


# 2018 Beltwide Cotton Conferences

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## Beltwide Cotton Conferences

The Beltwide Cotton Conferences (BWCC) speed the transfer of new technology to U.S. cotton producers and other industry members with the goal of strengthening U.S. cotton's competitive position in the world marketplace and enhancing industry members' profitability.

Coordinated by the National Cotton Council (NCC) and its cooperating partners, this annual forum is recognized as the global champion for cotton technology transfer. Three days of individual reports, panel discussions, and seminars are designed to enlighten industry members about the latest research developments and their practical applications in cotton production and processing. The 600-plus reports are subsequently made available on CD-ROM and on the Beltwide web site at <https://www.cotton.org/beltwide>.

While cotton industry members recognize the wealth and range of information made available through these reports, they also gain valuable information from fellow attendees - processors, researchers, extension, consultants, agribusiness representatives and others. This dialogue among all who have a vested stake in a healthy U.S. cotton sector helps industry members tailor new products and production/processing systems to their operations for maximum efficiency.

The Conferences' success can be attributed to the alliance of the NCC and its many partners. Federal and State Agricultural Experiment Stations, the Cooperative Extension Service, Universities, USDA, Cotton Foundation members, news media and other regional and national cotton organizations all contribute and support the Beltwide Cotton Conferences. This partnership leads to increased U.S. cotton industry productivity and profitability.

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# General Information

The information below, along with conference updates, online meeting registration, housing and travel reservations, can be found on the Beltwide web site. Visit <https://www.cotton.org/beltwide> for the latest information about the Conferences.

## Meeting/Banquet Rooms

A function room request form is required to reserve a meeting/banquet room. The request form ([http://www.cotton.org/beltwide/index.cfm?page=meeting\\_banquet\\_rooms](http://www.cotton.org/beltwide/index.cfm?page=meeting_banquet_rooms)) may be completed online from the Conference web site. The deadline to reserve a meeting room is Friday, December 15, 2017. Rooms are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

# CEU Information

Providing blanket application of continuing education unit (CEUs) credits by Beltwide Cotton Conferences (BWCC) staff on attendees' behalf is no longer feasible.

The CEU application process has always been tailored to each certifying entity's (state regulatory or association certifier) individual CEU requirements. Until recently, the application process across certifying entities was relatively uniform. However, the application process among the various states has now diversified to the point that it is no longer feasible for BWCC staff to provide blanket CEU application service. It also should be noted that two state certifying entities (MO, FL) no longer accept the BWCC program for CEU credits.

In the opinion of BWCC staff, Technical Conference programs are robust enough to serve as a source of CEU credits for several technical disciplines. Individuals are encouraged to apply for credits themselves based on their level of participation in the BWCC programs.

# Beltwide Contacts

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## Tentative Schedule At A Glance

Marriott Rivercenter Hotel

### Wednesday, January 3

**9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

Onsite Registration, Badge Printing and  
Cashier Stations Open

**11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

Cotton Consultants Conference  
(Open to all registered attendees with  
name tags)

**12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

Joint Symposium: Improvement/Disease

**6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

Welcome Reception  
(Open to all registered attendees with  
name tags)

### Thursday, January 4

**7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

Onsite Registration, Badge Printing and  
Cashier Stations Open

**8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.**

Joint Poster Session

**8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

Technical Conferences  
(Hours posted in final schedule)

- Cotton Agronomy, Physiology, and  
Soil Conference
- Cotton Disease Council
- Cotton Economics and Marketing  
Conference
- Cotton Engineering-Systems  
Conference
- Cotton Ginning Conference
- Cotton Improvement Conference
- Cotton Insect Research and Control  
Conference
- Cotton Quality Measurement  
Conference
- Cotton Weed Science Research  
Conference

### Friday, January 5

**7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

Onsite Registration, Badge Printing and  
Cashier Stations Open

**8:00 a.m. – Noon**

Workshop: Risk & Reward: Small  
Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS) for  
Agricultural Producers

**8:00 a.m. – Noon**

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and Ginning
- Cotton Improvement Conference
- Cotton Insect Research and Control  
Conference
- Cotton Utilization Conference
- Cotton Weed Science Research  
Conference

**8:00 a.m. – Noon**

Joint Poster Session



# 2018 Conference Highlights

## Technical Conferences

Wednesday, January 3

### Cotton Consultants Conference

The Cotton Consultants Conference is comprised of invited presentations to help satisfy the technical needs of cotton consultants and others involved in agronomic and pest management decision making. This conference is open to all individuals who desire technical pest management and production related updates.

