

SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION OF WHOLESALE DISTRIBUTORS

100TH ANNUAL MEETING

# VENDOR PROGRAM



**June 20-23, 2023 | Show Dates June 22-23**  
**Naples Grande Beach Resort, Naples, Florida**



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100th Anniversary





**WHAT IF** you were guaranteed appointments with buyers you want and need to see? And...

**WHAT IF** you didn't always have to say goodbye to your family? And...

**WHAT IF** the buyers in attendance represented over \$50 billion in annual gross revenue?

### **THERE IS A DIFFERENT WAY...**

The Southern Association of Wholesale Distributors 100th Annual Meeting will be held at the Naples Grand Beach Resort and Spa, June 20-23, 2023.

The buyers in attendance are wholesale distributors of grocery and convenience products covering 14 states (plus surrounding states).

Our members generate over \$50 billion in annual gross revenue and our 14-state region alone contains over 46% of all c-store sales in the country.

In addition to a host of ways to connect with buyers including receptions, dinners, education sessions, golf and more, we have two vendor events specifically with you in mind: Ten-2-Profit and House of Deals.

There are a limited number of vendor spots available, so reserve your place TODAY!



## **TEN-2-PROFIT**

Let's face it. If you don't tend to profitability, you won't be in business very long. Think of our "Ten-2-Profit" event on Thursday as B2B "speed dating." Prior to the meeting, we tell you which buyers are committed to attend, you tell us who you want to meet with, and we schedule a series of 10-minute guaranteed appointments. It's that simple!

What can I do with a ten-minute meeting you ask?

- Showcase new products or services
- Conduct a mini-business review
- Introduce anticipated program changes
- Establish 1 or 2 short-term goals
- Give or get help or input on an issue
- Provide market analysis highlighting areas of opportunity

It is your time! The possibilities are endless!

## **HOUSE OF DEALS**

While the "Ten-2-Profit" event ensures face time with buyers, it does not allow extended time necessary for review and discussions of "show deals," order writing, or simply time to catch up with business partners. That's why we scheduled Friday's House of Deals!

We provide you with a banner, table, and a relaxed, fun environment for conducting business.





## SPECIAL 100TH ANNIVERSARY SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

*The Southern Association of Wholesale Distributors will celebrate its 100th Anniversary during our annual meeting next year. We have put together some additional sponsorship opportunities for your consideration.*

### PLAN NOW TO BE PART OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

#### T-SHIRT SPONSORSHIP \$5000

Company logo on all t-shirts  
One dedicated email  
Two dedicated social media posts  
Logo on Southern website  
Logo on all sponsor signage  
Logo on all PowerPoint presentations  
Item in 100th anniversary bag

#### VIDEO SPONSORSHIP \$5000

Company logo on all videos  
One dedicated email  
Two dedicated social media posts  
Logo on Southern website  
Logo on all sponsor signage  
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#### SWAG BAG SPONSORSHIP \$5000

Company logo on Swag Bag  
One dedicated email  
Two dedicated social media posts  
Logo on Southern website  
Logo on all sponsor signage  
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## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### TUESDAY, JUNE 20

10:00AM-3:00PM Golf Tournament  
2:00PM-5:30PM Registration Desk Open

#### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

9:00AM-5:00PM Registration Desk Open  
9:00AM - 10:00AM Chair/Vice Chair Meeting  
10:15AM-11:15AM Committee Meetings  
11:30AM-12:30PM Finance & Budget  
Committee Meeting  
1:00PM-2:00PM Executive Committee Meeting  
2:30PM-3:30PM Southern Board of Directors Meeting  
4:15PM-5:15PM SLD Board Meeting  
5:30PM-6:00PM New Vendor Reception  
6:00PM-6:30PM Welcome Reception  
7:00PM - 9:00PM Chairman's Dinner  
After Dinner-Until Hospitality Suite

#### THURSDAY, JUNE 22

7:30AM-5:00PM Registration Desk Open  
8:00AM-8:30AM Kick-Off Breakfast  
8:00AM-10:30AM Education Sessions  
10:00AM-11:30AM Spouse's Social  
10:45AM-Noon General Session  
**1:15PM-5:30PM Ten-2-Profit**  
6:00PM-7:00PM Reception  
7:00PM-9:00PM Awards Dinner  
After Dinner-Until Hospitality Suite

#### FRIDAY, JUNE 23

8:00AM-8:30AM Continental Breakfast/  
General Membership Meeting  
8:30AM-1:00PM Registration Desk Open  
**8:45AM-10:15AM House of Deals**  
10:30AM-11:30PM Distributors Forum  
11:45PM-12:30PM Executive Committee  
6:30PM-9:30PM One more thing...



