

ARCIT Annual Conference
September 28 – 30, 2021
Lakeway Resort & Spa – Lakeway, TX
2021 Agenda



**SERVING RURAL &
SMALLER COMMUNITIES
FOR OVER 20 YEARS**

Monday, September 27

2:00 pm – Registration Open
3:30 pm

Tuesday, September 28

9:30 am Registration Open
10:30 am Opening and Welcoming Remarks
10:45 am Solving Problems for My Community: A Collaborative Session
12:15 pm Break for lunch
12:45 pm Lunch Keynote
2:00 pm Industry Break-Out Session
3:15 pm Industry Break-Out Session
4:30 pm Final Thoughts and Wrap up Day 1
5:30 pm ARCIT Evening Meet and Greet for Members, Sponsors and New Friends

Wednesday, September 29

7:30 am Networking Breakfast**
To attend this event, please register on the ARCIT website
8:30 am Industry Break-Out Session
9:45 am Morning Pick Me Up
10:00 am Industry Break-Out Session
11:15 am Keynote
12:15 pm Break for Lunch
12:45 pm Lunch Keynote

- 2:00 pm Agency Working Group
- 3:15 pm Agency Small Group
- 4:30 pm Final Thoughts & Wrap up Day 2

Thursday, September 30

- 7:45 am Breakfast
- 8:30 am Agency Small Group
- 9:45 am Morning Pick Me Up
- 10:00 am Agency Small Group
- 11:30 am Check out of hotel
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 12:30 pm Keynote
- 1:45 pm Rural Collaborative Session
- 2:45 pm Conclusion and Wrap Up of 2021 Conference

INVITED SPEAKERS WITH DESCRIPTIONS:

Keynotes:

Director Kathleen Jackson – Texas Water Development Board

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton – Office of the Attorney General

Chief Nim Kidd – Texas Department of Emergency Management

Travel Texas – Rural Texas: It’s A State of Mind

Public Utility Commissioner Will McAdams – Electric Reliability in Rural Texas; How to Weather the *NEXT* Storm

Texas 2036 – Recognizing the State Needs for Rural Texas

Federal Reserve – Affordable Rental Housing in Rural Texas: Needs and Solutions *or* A Year of Crisis, and Now What? Where Our Main Streets Go from Here

Agency Breakout Sessions:

Texas Water Development Board – Best Management Practices for Municipal Water Providers *or* Flood Planning and Financing

Texas Health & Human Services Commission – Shake the Stigma: Mental Health Services in Rural Texas

Texas Attorney General's office – The Public Information Act *or* Election Integrity

Texas Department of Emergency Management – The American Rescue Plan

Secretary of State – Elections 101 *or* 2021 Legislative Update and Legal Update

United States Department of Agriculture – Investments under the Water and Environmental Program, the Rural Energy for America Program, the Electric Loan Program and the Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program.

Federal Reserve – Affordable Rental Housing in Rural Texas: Needs and Solutions *or* A Year of Crisis, and Now What? Where Our Main Streets Go from Here

Industry Breakout Sessions:

Private Industry Partners working in Rural Texas:
Best Practices, Lessons Learned, How Best to Serve Rural Texas