# 2018 Conference Highlights

## Technical Conferences

Thursday, January 4 and Friday, January 5

### Cotton Agronomy, Physiology and Soil Conference

The Cotton Agronomy, Physiology and Soil Conference provides a forum for a discussion of the life processes of cotton plants and interactions among plant and soil variables that affect crop performance and profitable cotton production. Presentations and posters will focus on topics ranging from molecular biology to applied agronomic research. This includes recent and on-going research that address broad topics related to all aspects of cotton production, including rotations, plant nutrition, fertilizer formulations, rates and techniques, beneficial use of wastes (manures and biosolids), tillage methods, irrigation technology and precision agriculture. Research to be presented will range from basic studies designed to provide understanding of these life processes to studies on the genetic, chemical, biological and physical means of manipulating the physiology of the plant for higher yield and improved fiber quality. Applied research relating to physiological aspects of cotton growth, production and management also is part of the program.

### Cotton Disease Council

The Cotton Disease Council represents all areas of cotton disease and nematode research, extension, teaching, industry and production. Participation is open to all individuals with an interest in diseases and nematodes of cotton. The program includes formal presentations and posters relating to diseases and nematodes of cotton.

### Cotton Economics and Marketing Conference

The conference addresses a wide range of topics, from the microeconomics of cotton production to macroeconomic issues related to the structure of the cotton industry, markets and trade. The conference will include a Cotton Economics Forum which will explore issues and perspectives related to market outlook, policy and trade issues. Subsequent session presentations and poster displays from researchers in industry, government and academia will focus on improving understanding of the marketing and economic factors affecting the cotton industry.

### Cotton Engineering-Systems Conference

The conference provides an opportunity for discussions between engineering researchers and individuals from other industry segments. Engineers and other researchers from industry, universities and federal agencies present information on an array of engineering solutions to problems in cotton production, harvesting and processing.



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### Cotton Ginning Conference

The Cotton Ginning Conference provides a forum for researchers and industry representatives to exchange information on new technology to improve gin operation efficiency and the preservation of fiber quality. Industry issues are addressed by researchers and industry experts covering areas such as innovative management strategies, energy conservation, contamination, environmental regulations and compliance, labor law compliance and safety.

A joint session with the Cotton Engineering Systems Conference will include the most recent cotton ginning and harvesting research results, with a primary focus on those related to cotton ginning and harvesting, environmental quality measurements and fiber quality preservation.

### Cotton Improvement Conference

The Cotton Improvement Conference focuses on breeding and genetics research and development, including classical and newer molecular approaches. The conference provides a forum for scientists and representatives from both industry and public institutions to share the results of their research and development efforts among plant breeders, applied and molecular geneticists, other research scientists and the public.

### Cotton Insect Research and Control Conference

The Cotton Insect Research and Control Conference highlights the latest developments in cotton insect pest management with technical papers and posters. A blend of university and industry presentations provides technical as well as practical information to farmers, agricultural consultants and crop managers.

### Cotton Quality Measurements Conference

The Cotton Quality Measurements Conference provides an opportunity for researchers focused on aspects pertaining to cotton quality and the measurements of cotton quality to share their research. The conference includes presentations on active and recent research pertaining to instruments and procedures used to measure and evaluate the diverse properties of cotton fibers. Issues being faced in this field include the measurement challenges in cotton breeding and

biotechnology programs, global competition and discussions of a universal classing system, and the acceptance of globally recognized cotton standards and cotton testing conditions. The conference is a forum for discussing relationships among fiber quality, processing efficiency and product quality as well as measurement characteristics such as fiber length distribution, fiber neps and contamination (e.g., trash, seed coat fragments and stickiness) along with new developments in measurement and fiber evaluation technology.

### Cotton Utilization Conference

The Cotton Utilization Conference is concerned with the marketability of cotton fiber as a manufacturing raw material. This includes all aspects of cotton fiber processability, textile yarn and fabric manufacturing, fabric finishing and processing machinery. This Conference provides an excellent opportunity for cotton researchers to formulate research goals for new and expanded markets in cotton textile and nonwovens manufacturing.

