

Oceans In Action Workshop/Port Security Summit Exhibit Table Instructions

Below please find some information on the **Oceans In Action Workshop/Port Security Summit (OIA/PSS)**, to be held August 30 – September 2, 2021 at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum and Convention Center, 2350 Beach Blvd, Biloxi, MS 39531. Exhibit table space will be assigned at the event and depends strongly on the need for electricity – if needed, you should have indicated this need at registration.

Important Information and dates

1) Registration

When your company registered for a table at the Oceans In Action/Port Security Summit, two full registrations to all days of the event were included. For additional table staff, additional registration is required; visit the OIA/PSS website, www.mtsociety.org/oceans-in-action to register additional personnel. If you have not already done so, please contact Kristina Norman, kristina.norman@mtsociety.org, with the names of the two attendees covered under your exhibit table reservation or if you require any changes.

2) Travel Information

If you are flying in, Gulfport/Biloxi, MS is the closest airport servicing the Biloxi area. Alternatively, flights are also available to New Orleans, LA. We do have Uber and Lyft in the area, but availability is limited. From New Orleans, it is a 1.5-hour drive and many Uber/Lyft drivers will not travel that far; from the Gulfport/Biloxi Airport, it's 15 min. Uber/Lyft, rental cars and taxis are available. Note – the hotel is not co-located with the convention center, so a rental car is advised.

Driving Directions: Highway I-10 to Mississippi Exit 34A, proceeding South on Hwy 49. Take 49 to Hwy 90 – turn left (east) onto Hwy 90 – this is also Beach Blvd. Stay in the left lane. Centennial Plaza is on the left approximately 3 miles from I-49; the Convention Center is approximately 5 miles from I-49, also on the left. Note, the main exit from the airport is onto I-49 – turn left (south) and follow the directions above.

Address: Mississippi Coast Coliseum and Convention Center, 2350 Beach Blvd, Biloxi, MS 39531, 228-594-3700.

3) Hotel Room Block

We have a room block reserved at the rate of \$96/night (per diem), plus applicable taxes/fees at the Oasis Resort in Centennial Plaza on Hwy 90, 2 miles west of the Convention Center. The block is available until **July 21**, after that price will be based on availability and may increase substantially. To book call 1-228-206-7880, selecting menu item 1 for the Oasis Resort, and giving the receptionist the code OCEANS.

Address: Centennial Plaza/Oasis Resort, 200 E. Beach Blvd, Gulfport MS 39507, 228-206-7880.

4) Mailing address

If you need to mail any of your company's table materials to the event, they need to be mailed to the hotel and transported to the Convention Center, please use the following address:

Centennial Plaza/Oasis Resort
200 E. Beach Blvd
Gulfport MS 39507
Guest: Your Name and Company Name
Oceans In Action/Port Security Summit
Meeting Planner: MTS/Laurie Jugan
August 30-Sept 2, 2021
Hotel POC: Angie Dearman

- **Please note that we will not be able to handle oversized or heavy shipments at this venue.** All exhibits must be carried/rolled in. Heavy lift is not available and the area in the convention center cannot accommodate heavy systems on the exhibit floor. Models, videos, and other representations are encouraged. We invite anyone wishing to display their heavy or oversized system to do so during the September 1st "Demonstration" or "ANTX" Day. Please contact Jason McKenna, jason.mckenna@usm.edu for more information.

5) Set-up and Tear-down

- An exhibit table comes with an 8-ft table, covered and skirted, and two chairs. Electricity is available, please bring your own power cords. If you signed up for electricity while registering, we will place your table in the room with access to an outlet. If you need electricity and did not indicate that when registering, let MTS's Kristina Norman (kristina.norman@mtsociety.org) know and we will make every attempt to accommodate all requests.
- We are working on a sponsor for WIFI in the meeting/exhibit room. If sponsored, it will be available throughout the ballroom and the lobby assigned to our event. If not sponsored, we will be unable to provide this to our attendees and use of individual hot spots may be recommended.
- The event begins at 1:00pm on Monday, August 30, and exhibit tables are in the same room as the speakers/audience. You will be able to set up exhibit materials at your table beginning at 9:00am that morning. If you need other arrangements, please contact Laurie Jugan, laurie.jugan@mset.org.
- We would like all tables set up no later than 12:30pm on Monday.
- Break down will be following the speakers on September 2 – the event is scheduled to end just after 5:00pm. Out of respect for the speakers on the 2nd, we ask you do not break down until after 5:00pm that day. If you must leave early, please arrange to break down during lunch or a break – please do not break down during the speaker program. Materials and equipment from tables must be removed from the building no later than 6:30pm.
- We will coordinate shipping of pre-paid packages (UPS or FedEx) back to your company with pick-up on Friday, Sept 3rd from the Convention Center.

6) Security

We ask you do not leave any valuable materials or equipment at your table overnight. Internal and external doors will be locked, but we will not have manned security overnight.

7) *Business-to-Business and Business-to-Government Meetings*

MSET will be coordinating Business-to-Business/Business to Government (B2B/B2G) meetings in the afternoon on Sept 1. Once we have our anchors solidified, we will send out additional information and post it on the website.

Fifteen-minute one-on-one meetings are planned from 1:00pm – 5:00pm. Spots will be limited and will be given on a first-come, first-served basis. As soon as the information is available, we will contact you.

If you plan to participate in the B2B/B2G meetings, we recommend you take the shuttle to the Port of Gulfport immediately once speakers conclude at the Convention Center in the morning of Sept 1, visit the exhibits there and have lunch (food trucks available) and return on the shuttle in time for your first appointment.

8) *Contact Information*

Phone (MSET number): 228-688-3144

Laurie Jugan Office: 228-688-1192

Cell number day of event: 985-640-1681

MTS/Kristina Norman: 202-827-7171, Kristina Cell: 703-870-5272