

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Take a moment to review the terms and conditions for this event

These terms and conditions (these “Terms”) govern your registration for and participation in the 2026 Grants Compliance Administration Conference (the “Event”) and are an agreement between Region 16 Education Service Center ("Region 16," "we," "us," or "our") and you. You represent to us that you are authorized to enter into these Terms.

EVENT. You may only register for and attend the Event in accordance with these Terms. To register for the Event, you must complete the Event registration process. Sharing your registration with another person(s) is a violation of the Code of Conduct and may result in your access to the event being terminated and/or denied.

HEALTH AND SAFETY; ASSUMPTION OF RISK. By registering for this Event, you acknowledge the inherent risk of exposure to communicable diseases, including but not limited to COVID-19 and seasonal influenza, which may exist in any public place where people are present.

You voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to such diseases and agree that Region 16 ESC, the host venue, and their respective officers and employees are not liable for any illness or injury that may result from your attendance. You agree to comply with all health and safety protocols posted at the venue or mandated by Texas state and local authorities at the time of the Event. In accordance with Texas law, proof of vaccination will not be required for entry.

PHOTOGRAPHY, AUDIO AND VIDEO RECORDING. By attending this event, you acknowledge and agree that Region 16 has the right to use, reproduce, broadcast, rebroadcast, or incorporate in any manner whatsoever, all or any portion of photographs and/or videos of you or your participation in the Event for use in its marketing materials and/or training materials and for internal use (“Materials”). You irrevocably, grant, transfer, and assign a nonexclusive, perpetual, worldwide, royalty-free right and license to Region 16, if any, in and to the Materials and all copyrights in the Materials arising in any jurisdiction throughout the world, including the right to register and sue to enforce such copyrights against infringers. You understand that the Materials may be substantially edited, altered, rearranged, or modified. To the maximum extent permitted by law, you hereby waive any moral rights you may have in the Materials.

LEAD RETRIEVAL. By allowing an industry partner to receive your contact information throughout the event, you are opting-in to receiving communications from that entity. You will be subject to their communications and privacy policy and must opt-out with them directly. By scanning your attendee badge at an exhibitor booth or industry partner station, you provide express consent to share your personal data with that entity. You acknowledge that this action constitutes an 'opt-in' under the Texas Data Privacy and Security Act. You may revoke this consent at any time by contacting the industry partner directly. Region 16 is not responsible for the data processing practices of third-party exhibitors.

CODE OF CONDUCT. We are committed to creating a safe environment that is inclusive and free from discrimination, regardless of race, religion, color, national origin, sexual orientation status, age, disability, veteran or marital status, or any other protected categories under applicable law. All participants must abide by the following policy:

Expected Behavior

- • Be considerate of those around you.
- • Be respectful of others and viewpoints that may be different from your own.
- • Be mindful of your words and actions.

Unacceptable Behavior

Unacceptable behaviors may include, but are not limited to:

- • Offensive or unwanted behavior or language related to race, religion, color, national origin, sexual orientation, age, disability, veteran or marital status, or any other protected categories under applicable law.
- • Visual harassment, such as sexual images or sexual language at the Event, including presentations and slide decks.
- • Intimidation or bullying, both online and/or in-person.
- • Sharing your event registration or making event content available to another organization without prior written consent from Region 16.
- • Any other illegal activity not already covered above.
- • Sharing your Event registration with another person(s).
- • Failure to follow any of the rules or regulations of the Event or instructions of the Event staff.

Consequences of Unacceptable Behavior Unacceptable behavior will not be tolerated and could result in debarment from current, and/or any future Region 16 events. If a participant is seen engaging in unacceptable behavior, Region 16 may take any action it deems appropriate, up to and including expulsion from the event without warning or refund. If appropriate, local law enforcement may be called upon to be involved.

Reporting Behavior If you are the subject of, or witness to any violations of these Terms and Condition, you can contact us by sending an email to t1pfe@esc16.net. If necessary, conference staff are empowered to take appropriate actions that may include, but are not limited to, debarment from the conference without refund and/or involving venue security or local law enforcement.