- *Textile Technology Symposium:* The Cotton Textile Technology Symposium will explore the latest research into practical aspects of cotton's openability, cleanability and processability as the key to its raw-material value for utilization in textile processing.
- *Fabric Chemistry, Nonwovens & Products Symposium:* This symposium will address the potential for expansion of consumption of cotton fiber in nonwovens as well as focusing on traditional textile finishing chemistry, cellulose modification and applications to innovative cotton finishes, and novel products that can open and expand new high volume and high-value-added markets.

### Cotton Weed Science Research Conference

The Cotton Weed Science Research Conference will include paper and poster presentations highlighting the latest research on weed management systems in cotton. Papers will emphasize practical and economical weed control programs involving overviews of new herbicides and technological advances, control options for difficult weed control and resistance management, weed control in reduced tillage and row-spacing systems, and management systems for various herbicide tolerant traits.

## Housing Information

### Book, Modify or Cancel Reservations

#### Online

<https://aws.passkey.com/e/49312722>

#### Phone

1-800-648-4462

International Toll free numbers: <http://www.marriott.com/help/global-phone-reservation-numbers.mi>

### Hotel Information

Marriott Rivercenter Hotel  
101 Bowie Street  
San Antonio, TX 78205

#### Rates

\$159 single/double  
*Plus 15.26% taxes*

#### Confirmation of Reservations

An acknowledgement will be sent via email at the time the reservation is made.

#### Room Rates & Taxes

After December 13, the BWCC room block will be released and the hotel may charge higher rates.

#### Cutoff Date

Cutoff date for obtaining the special contracted room rate is Wednesday, December 13, 5:00 p.m. CST.

#### Parking

Valet \$45.50/day  
*Taxes included*

Self-Parking \$40.00/day  
*Taxes and in/out privileges included for guests staying in the hotel*

#### Room Guarantee

All reservations require a credit card to hold the reservation.

### Payment Methods

The following credit cards can be used to confirm your reservations: VISA, MASTERCARD, AMERICAN EXPRESS, DINERS CLUB. Checks will only be accepted as payment upon checkout.

### Special Requests

Special requests cannot be guaranteed; however, the hotels will do their best to honor all requests. You will be assigned specific room types upon check-in, based on availability.

### Reservation Changes

Changes to your reservation may be made by telephone or online. Please have your confirmation number on hand when attempting to make reservation changes.

### Cancellations/Refunds

Reservations may be cancelled without penalty up to 48 hours prior to arrival to avoid a one night's room and tax charge.

