

24. Consideration of travel and training for specified City employees (Utilities Department).



LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
FROM: Suzanne Sherman, City Manager
THRU: Thomas Marinelli, Acting Utilities Director
DATE: July 11, 2024
RE: Consideration of travel and training - Utilities Department (\$1,946.59)

SUMMARY:

This travel was budgeted but was not included on the master travel memo as it was originally scheduled to be held in Orlando and did not require an overnight stay. The training has been moved to Tampa, Florida; and therefore, will now require an overnight stay.

The Utilities Department would like to send employee Daniel Hardage to attend a two-day Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Training in Tampa, Florida from June 24 - 25th, 2024. Mr. Hardage is an Electrical Technician I and this training provides a broad introduction to air conditioning and refrigeration systems, including everyday operation and important refrigerant safety practices. The costs associated with the travel is estimated at \$1,946.59, with registration \$1,495.00, per diem \$290.00 and lodging \$161.59.

REQUESTING DEPARTMENTS:

Utilities Department

FISCAL IMPACT:

Total amount is estimated at \$1,946.59. Travel and training is available in the adopted Fiscal Year 2024 budget in Utilities operating accounts 421-8014-536-5501 and 421-8014-536-4001.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Motion to approve training and travel for employee Daniel Hardage to attend the Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Training in Tampa, Florida.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Travel backup

**TRAINING & TRAVEL
REQUEST/AUTHORIZATION FORM**
SUBMIT 60 DAYS PRIOR TO TRAVEL/TRAINING
****TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISOR****

Name of the Event: Air Conditioning and Refrigeration
(Attach Brochure and Registration Form)

1. EVENT LOCATION Holiday Inn West
Shore Airport 700 N.W. Shore Blvd

Tampa, Florida 33609

2. REASON FOR TRAVEL (use separate sheet, if necessary) _____
TWO Day Training Class

3. REGISTRATION AMOUNT \$ 1495.00

4. OVERNIGHT STAY Yes No If yes, how many nights? 1

5. AIR TRAVEL Yes No

6. CITY VEHICLE Yes No
If no, why _____

7. DEPARTURE DATE/ TIME 06/24/2024

8. RETURN DATE/TIME*
06/25/2024

***PLEASE NOTIFY YOUR SUPERVISOR IF YOU WILL BE ARRIVING ONE HOUR OR LONGER PAST YOUR EXPECTED RETURN TIME LISTED IN ITEM 8.**

PLEASE INCLUDE VERIFICATION OF TRAVEL TIME LISTED FOR ITEMS 7 AND 8 (I.E. MAPQUEST OR GOOGLE MAP PRINTOUT)

UPON RETURN, PLEASE SUBMIT TO ADMINISTRATION: ALL RECEIPTS, I.E., VEHICLE REPAIRS, HOTEL, PARKING, TOLLS, AND CERTIFICATE OR PROOF OF ATTENDANCE. ALSO NEED CONFIRMATION OF TRAVEL TIMES.

DANIEL HARDAGE
EMPLOYEE (Please print)

Daniel Hamblin 5-22-24
EMPLOYEE SIGNATURE DATE

Robert J. Fawcett 5-17-24
SUPERVISOR SIGNATURE DATE

[Signature] 5/22/2024
DIVISION MANAGER SIGNATURE DATE

[Signature]
UTILITIES DIRECTOR/DESIGNEE SIGNATURE

Registration

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Air Conditioning and Refrigeration

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Starting on Monday, 24 June 2024 8:00 AM (EDT)
Tampa, FL (AC-272)

(New attendee)

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First name *

DANIEL

Last name *

HARDAGE

Title

Electrical TECH I

Email *

DANIEL.HARDAGE@palmdaleflorida.org

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Air Conditioning and Refrigeration

CHECK DATES & LOCATIONS

GET A PRIVATE GROUP TRAINING QUOTE

Available in both virtual and in-person, instructor-led formats, the goal of this two-day Air Conditioning and Refrigeration course is to provide a broad introduction to air conditioning and refrigeration systems, including everyday operation & important refrigerant safety practices. The course is a great overview for maintenance technicians, multi-craft tradespeople, building managers, HVAC technicians, or anyone seeking to improve their AC&R operation and maintenance skills.

