

Travel Approval Form

Department: Public Works

Event Name: 2025 Tacera Conference

Location: Waco Convention Center, Waco Tx

Event Dates: October 21-23, 2025

Purpose: Required Continuing Education/Certification
 Job Training
 Other: _____

Name of Attendees:

Jennifer VanderLaan _____

Court Decision:
This section to be completed by County Judge's Office



8/25/2025

Required Documents Checklist:

**** Same-Day Travel - Commissioners Court Approval is not required ****

Overnight Travel

- Travel Approval Form
- Registration Information or Confirmation
- Itinerary, Agenda, or Breakdown
- Hotel Information, Confirmation, or Hotel Reservation Request Form

For Out of State Travel, please also include:

- Cost Estimation Breakdown for Trip with Airfare, Rental Car, Meals, Hotel, Etc.
- Narrative as to why the Out of State Travel is necessary

Signature of Elected Official/Department Head:





2025 Texas Association of County Engineers & Road Administrators (TACERA) Conference Registration Form



Tuesday – Thursday, October 21, 2025 thru October 23, 2025
Conference Location – Waco Convention Center
100 Washington Ave, Waco, TX 76701

Cost to Attend Full Conference

\$175 (Member) \$250 (Non-Member)

Name: Jennifer Vander Laan
 Title: Director of Public Works
 County or Business: Johnson County
 Address: 2 N. Mill St. Ste 305
 City / State / Zip: Cleburne TX 76033
 Telephone Number: 817556-6380 E-mail: jennifer.v@johnsoncountytx.org

Please make checks payable to:

TACERA

*Send check and completed
Registration Form to:*

**TACERA
P.O. Box 185276, Fort Worth, TX 76181-0276**

Questions, call:

**(512) 260-1376
Robert Berndt, Executive Secretary
tacera1@yahoo.com**

Credit Card payments:

www.tacera1.org under Events

Refunds:

No Refunds after September 2, 2025 at 5pm (CST)

Hotel Accommodations (Both Hotels will offer FREE Breakfast to TACERA Attendees)

TACERA has negotiated a special group rate of only \$164.73/night. To make your reservations and get this special rate, simply call the **Hilton Waco** (254-754-8484) and give the representative our Group Name (TACERA Annual Conference) and/or the Hilton Code 90A. You may also use the following Booking Link: (<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/actwhhf-90a-cb84651f-0a20-4232-8ac9-a2eb61c0f8ea>) (Copy & Paste Link)

TACERA has negotiated a special group rate of only \$139/night. To make your reservations and get this special rate, simply call the **Courtyard Waco** (254-752-8686) and give the representative our Group Name (TACERA Annual Conference) and/or the Courtyard Code TACTAC. You may also use the following Booking Link: (<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1734389961891&key=GRP&questreslink2=true&app=resvlink>) (Copy & Paste Link)

These group rates will be available until September 29, 2025 or until the room block is sold out, whichever comes first. Don't delay, make your reservations NOW!

2025 TACERA Fall Conference

(October 21 - October 23, 2025)

Waco Convention Center (Tuesday & Wednesday) & Hilton Waco (Thursday)

TACERA ANNUAL CONFERENCE GOLF TOURNAMENT - Monday, October 20, 2025

11:30 AM-12:30 PM	Golf Tournament Registration & Lunch Cottonwood Creek Golf Course 5200 Bagby Avenue, Waco TX 76711 Phone: (254) 745-6009
1:00 PM-5:00 PM (4 hours)	Golf Tournament (Shotgun Start)
5:00 PM-6:00 PM (1 hours)	Golf Tournament Results & Awards

TACERA ANNUAL CONFERENCE - Tuesday, October 21, 2025 (Waco Convention Center)

