

It's that time of year again!

We are excited to announce that our **35th Annual “Today’s Challenge, Tomorrow’s Reward” Conference (TCTR)** will take place on **April 1-2, 2026**, in Springfield, Illinois at the Crowne Plaza Hotel & Convention Center.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN. Please use the PheedLoop link below to register for this year’s conference. **There is NO REGISTRATION FEE** to attend this year’s conference!

🔗 [LINK: TCTR 2026 Registration- PheedLoop](#)

The term “Today’s Challenge, Tomorrow’s Reward” has never applied more than it does now. With all the uncertainties revolving around the latest legal challenges and all of the changes that resulted from last autumn’s Interim Final Rule, we are glad to once again provide TCTR as an event where you can learn best practices, discover how to navigate the latest regulations, develop new leadership skills and network with others on the same or similar path. We are here to serve, listen, and help you throughout the year. And we would be honored if you would join us at this year’s TCTR.

Key Notes:

1. Networking Event at the Lincoln Museum – March 31

Before the conference begins, join us for a **Networking/Open House** at the **Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum** in Springfield on **March 31, 6:00–9:00 PM.**

- **Free, catered event**
- **Limited to the first 200 registrants** (reserve your spot during conference registration as tickets are on a first-come, first serve basis)
- Conversation starter cards will be available to help spark connections
- If the option does not appear during registration, the event is full. To join the waitlist, email **Anna Ramirez** at anna.m.ramirez@illinois.gov.

2. Networking Reception & Vendor Fair – April 1

Our annual **Networking Reception & Vendor Fair** will be held the evening of **April 1**.

- **NO FEE** for exhibitors
- Tables/booths are **first-come, first-served** (select the exhibitor category during registration)
- Exhibitor area open **April 1 (all day)** and **April 2 (morning)**
- **Setup begins at 8:00 AM on April 1**



3. Dietary Restrictions

Please indicate any dietary restrictions during registration.

4. Lodging

We have **100 rooms blocked at the Crowne Plaza** at a discounted rate. Use the following link to reserve:

 [**BOOKING LINK: IDOT Today's Challenge, Tomorrow's Reward – 2026**](#)

5. Keynote Speaker & Session Topics

Speakers and session topics will be announced soon.

Stay updated by downloading the **PheedLoop Go! App (see below)**.

6. PheedLoop Go! App

Download the app from the [**iOS**](#) or [**Android**](#) store to:

- Access updated session and speaker info
- Customize your profile
- Connect with other attendees before the event

7. Pre-TCTR Workshop

A **pre-conference workshop** will be scheduled **1–2 weeks before TCTR**.

This session will provide tips and tools for a successful conference experience.

Details coming soon.

We look forward to hosting you this year!

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