

## Chicago workshop update

54 attendees from 7 states

18 survey respondents – only two negative comments: 1 was from one person about how long the morning presentations went without a break; the other wished there had been more time for Q&A in the morning. Here are the responses regarding overall program.

	EXCELLENT	AVERAGE	POOR	NOT APPLICABLE	TOTAL
Location and logistics	61.11% 11	27.78% 5	11.11% 2	0.00% 0	18
Format	50.00% 9	50.00% 9	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	18
Overall content	76.47% 13	23.53% 4	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	17
The quality of the information that was new to me	66.67% 12	33.33% 6	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	18
Food and refreshments	77.78% 14	22.22% 4	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	18
Hotel lodging	11.11% 2	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	88.89% 16	18
Parking	77.78% 14	5.56% 1	0.00% 0	16.67% 3	18

[Comments \(2\)](#)

In asking about the sessions and information presented:

	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	NEUTRAL	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Background Information	66.67% 12	27.78% 5	5.56% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	18	1.39
Regional View from the Ground	77.78% 14	16.67% 3	5.56% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	18	1.28
Industry End Markets and Updates on Needs/Capacity	77.78% 14	22.22% 4	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	18	1.22
State Progress and Perspective	72.22% 13	16.67% 3	11.11% 2	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	18	1.39

The afternoon sessions were also well received:

	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	NEUTRAL	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Format	52.94% 9	29.41% 5	17.65% 3	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	17	1.65
Discussion Topic	52.94% 9	29.41% 5	17.65% 3	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	17	1.65
Length of Discussion	64.71% 11	17.65% 3	17.65% 3	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	17	1.53
Solutions Approach	47.06% 8	35.29% 6	17.65% 3	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	17	1.71

[Comments \(4\)](#)

Comment: "Hopefully, the solutions and ideas the group prepared will be converted to action items and shared with all the attendees."

Networking time received a 100%.

Financially, the preliminary data shows a loss. However, the report only shows activities through the end of October so additional income and expenses will be recorded. My sense is that there will be a loss on this event due to fewer than expected attendees and lower sponsorship dollars than budgeted.