## NAPLES GRANDE BEACH RESORT



## HOTEL INFO

We have blocked space at the Naples Grande Beach Resort and Spa. **Reservations may be made by visiting: <https://gc.synxis.com/rez.aspx?chain=13057&hotel-62234&group=G-SAWD23>**. Be sure to identify yourself as a member of Southern. You can also make your reservation by using the link provided on the Southern's website. The preferred rate is \$239 per night for single or double occupancy and does not include tax or daily resort fee of \$10. **The cutoff for the preferred rate is May 31, 2023.**

## BRING THE FAMILY

**Spouses and children under 18 attend the meeting for FREE!**

Our vendor partners are family here at The Southern. We have created an environment where business gets done and relationships get strengthened. We hope you like it.

The welcome mat is out. Y'all come! **Full details may be found at [the-southern.org](http://the-southern.org) or call us at 770-932-3263** and we will explain everything that you could want to know about our organization, and how establishing a partnership with The Southern will help your bottom line.





Established in 1922, the Southern Association of Wholesale Distributors is a 14-state regional trade association representing the interests of corporations and individuals involved in the manufacturing, sales and distribution of tobacco, candy and convenience products. Member states include: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia. Contact us today to find out more about becoming a member of this elite group.

**\$50 BILLION**

The combined annual gross revenue of the distributor members in The Southern.

## SOME OF THE COMPANIES EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE 100TH ANNUAL MEETING!

**Allison**  
WHOLESALE, INC.

**AMCON**  
DISTRIBUTING COMPANY



**ASHLAND**  
**SPECIALTY**  
**COMPANY**  
WHOLESALE  
DISTRIBUTORS



**CALDWELL WHOLESALE**



Charles C. Parks Company



Mississippi Coast's Largest  
Convenience Store Wholesaler,  
Full-Line Vending, and Employee  
Break Room Solutions Provider



**Core-Mark®**  
**Eby-Brown**

A Performance Food Group Company



**Smith Wholesale**



**William F.  
Brockman Co.**



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P.O. Box 2289, LaGrange, GA 30241



# VENDOR APPLICATION

June 20-23, 2023 | Naples Grande Beach Resort  
Naples, Florida | Vendor Events June 22-23, 2023



Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ P.O. Box \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Website \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

*The individual signing this contract represents and warrants that he/she is duly authorized to execute this binding contract which includes the rules and regulations of the event, which may be found on the reverse side of this application.*

	Super Saver By 12/31/22	Early Bird 1/1/23 – 3/31/23	Regular 4/1/23 – Meeting Date	Total Due
Vendor Member* Company & First Registrant**	\$2,700	\$2,900	\$3,200	
Vendor Non-Member Company & First Registrant**	\$2,950	\$3,200	\$3,450	
Broker	Call for Pricing	Call for Pricing	Call for Pricing	

*\*New vendors (who haven't participated with us in the last two years) may attend at the member rate.*

*\*\*Each additional registrant must pay a fee to attend. After we receive the Vendor Application and Deposit, we will email a link to register all attendees. The cost for attendees after the first is as follows:*

Additional Vendor Member Registrant	\$575
Additional Vendor Non-Member Registrant	\$625
Spouses/Guests	\$0
Children Under 18 and Living at Home	\$0

**Payment Schedule:** 50% with Application  
50% due March 1, 2023

**Full payment is due with any application received after March 1, 2023.**

**What product or service do you intend to discuss with buyers?**

☐ Cigarettes ☐ Cigars ☐ Smokeless ☐ RYO/MYO

☐ E-Cigarettes ☐ Tobacco Accessories (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Candy ☐ Snacks ☐ HBA ☐ Software/Systems

☐ Beverages ☐ Foodservice

☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## Payment Information

☐ Credit Card

☐ Check (Payable to SAWD)

☐ AMEX

☐ MasterCard

☐ VISA

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Amount of payment

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ CCV: \_\_\_\_\_

(A three or four-digit number usually located on the back of your credit card.)

Name as it appears on card \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Note:** Detailed information, a link to register for name badges, appointment times with buyers, etc., will be sent to the primary contact name on this application. **Please be sure that this is the person that you want as the primary contact.**

Please sign and return this agreement along with your payment to:

**SAWD • P.O. Box 2289 • LaGrange, GA, 30241**

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# 2023 SAWD Annual Meeting

## Rules and Regulations

**NOTE:** The SAWD Annual Meeting (hereinafter referred to as the “Event”) is a “Members Only” event for buyer attendees. This means that only buyers that are members of the Southern Association of Wholesale Distributors, Inc. (“SAWD”) may participate. Vendors are encouraged to join the SAWD but are not required to do so.

