

# Connect

Copy and paste the information below, and share it with your manager.

Dear [Manager's Name],

I am writing to respectfully request your support and approval to attend Connect South 2025, scheduled to take place from November 17-19 in Fort Worth, TX. I strongly believe that this conference presents a valuable opportunity for both my professional growth and our company's overall return on investment.

Connect South is renowned for providing industry professionals with the time, resources, and support they need to get business done. At this conference, I'll have the opportunity to meet face-to-face with relevant suppliers in the south, network with like-minded peers, and gain region-specific insights during focused education sessions.

Here are several reasons why my attendance at Connect South will be beneficial to both myself and our company:

1. **Networking Opportunities:** I will have the opportunity to meet one-on-one with vetted suppliers from the south in one convenient location. Connect South is deliberately kept intimate, meaning I will be able to engage meaningfully with every attendee.
2. **Professional Development:** Connect South offers a comprehensive educational program that focuses on local trends and challenges, allowing me to learn from industry thought leaders who understand our market.
3. **Return on Investment:** Connect South is a reverse-style trade show that focuses on event professionals planning and sourcing events in the southern region. By meeting with these suppliers during marketplace appointments, I can evaluate potential tools or resources that could enhance our operations, improve efficiency, and drive ROI.

All that is required of me to attend is your permission and a refundable \$200 deposit. Connect will arrange and pay for the cost of my flight, hotel, and the majority of my meals and transportation. Upon my return, I will gladly share a comprehensive report summarizing the key insights, ideas, and actionable recommendations I have gained from the conference.

Thank you for considering my request. I genuinely believe that attending Connect South 2025 will significantly contribute to my professional development and ultimately benefit our company. I look forward to the opportunity to represent our organization at this prestigious event. Should you require any additional information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I appreciate your time, consideration, and ongoing support.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]