7:30 AM-5:00 PM	Registration (Waco Convention Center)	
8:00 AM-8:30 AM	Opening Ceremony & Announcements - Wayne Gisler, P.E., TACERA President (Brazos Ballroom South)	
8:30 AM-9:15 AM (45 min)	NACE Update Jacob Thorius, P.E. - NACE President from Washington County, Iowa Kevan Stone - NACE Executive Director	
9:15 AM-9:45 AM (30 min)	Forming a Partnership with Developers KEYNOTE SPEAKER - Joe England, P.E. Retired from Williamson County & TACERA Hall of Fame Member	
9:45 AM-10:30 AM	Networking Break - Exhibit Hall	
10:30 AM-12:00 PM	Classroom A (Brazos Ballroom South) Moderator - Colt Friederich, P.E. (Johnson County)	Classroom B (McLennan Hall) Moderator - Wayne Gisler, P.E. (Karnes County)
10:30 AM-11:15 AM (45 min)	Updated Motor Grader Operations & Techniques Brian Jackson, Owner Jackson's Heavy Equipment Training	Johnson County Thoroughfare Plan & Bond Program Eddie Haas, AICP & Chris Bosco, P.E. Freese & Nichols, Inc.
11:15 AM-12:00 PM (45 min)	Pavement Management Cody Chambliss, Area Sales Manager Ergon Asphalt & Emulsions	New Hot Mix Asphalt Specifications for Local Agencies Larry Peirce, Director of Special Projects Texas Asphalt Pavement Association (TXAPA)
12:00 PM-1:20 PM	Lunch (On Your Own) / TACERA Board Meeting	
1:20 PM-1:30 PM	Announcements - Wayne Gisler, P.E., TACERA President (Brazos Ballroom South)	
1:30 PM-2:30 PM	Classroom A (Brazos Ballroom South) Moderator - Lee Crowder (Galveston County)	Classroom B (McLennan Room) Moderator - Joe Trammel, P.E. (Tarrant County)
1:30 PM-2:25 PM (55 min)	Tank Cleaning and Storing Without Ignoring Beth Slate, Owner B-Greener Industrial Cleaners	A Deal With the Devil (Ethics in Real Time) Ron Reichert, Technical Marketing Texas Concrete Pipe Association
2:30 PM-3:00 PM	Networking Break - Exhibit Hall (Lime Shebert Provided by Lime Association of Texas)	
3:00 PM-5:00 PM	Classroom A (Brazos Ballroom South) Moderator - Ross McCall, P.E. (Waller County)	Classroom B (McLennan Room) Moderator - Don Evans (Kendall County)
3:00 PM-3:30 PM (30 min)	How is Coryell County Road & Bridge Utilizing GIS? Matt Patyk, Engagement Manager, Principle Dunaway	Development Regs, Project Selection & Flood Risk Michael Wellbaum, Zubin Sukheshwalla Pape-Dawson
3:30 PM-4:15 PM (45 min)	Unpaved Road Presentation Val Byrd, Sales Representative Substrata	IoT Flood and Environmental Monitoring for Roadways Robert Levy, Vice President Business Development Safeware / AWARE Monitoring Systems Inc.
4:15 PM-5:00 PM (45 min)	GIS Assessment of Pavement on a Rural County Budget John Murrell (County GIS Manager), Ross McCall (County Engineer) Waller County	Integrating Visualization and AI for Infrastructure Mgmt Helen Paris / Craig Emrick, GIS Manager / Geospatial Vice President Pickett and Associates, LLC
5:00 PM-6:30 PM	Social Networking - Vendor Hall (Chisholm Hall) (Dinner On Your Own)	
7:30 PM-10:30 PM	42 Domino Tourney (Sponsored by Texas Concrete Pipe Association) Waco Hilton (Brazos Ballroom)	

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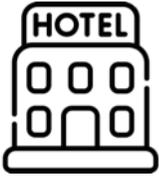
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TACERA ANNUAL CONFERENCE - Wednesday, October 22, 2025