The Terms and Conditions may be revised at any time by Region 16 and the terms are non-negotiable.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS. All cancellation requests must be submitted in writing to gcacon-info@gcacon.com

- • **Full Refund:** Cancellations received before October 16, 2026 will receive a full refund, less a \$50 administrative processing fee.
- • **50% Refund:** Cancellations received between October 17 and October 28, 2026 at 11:59 PM CST will receive a 50% refund, less a \$50 administrative processing fee.
- • **No Refunds:** Cancellations received after October 28, 2026 at 11:59 PM CST, as well as "no-shows," are not eligible for a refund.
- • **Substitutions:** You may transfer your registration to another individual from your organization at no additional cost. Substitution requests must be submitted in writing no later than October 28, 2026 at 11:59PM CST.

VIEWS. The views expressed by any event attendee, speaker, exhibitor, or sponsor are not necessarily

those of Region 16 Education Service Center, the Title I, Part A Parent and Family Statewide Initiative or the Texas Education Agency. All event attendees, speakers, exhibitors, and sponsors are solely responsible for the content of any and all individual or corporation presentations, marketing material, advertising, and online Web content.

DISCLAIMER. Region 16 will provide you online access to and use of the Event via the Internet by use of an attendee-provided browser. You are solely responsible for obtaining and maintaining at your own expense, all equipment needed to access the Event, including but not limited to Internet access and adequate bandwidth.

USE OF OR CONNECTION TO THE INTERNET PROVIDES THE OPPORTUNITY FOR UNAUTHORIZED THIRD PARTIES TO CIRCUMVENT SECURITY PRECAUTIONS AND ILLEGALLY GAIN ACCESS TO THE EVENT AND CUSTOMER DATA. ACCORDINGLY, REGION 16 CANNOT AND DOES NOT GUARANTEE THE PRIVACY, SECURITY OR AUTHENTICITY OF ANY INFORMATION TRANSMITTED OVER OR STORED IN ANY SYSTEM CONNECTED TO THE INTERNET.

Nothing in these Terms shall be construed as a waiver of the sovereign immunity of Region 16 Education Service Center, its officers, or employees, as provided under the Texas Tort Claims Act and the Texas Education Code. All protections and immunities afforded to political subdivisions of the State of Texas are expressly reserved.

STATEMENT OF LIABILITY. Except where prohibited by applicable law, Region 16 does not bear any legal liability or responsibility for the safety of any attendee participating in this event. Region 16 disclaims any liability for the acts of any outside entities related to this event. Region 16 reserves the right to cancel the event without liability. Each attendee shall be personally responsible for his/her behavior. The organizers do not accept responsibility for the behavior of any attendee or outside entity during the event. Region 16 shall not be liable for any delays or failure in performance or interruption of services resulting directly or indirectly from any cause or circumstance beyond the reasonable control of Region 16. This includes, but is not limited to: pandemics, epidemics, acts of God (including the violence of nature without human intervention), utility curtailment or power grid instability, war, terrorism, failure of transportation, extreme weather, accidents, fires, electrical failures, strikes, labor disputes, postal delays, explosions, and government orders or regulations. Attendees at this event agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Region 16, its officers, directors, and agents, against all claims arising out of actions or omissions of attendee at or in connection with this Event. To the maximum extent permitted by law, you (for yourself, your heirs, dependents, personal representatives, assigns, and anyone else who might make a claim on your behalf or as a result of your death or injury) hereby release Region 16, and their respective directors, officers, employees, contractors, representatives, agents, successors, and assigns, from any and all claims, demands, causes of action, suits, damages, losses, debts, liabilities, costs and expenses (including without limitation reasonable attorneys' fees and costs) that you may have now or in the future associated in any way with the Event or the Materials, or related to you contracting COVID-19 and resulting from any cause.

Except where prohibited by applicable law, Region 16 disclaims any and all direct, special, consequential, incidental, punitive, or other indirect damages of any kind whether alleged as a breach of contract or tortious conduct, including negligence, or based on any other cause of action.

The laws of Texas without giving effect to its conflict of law provisions, govern these Terms and any dispute of any sort that might arise between the parties. Any dispute must be litigated in the state or federal courts located in Canyon, TX to whose exclusive jurisdiction the Parties hereby consent.

If applicable, Region 16 reserves the right to substitute an equally qualified speaker in case of an emergency or cancellation. Region 16 has no duty with respect to presenters, exhibitors, or sponsors, and makes no endorsements of any presentation or product.

Registering to attend this event acknowledges acceptance of these terms and provisions of registration.
*** I agree to the terms and conditions.**