



August 14, 2023

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### Annual Meeting Hotel Cut-Off August 28

Members are reminded to register to attend the association's 75th Annual Meeting September 24-26. This event will be held at the Virginia Beach Oceanfront Marriott. The program will recognize many of those who have given their time and efforts to build and grow your association over the years. Monday will feature an address from Virginia Attorney General Jason Miyares, an educational session on investing in your business from Federated Insurance, and our annual open forum issue group addressing the ongoing effort to ban fossil fuels and the activities of those seeking to electrify everything in the Commonwealth. Tuesday's session will be devoted exclusively to one of the most important issues facing the industry in its history – a proposed change to Virginia law to classify jobber distributors as major oil company refiners. There will also be plenty of time for networking with industry colleagues at Sunday's reception and banquet, a tour and tasting at the Cavalier Hotel's distillery (additional fee) and a Monday evening oceanfront reception. **To register for the meeting, [click here](#). To reserve a room (starting at \$204/night) [click here](#). Room block will end August 28!**



To view a full meeting program, [click here](#).

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### USDA Announces \$450 Million in New Funding for Higher Biofuel Blending Infrastructure Grants

*From EMA*

Last month, USDA announced that it will begin accepting new applications for \$450 million in grants through Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program (HBIIP). These grants support the infrastructure needed to lower out-of-pocket costs for energy marketers to install and upgrade biofuel-related infrastructure such as pumps, dispensers and storage tanks. The HBIIP funds are available for both retail and wholesale fueling/storage facilities. There will be five application windows to distribute the \$450 million in HBIIP grants between July 1, 2023, and September 30, 2024. A sixth application window will be opened if funding has not been exhausted.

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