



## National Extension Technology Conference 2016 Facility Usage Fee Explained



**Where to stay?** Conference organizers understand that for many attendees, finding the lowest possible hotel rate is paramount, and we are aware that participants often choose to stay on the outskirts of town and drive to the conference each day. However, before you book your hotel room for the National Extension Technology Conference 2016, we want to make you aware of the following...

The National Extension Technology Conference is trying to make every effort to keep costs low for program attendees. One way this is done is by making a commitment to the conference host hotel that a specified number of hotel rooms will be occupied by NETC 2016 meeting attendees. **In exchange for the hotel room occupation, the property provides the National Extension Technology Conference with complimentary meeting space and reduced food & beverage pricing.**

If meetings do not fulfill their hotel guest room pickup commitment, it will result in hefty penalty fees. Conference participants who choose to stay at non-host hotels receive the benefits of the host facility but do not contribute to the necessary commitment that allows the National Extension Technology Conference to use meeting space on a complimentary basis and provide sufficient food & beverage to meeting attendees at reasonable rates.

**Therefore, the NETC 2016 organizers have instituted a \$150 Facility Usage Fee for those who are attending the conference, but have chosen not to stay in the conference host hotel.** This is the only way that we can continue to host this meeting without raising registration fees. The Facility Usage Fee will apply only to those who register for the conference (including exhibitors, speakers, students, one-day attendees; excluding guests) but choose not to stay at the host hotel.

We therefore encourage all meeting attendees to avoid this additional charge and stay at the **Embassy Suites Orlando-Lake Buena Vista South** at the reduced group rate of \$139 per night, plus 13% state & local taxes, which includes complimentary overnight self-parking. Please be aware that if you are sharing a hotel room with another participant, all guest names must appear on the room reservation by the Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> hotel reservation cut-off date. Otherwise, the Facility Usage Fee will be assessed and you will be unable to pick up your conference materials until the fee is paid.

Staying at the host hotel makes it easy to enjoy program camaraderie with fellow NETC attendees inside and outside of scheduled activities. Just imagine – no commuting time to conference activities; additional networking time with colleagues; and amenities, such as cooked to order breakfast, nightly Manger's Receptions, room service, safes, exercise facilities, and restaurants & shops – all in one convenient location.

Where you lodge during the meeting is certainly your choice, but please understand that the National Extension Technology Conference 2016 organizers have contractual commitments that must be honored, and we must do all we can to avoid negative financial implications to the NETC Conference and Program.