View full [course outline](#)

Upcoming Dates and Locations

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Virtual

In Person

Location

- Albany, NY
- Albuquerque, NM
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- Anchorage, AK
- Ann Arbor, MI
- Arlington, TX

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West Shore Airport
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33609

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- Baltimore, MD
- Charlotte, NC
- Cincinnati, OH
- Cleveland, OH
- Columbus, OH
- Denver, CO
- Elk Grove Village, IL
- Grand Rapids, MI
- Hartford, CT
- Houston, TX
- Indianapolis, IN
- Jacksonville, FL
- Kansas City, MO
- Las Vegas, NV
- Long Island, NY
- Louisville, KY
- Madison, WI
- Manchester, NH
- Milwaukee, WI
- Minneapolis, MN
- Modesto, CA
- Nashville, TN
- Newark, NJ
- Oakland, CA
- Online
- Ontario, CA
- Orange County, CA
- Philadelphia, PA
- Phoenix, AZ
- Pittsburgh, PA
- Portland, OR
- Reno, NV
- Richmond, VA
- Sacramento, CA
- Salt Lake City, UT
- San Antonio, TX
- San Diego, CA

- San Jose, CA
- Seattle, WA
- Tampa, FL
- Washington, DC
- Worcester, MA

(GMT-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)



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- o June 24, 2024
 - 2 days, 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
 - Tampa, FL
 - \$1,495.00

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Want this training at your facility instead?

- o Description

Students are taught common practices and some "tricks-of-the-trade" for general operation and maintenance of their AC&R systems. They will learn about maintenance schedules and servicing, system diagnostics, troubleshooting, and fine-tuning to gain maximum efficiency. The course also covers an introduction to commercial and industrial chillers, regulatory laws and energy conservation. Overall, we will help you get the maximum life out of your Air Conditioning and Refrigeration systems while keeping it up and running as efficiently and consistently as possible.

- o Course Outline

Day One - Discussion Topics

Fundamentals of AC&R

- Air Conditioning versus Refrigeration
- Laws of Thermodynamics and Heat Transfer

Regulation, Codes and Standards

- New Energy Efficiency Standards (S.E.E.R.)

- EPA Section 608 of the Clean Air Act
- ASHRAE, ASME
- Technician Licensing, Testing and Certification

Compression Refrigeration Cycle

- Saturation, Superheat, and Subcool
- Basic System Design
- Follow-the-Heat™

Refrigerants

- CFCs, HCFCs, HFCs, Inorganics
- Zeotropic and Azeotropic Refrigerant Mixtures
- Refrigerant Safety Including R-410a

Refrigerant Oils

- MO, AB, POE, PAG, PAO Oils & Properties
- Maintaining Oil Quality in Your AC&R System

Major AC&R System Components

- Evaporator
- Compressor
- Condenser
- Metering (Expansion) Device

Day Two - Discussion Topics

Auxiliary System Components

- Crankcase Heater
- Suction Accumulator
- Receiver
- Filter-Drier
- Sight Glass with Moisture Indicator
- Oil Separator
- Service Valves
- Muffler
- Refrigerant Controls

Refrigeration Systems

- Air, Water, and Ground-Source Heat Pumps
- Commercial Refrigeration
- Other specialty refrigeration systems

System Diagnostics, Servicing & Troubleshooting

- Service Tools and Equipment
- Manifold Gauge Set
- Recovery Machine
- Vacuum Pump
- Micron Gauge
- Leak Detection Equipment
- Recovering Refrigerant
- Charging the AC&R System
- Diagnosis, Common Failures, and Remedies
- Energy Conservation & Operating Efficiency

The EPA 608 exam is available to be taken at the conclusion of the class.

EPA 608 Technician Certification Testing

Section 608 of the Federal Clean Air Act requires that all persons who maintain, service, repair or dispose of appliances that contain regulated refrigerants be certified in proper refrigerant handling techniques by passing the EPA 608 Technician Certification exam. The EPA 608 exam is included in this course and is administered virtually after completing the training. Attendees are not required to take the exam for the successful completion of the course. While we cover material relevant to the test over the course of the training, this course is not designed to specifically prepare you to take the exam. We highly recommend that attendees who want to take the exam attend both days of training and take time to study beforehand. We will email out the EPA 608 study guide to all course registrants the day after registration to give you ample time to prepare. You can also request a copy of the study guide by sending an email to testing@tpctraining.com

[Click here for more information on the EPA 608 Technician Certification Exam](#)

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\$115.00 per night

Check-In: Monday, 24 June, 2024 (3:00 PM - anytime)

Check-Out: Tuesday, 25 June, 2024 (12:00 PM)

Nights: 1

Guests: Daniel Hardage, 2 adults, 0 children

Rooms: 1

Cancellation Policy

Customer Name: Daniel Hardage

Customer Email: lisa.flores-decker@palmbayflorida.org

Customer Phone: +13219523400

Subtotal: \$115.00

Tax: \$30.60

Service Fee: \$15.99

Total Cost: \$161.59

Billing Name: Lisa Flores-Decker

CC Type: Visa

CC Number: XXXX - XXXX - XXXX - 4454

CANCELLATION POLICY

This reservation is non-refundable. There is no refund for no-shows or early checkouts. The Reservation Counter \$15.99 fee included in the total is non-refundable. We do not charge any additional change or cancellation fees.

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Rate Description

Special Rate

Hotel Occupancy Policy

All rooms booked for double occupancy (i.e. 2 adults). Accommodations for more than this are not guaranteed.

