

Consider Approval of Proposal for Moody Gardens Hotel Room and Catering Contract for the
2026 Women In Industry Conference

Staff requests approval of this proposal to host the 9th Annual Women In Industries Conference on March 5, 2026, at Moody Gardens Hotel, Spa, and Conference Center. This conference will provide information about high-wage, high-demand jobs in the petrochemical and construction fields. Participants will hear from women in the industry about specific careers and what it takes to obtain a position in that field, and get college information regarding classes, financial aid, degrees, and certificates in the petrochemical and construction fields.

This proposal would be considered a sole source since Moody Gardens is the only location in Galveston with the large spaces needed to hold over 1,100 attendees and the smaller spaces needed for breakout sessions. Other venues on the island were considered, but none of them could accommodate the conference's needs.

The funding source for this project is corporate sponsorships and ticket sales.

| Program | Services | Vendor | Cost | Funding Source |
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| Technical & Professional Education | Meeting Rooms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Floral-A1 • Floral-A2 • Expo Office • Expo Reg Desk • Prefunction • South Lobby • Expo-A1 • Expo-A2 • Expo-A3 • Expo-B • Expo C • Hib/Daf • Iris-Wisteria • Tulip • Bluebonnet-Jasmine • Orchid-Rose • Expo-A4 • North Lobby • Garden Cay • Expo Reg Desk • Expo Office • Prefunction • Expo-A1 • Expo-A2 • Expo-A3 • Ivy | Moody Gardens Hotel, Spa & Conference Center Seven Hope Blvd, Galveston, Texas 77554 1-409-741-8484 | | Corporate Sponsorships and ticket sales |
| | Catering | | \$136,000 | |
| | Audio/visual Services | | \$ 19,000 | |
| | Total Costs | | \$155,000 | |