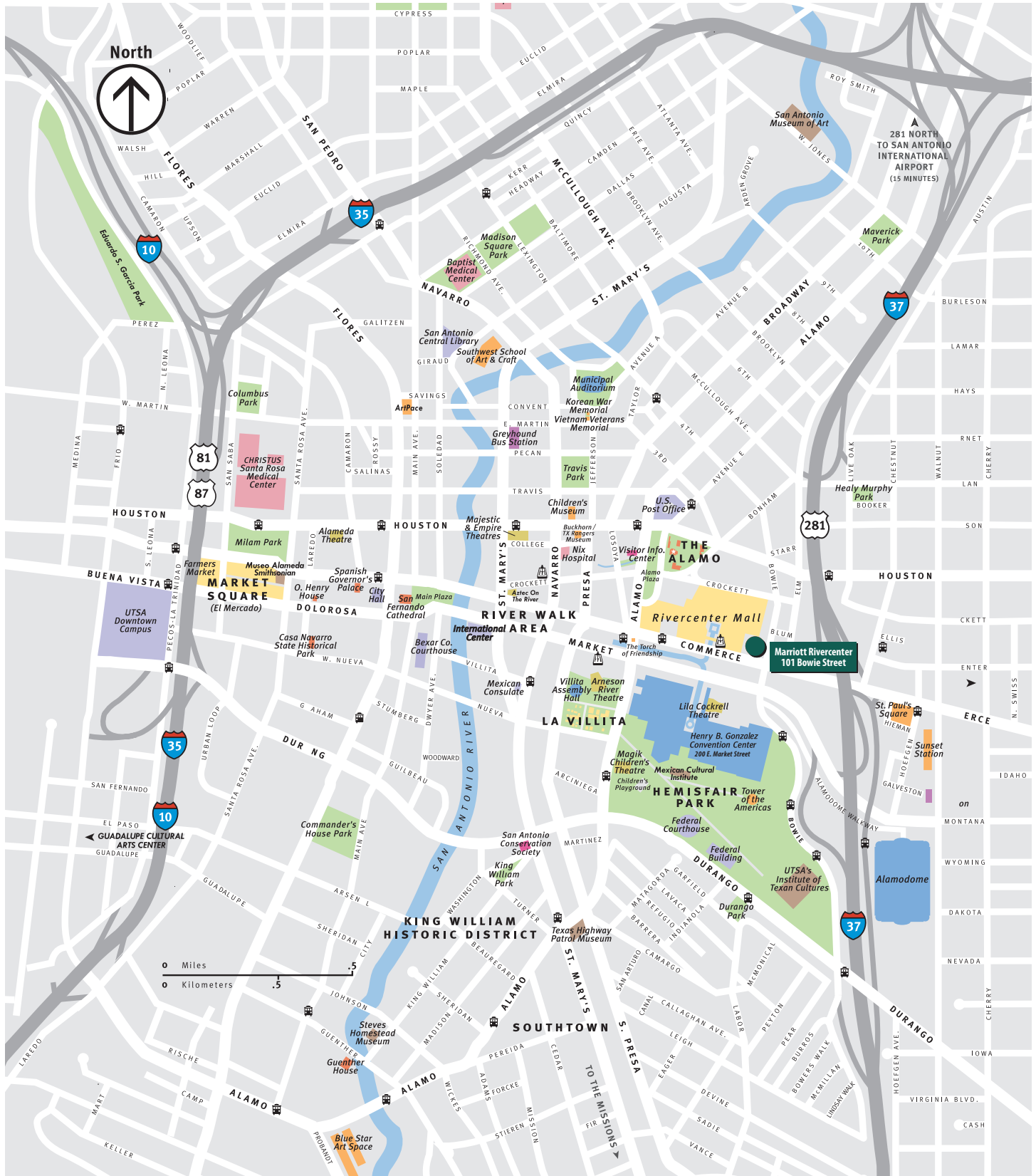
### Group Housing

A minimum of 10 rooms is required to establish a group block.

To reserve a block of rooms under a company or individual name, go to <https://www.cotton.org/beltwide>, click on the housing link, and download a group request form. Complete the form and fax to the hotel. You will then receive a contract from the hotel to be signed and returned to confirm the group block. Upon signing the contract, the company or individual is responsible for 100% of the total room block for each night, whether used or unused.



## San Antonio Area Map







# Registration Information

<https://www.cotton.org/beltwide> **Click on Registration Link**

## Deadline for Discounted Registration Fees is December 18.

You must register online at <https://www.cotton.org/beltwide>. Registration opens September 18 and will continue on-site through the last day of the conference. Discounted pre-registration fees will be in effect through December 18.

Spouse registration is complimentary, but required and is not intended for business partners or associates.

### Cancellation/Refund Policy

Full refunds will be granted if the request is received in writing by Monday, December 18, 2017.

Conference registration will be located in the Marriott Rivercenter Hotel beginning at 9 a.m., Wednesday, January 3, continuing through 1 p.m., Friday, January 5.

**Note:** Name badge is required for entrance into all conference functions.

### Registration fee includes

- All meetings of the Beltwide Cotton Conferences
- Entry to Poster Board Display
- Access to more than 600 technical papers
- Upon request, one copy of proceedings on CD-ROM mailed mid-May, 2018 (extra charge will apply). An electronic version of the proceedings may be accessed through the Beltwide web site for Beltwide attendees and all NCC and Cotton Foundation members.