- 1. Contract for Participation:** This application for participation in the 2023 Event constitutes a contract for the Vendor's right to participate in accordance with these rules and regulations.
- 2. Limited Graphics:** The graphics that may be displayed by vendors at this event are limited to the quantity and type provided by and/or pre-approved by the Southern Association of Wholesale Distributors, Inc. No additional signage of any type is allowed.
- 3. Rates vary** based upon date of receipt of Vendor Application and based on membership status in the Southern Association of Wholesale Distributors, (“Referred to as SAWD”). A table of rates may be found on the 2023 Vendor Application.
- 4. Payment Schedule:** 50% due with application and 50% due by March 1, 2023. Applications submitted after March 1, 2023 must be accompanied by full payment.
- 5. Cancellation:** In the event that the vendor cancels, the vendor must do so in writing. For cancellations received before March 31, 2023, the participation fee will be refunded. No refunds will be issued after March 31, 2023. Should the meeting be cancelled due to COVID-19, all vendor fees will be refunded. Should the meeting be rescheduled, the vendor fees will be applied to new the dates.
- 6. Liability Limitation:** All property of the vendor is understood to remain under the vendor's custody and control in transit to, from, and within the confines of the area(s) occupied by the Event. Each vendor shall maintain insurance covering the full insurable value of such property.
- 7. Claims:** Vendor agrees for itself, its successors and assigns to waive and release SAWD and Associated Services Group (herein referred to as ASG), and their respective officers, directors, employees, and consultants from any and all claims, demands, and causes of action of every nature, whether known or unknown, including any all claims, demands, and causes of action for the negligence or fault of SAWD, ASG and their respective officers, directors, employees, and consultants, arising out of or in connection with the Event.
- 8. Indemnification:** Vendor agrees to indemnify and hold SAWD and ASG harmless from any and all claims, demands, losses, causes of action, damages, lawsuits, and judgments, including attorneys fees and costs, by vendor's agents, employees or sublessees arising out of or relating to any act or omission of the vendor and/or the vendor's participation in the Event whether such act or omission is negligent or not.
- 9. Cancelled/disrupted event:** In the event of cancellation or disruption of the Event for any reason or cause, the Agreement shall be terminated and the vendor waives any claim for damages or compensation as noted in Paragraph 6 above, except that the vendor shall be entitled to a refund of the amount paid for that portion of the Event that is either canceled or disrupted.
- 10. Conditions:** ASG reserves the right to restrict the actions of vendors, their employees and agents because of noise, size, method of operation, interference with any other vendor or any illegal activity that becomes objectionable or otherwise detracts from the Event. Vendors will be given a warning to correct the offense and then will be closed down in the event the offending activity is not ceased or the vendor, its employees or agents continue to be out of compliance with these Rules and Regulations. Vendors are responsible for complying with all building rules and the following:
  - Vendors shall comply with local and state health and safety standards and applicable rules and regulations of local electrical codes and fire codes in the city of the meeting.
  - Vendors are to surrender spaces occupied by them in the same condition it was at the time it was first occupied.
  - Vendors are liable for any damage within their contracted event space to floors, floor coverings, walls, columns or other parts of the event hall property.
  - Vendors will abide by the tax laws of the state of the meeting and all other applicable local, state and federal regulations, including tobacco-related excise taxes and tobacco-related laws and regulations.
  - Distribution of any material or literature is restricted to the vendor's area(s) defined by SAWD or ASG.
- 11. Prohibitions:** No Vendor shall display or permit to be displayed any merchandise other than that specified in the application. Display of paraphernalia or drug-related items are strictly prohibited. Pipes for display must have an inside diameter of a minimum of ½” and a depth of at least 1”. Display of commercial roll your own cigarette machines, video presentations of commercial roll your own cigarette machines, and informational brochures or other sales literature for commercial roll your own cigarette machines is strictly prohibited.
- 12. Companies Showing Cigarettes add or Other Tobacco Products:** Vendors selling cigarettes must certify (by completing a form to be provided) that they are either:
  1. a Participating Manufacturer in the Master Settlement Agreement (“MSA”); or
  2. they are otherwise complying with the escrow statutes established by the MSA.
- 13. Additions and Amendments to the Rules:** SAWD and ASG may from time to time issue additional rules and regulations as they deem necessary for the orderly presentation of the Event. Rules may be amended at any time, provided such amendment shall not substantially diminish the rights or increase the liability of the vendor.

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# SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



**SPECIAL 100TH ANNIVERSARY SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE**

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AVAILABLE SPONSORSHIPS	SPOTS AVAILABLE	VENDOR COST	TOTAL
<b>Insert in Annual Meeting Registration Packet</b> (wholesaler packets only, picked up onsite at registration desk)	5	\$1000	
<b>Logo on Annual Meeting Email Promotions</b> (all attendees)	3	\$1000	
<b>Logo on Annual Meeting Name Badges</b> (all attendees)	1	\$1000	
<b>Logo on Photo Booth Photos</b> (if applicable, all attendees)	1	\$1000	
<b>Brochure on every seat in General Session</b> (all attendees)	3	\$750-\$1000	
<b>Annual Meeting Lanyards</b>	1	<b>SOLD</b>	
<b>100th Anniversary T-Shirt Sponsorship</b>	1	\$5000	
<b>100th Anniversary Video Sponsorship</b>	1	\$5000	
<b>100th Anniversary Swag Bag Sponsorship</b>	1	\$5000	

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## PAYMENT INFORMATION

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Type ☐ AMEX ☐ MasterCard ☐ VISA ☐ Check payable to SAWD Amount of payment \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ CCV: \_\_\_\_\_

Name as it appears on card \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_