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## FACILITIES CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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## **Last Chance to Register for APPA U and Continuous Learning Sessions**

# APPA U

There is still time to register for the September 9-13 APPA U sessions: the Institute for Facilities Management and the Leadership Academy. To learn more about APPA U and to register, [click here](#).

In addition, APPA is launching a new Continuous Learning Series with short courses and workshops designed to tackle a variety of specific topics for educational facilities professionals. All sessions will be held at the same venue (Omni Shoreham Hotel) as APPA U in Washington, DC:

Three-Day Short Course:

September 11-13, 2018

[Navigating the Facilities Portfolio](#)

One-Day Workshops:

September 10, 2018

[Leading Your Facilities Organization through an Age of Transformational Change](#)

September 13, 2018

[Building the Smart Campus: Employing Fault Detection & Diagnostics](#)

## Help APPA Improve the Operational Guidelines Trilogy



If you have purchased or utilized any of the publications in the Operational Guidelines for Educational Facilities series (Custodial, Grounds, or Maintenance), we invite you to answer a few short questions to help our editorial team prepare the next edition of these foundational operational and staffing guidelines. Your responses will guide the content and improve the practical use of these guidelines at our educational facilities.

To participate, simply go to the survey [here](#):

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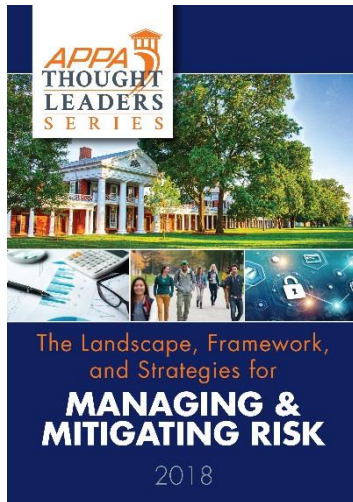
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## Risk Management is Theme of 2018 Thought Leaders Report



The 2018 Thought Leaders report, *The Landscape, Framework, and Strategies for Managing & Mitigating Risk*, looks at enterprise risk management (ERM) from both a campus-wide perspective as well as how risks affect the facilities organization in its support of the institution.

The PDF report is free, thanks to sponsors [Jacobs](#) and [Johnson Controls](#).



# APPA U

**NEXT APPA U:  
SEPTEMBER 9-13, 2018**

Omni Shoreham Hotel  
Washington, DC

## Attend Your Regional Conference!



### **RMA – Rocky Mountain**

September 24-26, 2018  
Denver, CO

### **CAPP - Central**

September 28 - October 2, 2018  
Spearfish, SD

### **PCAPP – Pacific Coast**

September 29 - October 3, 2018  
Spokane, WA

### **ERAPPA - Eastern**

September 30 - October 3, 2018  
Manchester, NH

### **SRAPPA - Southeastern**

October 6-9, 2018  
Greenville, SC

### **MAPP - Midwest**

October 13-17, 2018  
Cleveland, OH

## **Good News re GRITS Access for APPA Members**



The partnership between APPA and the Sustainability Endowments Institute has provided free access to GRITS for three years now. We are excited to announce that the partnership will be continuing until at least 2020.

More than 300 APPA member institutions currently receives free access to [GRITS](#), a powerful, time-saving web platform for planning, tracking, and sharing data from your energy and resource efficiency projects (including financial performance and carbon reduction data). The value of this access to each institution ranges from \$800 to \$2,400/year (scaled in proportion to the institution's budget).

APPA members using the free version provided through the partnership will see the following changes take effect on September 14:

- Change to 5 project entries allowed.
- Cutoff on adding more projects for those already with more than 5 projects.
- A 25% discount on upgrading to GRITS Unlimited.

To get the full benefits of GRITS, consider upgrading to GRITS Unlimited. GRITS Unlimited provides many advantages including an unlimited number of users and projects, access to the Reports feature and full access to the Library of over 2,500 completed projects at other institutions. Pricing is scaled based on an institution's overall annual budget and available upon request.

We're excited about the continuation of this partnership and we hope you'll take advantage of GRITS' powerful capabilities now that you have free access until 2020.

## 5 Tips for Campus Fire Safety Month



September is National Campus Fire Safety Month, and you'll find great information and assistance at the [Center for Campus Fire Safety](https://www.campusfiresafety.org). In addition, Christopher Kvistad of Victaulic offers these five characteristics of a safe and modern fire protection system:

- 1. Advanced Design:** Campuses are quickly moving away from bulky architecture to a more innovative and modern design. For these changes to happen, campuses need to utilize fire protection system components that are purposefully designed to enable this architectural freedom. For example, flexible sprinkler drops offer clear design and functionality advantages over hard pipe.
- 2. Quick Installation:** Universities and colleges are expanding rapidly, so using grooved technology vs. threading improves the speed at which sprinklers can be installed or retrofitted on existing systems.
- 3. Reliability:** Grooved solutions that feature pad-to-pad visual inspection, allow installers to know immediately that a coupling, sprinkler, or flexible hose has been installed properly.
- 4. Hassle-free Maintenance:** Freeze-ups are a safety and maintenance nightmare. Campuses that experience freezing winter temperatures would highly benefit from flexible technology for dry sprinklers which help reduce and eliminate system impairments that can be taxing on facilities managers.
- 5. Built for Adaptability:** Costs can mount rapidly if changing existing infrastructure means replacing an entire system. By using innovative systems with superior, reliable components, it is possible to install fire safety systems that meet architectural design requirements without negatively impacting safety.

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