### Registration Fees Through December 18 (Midnight CST)

NCC/COTTON FOUNDATION MEMBERS; U.S. RESEARCH, EXTENSION, ASSOCIATIONS, AND CONSULTANTS .....	\$200.00
U.S. NON-MEMBERS of NCC or THE COTTON FOUNDATION.....	\$400.00
STUDENTS OF U.S. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS .....	\$80.00
INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPANTS .....	\$500.00

### Registration Fees Beginning December 19

NCC/COTTON FOUNDATION MEMBERS; U.S. RESEARCH, EXTENSION, ASSOCIATIONS, AND CONSULTANTS .....	\$250.00
U.S. NON-MEMBERS of NCC or THE COTTON FOUNDATION.....	\$450.00
STUDENTS OF U.S. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS .....	\$100.00
INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPANTS .....	\$550.00

## Travel

### Airline Tickets & Rental Car Reservations

Call our travel consultant, Barbara Bullington at Travelennium for air and/or car reservations at 800-672-6694, or by email at [bbullington@travelennium.com](mailto:bbullington@travelennium.com).

#### Airline Tickets

Discounted rates available on Delta and American. Fare discounts will be reflected when you book through Travelennium.

#### Car Rental

Call Barbara, or call Hertz at 800-654-3131 or online at [www.hertz.com](http://www.hertz.com) and refer to Hertz discount number 1715002.

### Airport Ground Transportation

San Antonio International Airport (SAT) is located approximately 8 miles from the Marriott Rivercenter Hotel. Taxi fare is approximately \$24-\$34 per person one-way for one or two people.



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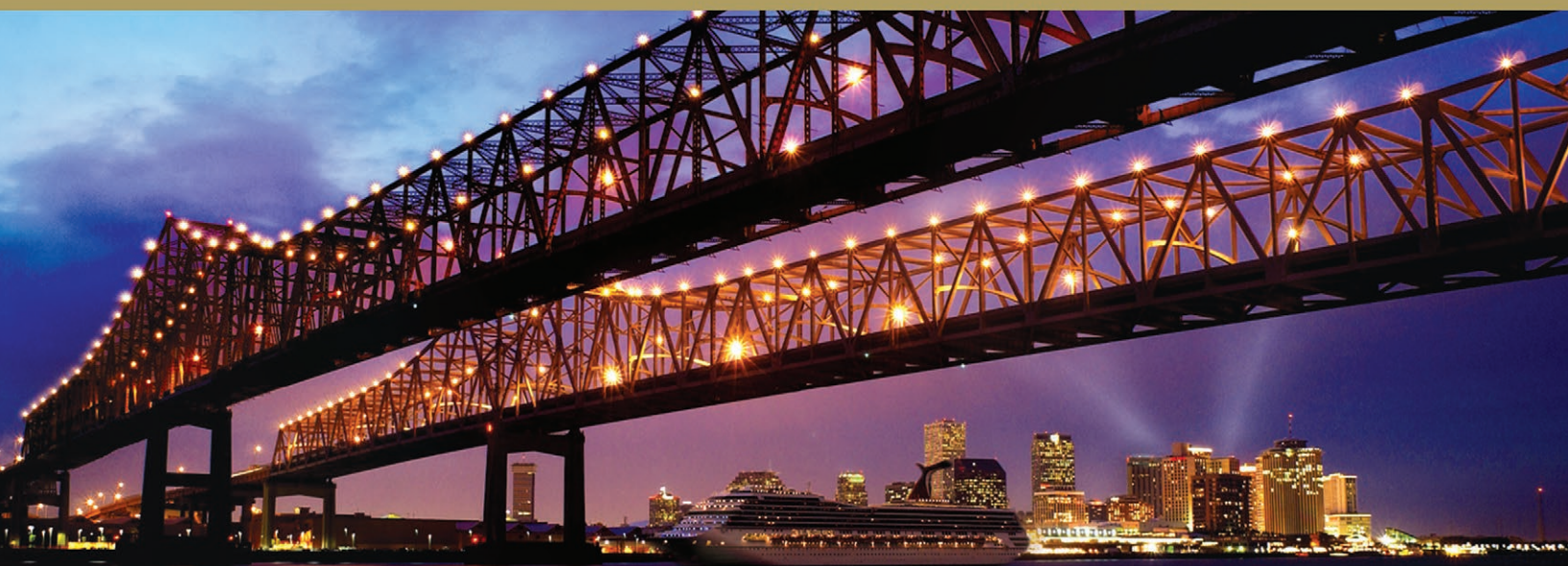
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