



WELCOME TO KANSAS CITY!

A letter of invitation from Blake Ellis, General Chair of the 2019 ASHRAE Annual Conference

I'm Goin' to Kansas City, Kansas City Here I Come!

Everyone should be signing the tune "*I'm Goin' to Kansas City!*" because ASHRAE is headed back to Kansas City for the 2019 Annual Conference. The Kansas City Chapter, the 6th oldest ASHRAE chapter, and Region IX invite you to our vibrant city for education, networking and fun! The June 22-26, 2019 Annual Conference is in the heart of our downtown, just two blocks from the FREE streetcar system and entertainment district. Kansas City is a great location to kick off ASHRAE's 125th year with the fifth ASHRAE conference at the historical Muehlebach Hotel, which is now part of the Marriott.

The conference begins with the Welcome Party at the National World War I Museum and Memorial with one of the best views of the Kansas City skyline. This recognizable part of Kansas City is America's leading institution dedicated to remembering, interpreting and understanding the Great War and its enduring impact on the global community. The museum maintains the Liberty Memorial as a beacon of freedom and symbol of the courage, patriotism, sacrifice and honor of all who served in World War I.

ASHRAE last visited Kansas City in 2003 and every tour highlights a location that is new or has been renovated since that conference. We've also added a new twist! In addition to general and technical tours, we have added a new category, the hybrid tours which are general tours with technical, back-of-house information, led by your ASHARE Host Committee.

- **General Tours:** The Museums at 18th & Vine Tour, which includes BOTH The Negro Leagues Baseball Museum and The American Jazz Museum. On the Steamboat Arabia Tour you can discover the sunken treasure from a steamboat that sank in the Missouri River. The National World War I Museum and Memorial Tour will allow you to see the amazing museum that has endless sights to offer past what you will have time to see at the Welcome Party.
- **Hybrid Tours:** These tours range from beer production at Boulevard Brewing Company to a world class performance venue in the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts.
- **Technical Tour:** Our technical tour is of the Kansas City Star Press Pavilion, a modern printing facility constructed on two city blocks downtown with special HVAC systems.

Our conference concludes with a game show themed Member's Night Out where you can be a contestant and bring home prizes. This will be a fast-paced, high-energy event that will have you laughing at your colleagues and it will be talk of ASHRAE for years to come. You don't want to miss it!

We look forward to meeting you in Kansas City!

Blake Ellis, General Chair / Kansas City Host Committee