such activities.

#### 4. SPONSORSHIP APPROVAL

All Sponsorship activities and promotions are subject to approval by GMRC. GMRC reserves the right to restrict, prohibit, or remove any activity, material, or promotion by Sponsor which, in its opinion and at its sole discretion, becomes objectionable for any reason and may detract from the general character of the Event. Such activities and promotions may include, but are not limited to, persons, objects, conduct, printed materials and anything which GMRC determines to be objectionable. In no event shall GMRC be liable for any expenses incurred as a result of such restriction, prohibition or removal.

#### **5. COMPANY RECOGNITION**

A Sponsorship shall exist under one (1) corporate brand name only and cannot be shared between two (2) or more entities unless special circumstances warrant shared recognition.

#### 6. HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS MUST BE AT GMC HOST HOTEL

All sponsor representatives will be required to stay at GMRC's assigned hotel and within GMRC Room Block for the duration of sponsored event. Sponsor is responsible for securing hotel reservations for ALL of its sponsor representatives at the time of event registration. Should Sponsor fail to utilize GMRC's Room Block, Sponsor is in breach of Sponsor Agreement.

#### 7. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

Each party is an independent contractor. This Sponsorship Agreement does not constitute either party as an agent, representative or partner of the other and neither shall have the authority to enter into contracts or obligations on the other's behalf. Each party shall be solely responsible for all debts and obligations incurred by it in performing its obligations under the Sponsorship Agreement, including, without limitation, all obligations to and in respect of its employees, and each party agrees to indemnify the other to the extent a party is held to be liable for a debt or obligation of the other party under this paragraph.

#### **8. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

Subject to the provisions below relating to termination of the Agreement, GMRC's trademarks, service marks, brand names, logos and artwork displayed on the signs and other materials hereunder, and all trademark rights or copyrights in such signs and other materials, shall be and remain the sole and exclusive property of GMRC. Sponsor shall not have the right to use in any way or reproduce for any purpose the corporate or trade names, trademarks, service marks, logos or other proprietary symbols of GMRC without the GMRC's prior written consent. GMRC's use of Sponsor's name and logo pursuant to the Sponsorship does not convey GMRC's approval, endorsement, certification, or referral of any product or service provided by Sponsor.

#### 9. TERMINATION

Sponsor may not terminate this Sponsorship Agreement for any reason after Sponsor Contract is signed and received by GMRC. GMRC may terminate this Sponsorship Agreement at any time in the event of material breach of this Sponsorship Agreement (including without limitation non-payment of fees) by Sponsor. In the event that GMRC terminates the Sponsorship Agreement following a material breach, Sponsor shall receive no refund of the Sponsorship fee.

#### **10. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY**

The council's liability to sponsor hereunder shall not, under any circumstances, exceed the amounts paid to the council by sponsor pursuant to the contract. In no event shall the council be liable for any indirect, consequential, special, exemplary or punitive damages regardless of the theory of recovery upon which such damages may be based and regardless of whether or not the council has been advised of the possibility of the same.

#### 11. INDEMNIFICATION

Sponsor agrees to indemnify and hold GMRC, the Event facility and its owners, officers, committees, directors, employees and agents (collectively, the "Indemnitees") harmless from any and all claims, damages, costs, losses, expenses, causes of action, liabilities and obligations of whatever nature or type, which the Sponsor has, or may have, or which have been, or could have been, or in the future otherwise might have asserted against it in connection with acts of the Sponsor, its directors, shareholders, officers, agents or employees. Upon signing this Agreement, Sponsor expressly releases the Indemnitees from any and all claims for loss, damage or injury.

# 12. INABILITY TO HOLD CONFERENCE OR CHANGE IN SCHEDULED DATES

If because of war, strike, the destruction, construction or renovation of the Conference Venue, government order, terrorist act, act of God, pandemic or other cause beyond the control of the Council, the Conference and Exhibition or any part thereof is prevented from being held, the Council shall be relieved of its obligations under these Terms and Conditions. If the Event proceeds in an alternate format, i.e. Virtual, the event is considered "not canceled". Sponsorships are non-refundable. The Council shall determine the remaining aggregate value of the sponsorship fees as of the date of cancellation or postponement and apply the remaining sponsorship value to an upcoming conference as agreed to by the parties. Exhibitor(s) and/or Sponsor(s) acknowledge and agree that the Council may be required to change the scheduled dates of the Conference and Exhibition as set forth in the Contract for reasons beyond its control or for reasons that, in the sole judgment of the Council, will benefit the Conference and Exhibition and the participating exhibitors and sponsors. In the event that the Council is required, or decides, to change the dates of the Conference and Exhibition, the Council will make its best efforts to notify exhibitors and sponsors in writing of such change at least thirty (30) days prior to the dates originally set forth in the Contract.

## 13. JURISDICTION; VENUE; GOVERNING LAW

Sponsor hereby consents to the exclusive jurisdiction of the federal and state courts of Dallas, Texas. Any dispute arising under these Terms and Conditions that is not settled by agreement between the parties shall be settled exclusively by appropriate legal proceedings in the Court of Common Pleas of Dallas County, Texas or the United States District Court for the Texas. These Terms and Conditions, having been executed in Dallas, TX, shall be governed by and constructed in accordance with the Laws of the Texas without regard to its rules or principles regarding conflicts of laws.

#### 14. AMENDMENTS

Except as provided herein, no change in or addition to these Terms and Conditions shall be valid as between the parties hereto unless set forth in a writing which is signed by an authorized representative of both parties and which specifically states that it constitutes an amendment or addendum to these Terms and Conditions.

#### **15. BINDING EFFECT**

These Terms and Conditions shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties hereto, their successors and assigns, or other legal representative.

# **YOUR** Sponsorship **OUR** Gratitude