7:30 AM-5:00 PM	Registration (Waco Convention Center)	
8:00 AM-8:05 AM	Remarks & Announcements - Wayne Gisler, P.E., TACERA President (Brazos Ballroom South)	
8:05 AM-10:00 AM	Classroom A (Brazos Ballroom South) Moderator - John Doege (Comal County)	Classroom B (McLennan Room) Moderator - Jaime Mendoza (Reeves County)
8:05 AM-8:45 AM (40 min)	A Modern Framework for Pavement Management Walter Hambrick, Director of Road & Bridge Commissioner Lesley Briones, Harris County Pct. 4	Practical AI for Managing Roadway Lifecycles Candler McCollum, CEO / Co-Founder Roadway Management Technologies
8:45 AM-9:15 AM (30 min)	Utilizing Technology in Texas Counties Colton Watson, Paving Applications Specialist - Technology RDO Equipment Company	Transforming Road Condition Assessments Kira Russell, Senior Sales Manager Vialytics
9:15 AM-10:00 AM (45 min)	Opportunities for Business Integration & Streamlining Elizabeth Downing Samsara	Next-Gen Pavement & Asset Management in Action Hossam Abohamer, Ph.D, PE, Transportation Project Manager CivilCorp, LLC
10:00 AM-10:30 AM	Networking Break - Exhibit Hall	
10:30 AM-12:00 PM	Classroom A (Brazos Ballroom South) Moderator - Wayne Gisler, P.E. (Karnes County)	Classroom B (McLennan Room) Moderator - Lissa Shepard, P.E, CFM (Dallas County)
10:30 AM-11:15 AM (45 min)	Plient Recycled Steel Fibers and Concrete Pavement Zachary Grasley, TAMU Professor, TAMU & CIO of Circle Concrete Tech, Inc.	Using Telematics to Drive Efficiency and Safety Walter Hambrick, Director of Road & Bridge Commissioner Lesley Briones, Harris County Pct. 4
11:15 AM-12:00 PM (45 min)	Cement Stabilization: The Key to Longer Lasting Pavement Randy Bowers, Director of Stabilization Cement Council of Texas	Signs of Progress at Dallas County Darrell Young and Noe Villarreal Dallas County
12:00 PM-1:20 PM	Lunch (On Your Own)	
1:20 PM-1:25 PM	Announcements - Wayne Gisler, P.E., TACERA President (Bazos Ballroom South)	
1:25 PM-2:30 PM (1 hours 5 min))	Panel Discussion: County Road Management Systems - Unit Versus Precinct Road Systems Tiana Jackson, PE, CFM, Program Manager Pape-Dawson	
2:30 PM-3:00 PM	Networking Break / Last Chance To Compete In Equipment & Simulator Rodeos - Exhibit Hall	
3:00 PM-5:00 PM	Classroom A (Brazos Ballroom South) Moderator - Clay Forister, P.E., CFM (Kendall County)	Classroom B (McLennan Room) Moderator - Yancy Scott, P.E. (Harris County)
3:00 PM-3:45 PM (45 min)	Roadway Safety from a DPS Officer Vantage Point Sgt. Ryan Howard, Safety Education / Media & Communications Texas DPS	At a Crossroad: Managing Growth in a Thriving County Mandy Clark, Director of Water Resources Teague Nall and Perkins
3:45 PM-4:15 PM (30 min)	Rock & Roll Bands: TxDOT's Inlet & Manhole Program Ron Reichert, Technical Marketing Texas Concrete Pipe Association	Harris County Permitting Process Yancy Scott, Assistant Director of Permits Harris County - Office of the County Engineer
4:15 PM-5:00 PM (45 min)	Stretching Your First Dollar of Pave-Preserve Funding Tad Blanton, Technical Advisor BioSpan Technologies, Inc.	What's the Latest Waters of the US Rule? Matt Patyk, Engagement Manager, Principle Dunaway
5:00 PM-6:30 PM	Social Networking & Awards for Live and Simulator Equipment Contests - Exhibit Hall (Dinner On Your Own)	

TACERA ANNUAL CONFERENCE - Thursday, October 23, 2025 (Hilton Waco - Brazos Ballroom)

8:00 AM-10:00 AM	Announcements - Wayne Gisler, P.E., TACERA President (Waco Hilton - Brazos Ballroom)	
8:00 AM-8:30 AM (30 min)	This Traffic Sucks! When Will This Project Be Completed Ron Reichert, Technical Marketing Texas Concrete Pipe Association	
8:30 AM-9:00 AM (30 min)	Value Engineering Approach to Project Delivery Ryan Thomas, Vice President - Community Infrastructure Pape-Dawson	
9:00 AM-10:00 AM (1 hours)	2025 Hill Country Floods - What We Learned Charlie Hastings Kerr County Engineer, Clay Forister Kendall County (TACERA Secretary / Treasurer)	
10:00 AM-10:15 AM	Break	
10:15 AM-10:45 AM (30 min)	TACERA Business Meeting, Officer Elections & Awards Presentation Wayne Gisler, P.E. Scholarship & Bylaws Report Joe Trammel, P.E.	
10:45 AM-11:45 AM (1 hours)	Texas Legislative Update Jim Allison - Allison, Bass & Magee	
11:45 AM-12:00 PM (15 min)	Final Review and Announcements Wayne Gisler, P.E.	



TRAVEL HOTEL RESERVATION REQUEST

(EMAIL TO PURCHASING at pur@johnsoncountytexas.org)

DATE: 08/13/2025

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

PERSON SENDING REQUEST: Julie Edmiston EXT: 1850

Person (s) Name Attending:

1. Jennifer VanderLaan
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***If LEOSE Funds are being used to pay for the room upon check out, please check LEOSE FUNDS below:**

LEOSE FUNDS

Function Attending: 2025 TACERA

Hotel Name: Hilton Waco
Hotel Address: 113 S University Parks Dr
City: Waco State: TX Zip: 76701
Hotel Phone# 254-754-8484
Special Requirements:
Conference Hotel Block Code: Tacera Annual Conference and or Hilton Code 90A
Conference/Training Website: https://www.tacera1.org/event-6209811
How many rooms needed: 1
Date of Check In: 10/21/25 Date of Check Out: 10/23/25

NOTE: When the Purchasing Department reserves the hotel room, payment will be processed and paid for on the travel credit card. ALL Travel PO's MUST be in place prior to travel. The hotel receipt will need to be receipted on your PO upon return. If the traveler does not obtain a hotel receipt upon check out, it's the travelers responsibility to call the hotel and obtain a copy for receipting.