Policy Prepay

\$145.60 will be charged to your credit card.

Room Charge Disclosure

Your credit card is charged the total cost at time of purchase. Prices and room availability are not guaranteed until full payment is received.

Hotel Pet Policy

Pets are not allowed.

Important Information

Guests are required to show a photo ID and credit card upon check-in. Please note that all Special Requests are subject to availability and additional charges may apply. A damage deposit of USD 60 is required on arrival. This will be collected by credit card. You should be reimbursed within 7 days of check-out. Your deposit will be refunded in full via credit card, subject to an inspection of the property. Please note the Breakfast Included rate includes breakfast for 2 adults. Additional charges apply for further guests. Please note the airport transfer service operates from 07:00 to 21:00. please note that only allowed pets are approved ADA services animals, no exceptions

Taxes And Fees

In connection with facilitating your hotel transaction, the charge to your method of payment will include a charge for Taxes and Fees. This charge includes an estimated amount to recover the amount we pay to the hotel in connection with your reservation for taxes owed by the hotel including, without limitation, sales and use tax, occupancy tax, room tax, excise tax, value added tax and/or other similar taxes. In certain locations, the tax amount may also include government imposed service fees or other fees not paid directly to the taxing authorities but required by law to be collected by the hotel. The amount paid to the hotel in connection with your reservation for taxes may vary from the amount we estimate and include in the charge to you. The balance of the charge for Taxes and Fees is a fee we retain as part of the compensation for our services and to cover the costs of your reservation, including, for example, customer service costs. The charge for Taxes and Fees varies based on a number of factors including, without limitation, the amount we pay the hotel and the location of the hotel where you will be staying, and may include profit that we retain. Except as described below, we are not the vendor collecting and remitting taxes to the applicable taxing authorities. Our hotel suppliers, as vendors, include all applicable taxes in the amount billed to us and we pay over such amounts directly to the vendors. We are not a co-vendor associated with the vendor with whom we book or reserve our customer's travel arrangements. Taxability and the appropriate tax rate and the type of applicable taxes vary greatly by location. For transactions involving hotels located within certain jurisdictions, the charge to your method of payment for Taxes and Fees includes a payment of tax that we are required to collect and remit to the jurisdiction for tax owed on amounts we retain as compensation for our services. Depending on the property you stay at you may also be charged (i) certain mandatory hotel specific service fees, for example, resort fees (which typically apply to resort type destinations and, if applicable, may range from \$10 to \$40 per day), energy surcharges, newspaper delivery fees, in-room safe fees, tourism fees, or housekeeping fees and/or (ii) certain optional incidental fees, for example, parking charges, minibar charges, phone calls, room service and movie rentals, etc. These charges, if applicable, will be payable by you to the hotel directly at checkout. When you check in, a credit card or, in the hotel's discretion, a debit card, will be required to secure these charges and fees that you may incur during your stay. Please contact the hotel directly as to whether and which charges or service fees apply. Please note that we are unable to facilitate a rebate of Canadian Goods and Services Tax ('GST') for customers booking Canadian hotel accommodations utilizing our services. For bookings in Canada, the charges may also include destination marketing fees collected by the hotel and passed along to tourist bureaus.

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- Government-issued photo identification and a credit card, debit card, or cash deposit may be required at check-in for incidental charges
- Special requests are subject to availability upon check-in and may incur additional charges; special requests cannot be guaranteed
- This property accepts credit cards; cash is not accepted
- Noise-free guestrooms cannot be guaranteed
- This property affirms that it follows the cleaning and disinfection practices of Clean Promise (IHG)

- Please note that cultural norms and guest policies may differ by country and by property; the policies listed are provided by the property

Fees

Mandatory:

You'll be asked to pay the following charges at the property:

- Deposit: USD 60.00 per accommodation, per stay

We have included all charges provided to us by the property.

Optional:

- Fee for buffet breakfast: approximately USD 25.00 per person
- Covered self parking fee: USD 10.00 per day
- Rollaway bed fee: USD 10.0 per day

The above list may not be comprehensive. Fees and deposits may not include tax and are subject to change.

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Invoice Date

24 May 2024

Invoice Number

ORD-8604

Terms: Net 30

City of Palm Bay Utilities
ATTN: Daniel Hardage

250 Osmosis Dr SE

Palm Bay
Florida

Description	Quantity	Unit Price	Tax	Amount USD
Air Conditioning and Refrigeration (AC-272), 24-Jun-2024 8:00 AM, Daniel Hardage (daniel.hardage@palmabayflorida.org)	1.00	1,495.00		1,495.00
			Subtotal	1,495.00
			Invoice Total	1,495.00
			Total Net Payments	1,495.00
			Amount Due	0.00

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Remittance Detail: billings@certus.com

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May, 2024*

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