

COBFM 2026 CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24TH

SESSION 1

9:30 AM – 10:15 AM

Facility Energy Insights & Changing Management Paradigms

Josh McIlwain, Sr. Account Executive
Ameresco

Deep down, we all know the difference between right and wrong, however, on any given day the lines get blurred by competing interests. While there's no shortage of potential outcomes in our buildings, consistently executing well on what's possible can be a different thing altogether.

Buzzwords abound: “building system energy analytics” and “data-enabled CIP processes” and “budget neutral solutions.” but what do they mean in a world where societal pendulums swing so wildly? How can you cut through the noise to satisfy the broadest bench of stakeholders?

The future of facility energy management will be grounded in a reality that goes beyond your building's bottom line and will impact the world around us for generations to come.

Avoiding the minutiae in your data, empowering lasting solutions, and ensuring high quality services to occupants are among the time-tested characteristics for success. Join our session to stay ahead of the chaos – and inspire the mindset you'll need to do difficult things.

Learning Objectives:

- Attendees should expect to come away with the following:
 1. Confidence in the direction of their plans.
 2. New ways of looking at old problems.
 3. New ideas for handling changes.

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SESSION 2

10:45 AM - 11:30 AM

AI Technology Advances in Facility Management: Best Practices, Insights, & Trends for Integrating AI into FM

Ken Crawford, Executive Director of Facilities and Support Services - Ogden School District & MOAT

Cameron Cowan, Head of Strategy - MOAT

You've played around with Chat GPT, but can AI help you manage your facilities? Do you have challenges managing the procurement, maintenance, and longevity of facility assets such as buildings, HVAC, plumbing, roofing, and more? Discover how Ogden School District is integrating Artificial Intelligence (AI) along with the five best practices for modern facility and asset management to tackle these challenges. Learn how to optimize asset uptime, reduce downtime costs, and shift from reactive maintenance to proactive maintenance strategies using data and AI. This presentation will cover emerging trends in AI, essential data principles, and actionable insights to maximize efficiency and fiscal responsibility.

Learning Objectives:

- A self-assessment framework for organizational maturity in both facility efficiency and creating optimal fiscal responsibility (Novice, Intermediate, Expert)
- How to move from reactive postures (e.g. surprise expenses, fixing only when broken, double paying for warrantied items) to proactive asset management (e.g. using AI to prioritize preventative asset maintenance and capital budgeting) and asset lifespan optimization
- Uncover the 5 Best Practices of Modern Facility & Asset Management

SESSION 3

10:45 AM - 11:30 AM

Fire, Water Mold Overview

Rudy Rodriguez, Business Development Manager

ATI Restoration

Restoration training focused on fire, water, and mold damage. Learn inspection techniques, mitigation strategies, drying principles, contamination control, remediation methods, and best practices for restoring residential and commercial properties safely and efficiently.

Learning Objectives:

- Learn inspection techniques, mitigation strategies, drying principles, contamination control, remediation methods

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SESSION 4

12:00 PM – 12:45 PM

Project Management Toolkit for the Everyday Facility Manager

Lisa VanderHeyden, PMP, FMP, SFP, CFM, CFT
Sr. Facility Project Manager–Arapahoe County
Justin Gallo, CFM Facilities and Administrative Manager
Daniels Fund

Facility Managers often report that they are uncomfortable with their skills in planning and executing projects. In reality, you are likely using some level of Project Management in everything you do. The difference in success comes from the knowledge of tools and documentation that you can use to produce repeatable success. This session will bring Project Management to life in a way that you can relate to, remember, and use to grow your skills as a leader.

Learning Objectives:

- 1: Integrate Project Management principles in your daily work to increase confidence and success.
- 2: Increase your level of understanding of what goes into project management and how it enhances your efforts,
- 3: Expand your skills in the soft elements of project management that enhance your success as a leader.
- 4: Go back to your work confident in your new abilities

SESSION 5

2:00 PM – 2:45 PM

Safety First Aid & Fire Protection Services

Nathan Hughes, Madison Decker, Joe Roth–Bogrett, Nick Eldridge, Heidi Young, and Nick Stahlman.
Thompson Safety

Join Thompson Safety for an interactive discussion on creating safer, more compliant workplaces through integrated safety solutions. This session will cover best practices for managing first aid, AEDs, eyewash stations, fire protection equipment, and PPE programs while reducing administrative burden and improving employee readiness. Attendees will learn practical strategies to streamline safety compliance, improve response times during emergencies, and build a stronger culture of safety across their facilities.

Learning Objectives:

- Identify key workplace safety program elements required to support compliance and employee well-being, including first aid, AEDs, eyewash stations, and PPE.
- Evaluate opportunities to reduce risk and administrative workload by consolidating safety inspections, service programs, and compliance management.
- Implement practical strategies to improve emergency preparedness, increase employee engagement in safety initiatives, and enhance overall workplace safety performance.