# **Real or Not Real?**

As an excavator, you worry there may not be someone coming to mark your jobsite because there aren't as many people who want to locate for a living as there are 811 tickets.

As a facility owner that shares its right-of-way with other utilities, you worry your damage prevention program cannot rise above that of the worst damage prevention program of those other utilities.

As a locator, you worry that all the results you produce will never be recorded for the benefit of others, even though it seems that it can be done now.

# **Definately Real...**

- The largest gathering of excavators in the country during 2021 will occur in Louisville, Kentucky at The Utility Expo.
- Utilities CAN have a physical presence at the event named after them at The Utility Expo.
- Most people say technology, but peer-to-peer learning is the most effective way to fundamentally and swiftly change damage prevention for the better.

# Oh, and Also Real...

Planet Underground is hosting two peer-to-peer learning events at The Utility Expo, The Jobsite and The Roundtable.

#### **About Planet Underground...**

Planet Underground creates training content for electromagnetic pipe and cable locating, utility system knowledge, utility map comprehension and visual observation skills training. We also build assessment tools for these subjects as well as an assessment tool for one-call ticket comprehension.



**Damage Prevention For the Planet** 





#### Experience the best in peer-to-peer hands-on education!

*The Jobsite* represents the first-ever opportunity for service-based companies to directly participate in The Utility Expo. Consisting of 80,000 square feet of outdoor space dedicated to creating an actual construction site, *The Jobsite* is used for promotion of safe work and damage prevention practices through direct peer-to-peer education. Attendees can take advantage of *The Jobsite's* unique networking space, where food and refreshments can be enjoyed in a casual, nontraditional setting.

The Jobsite is the only location within the 30-acre indoor and outdoor Utility Expo site to have complete integration of sponsor activities. With its own food and refreshment centers, The Jobsite is a unique event allowing sponsoring organizations to network with their customers, potential customers, and suppliers in a relaxed environment.

Through our relationship with the Association of Equipment Manufacturers (AEM), we are able to create significant pre-event publicity for our top sponsors.



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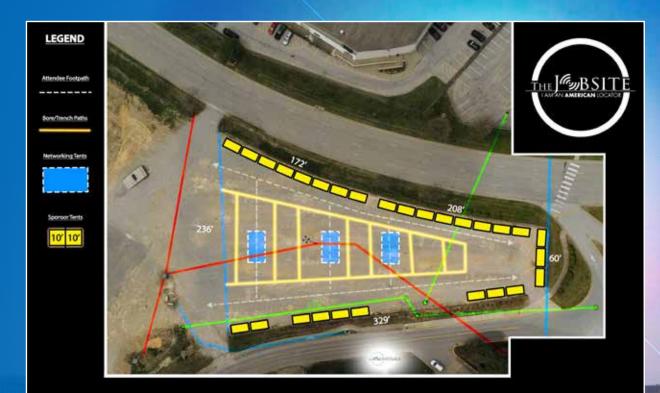
## **LIVE! Excavation at:**

#### **The Utility Expo**

Just outside Broadbent Area. Lot K September 28-30

## **Sponsorship Levels:**

\$7500 \$5000



**Exclusive Sponsor Benefits...** 

## **Tent Space / Meal Tickets**

\$7500 - 10x20 / tickets for customers. prospects and others

\$5000 - 10x10 / tickets for attendees only

To enhance networking and learning, sponsors are not limited to tented areas. Tents ring *The Jobsite* along the edges, but the open space is for anyone with equipment working on construction projects including vehicles and displays.

The Jobsite is a networking event so food and drink is a big part of the festivities. It's the only setup like it at The Utility Expo.

#### **Number of Attendees**

There is no limit to sponsors' attendee numbers, but all sponsor personnel must pay \$25.00 for entrance to The Utility Expo. This is a discounted rate compared to \$79.00 for other attendees.

\*The Jobsite is for service providers.

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# Why participate?

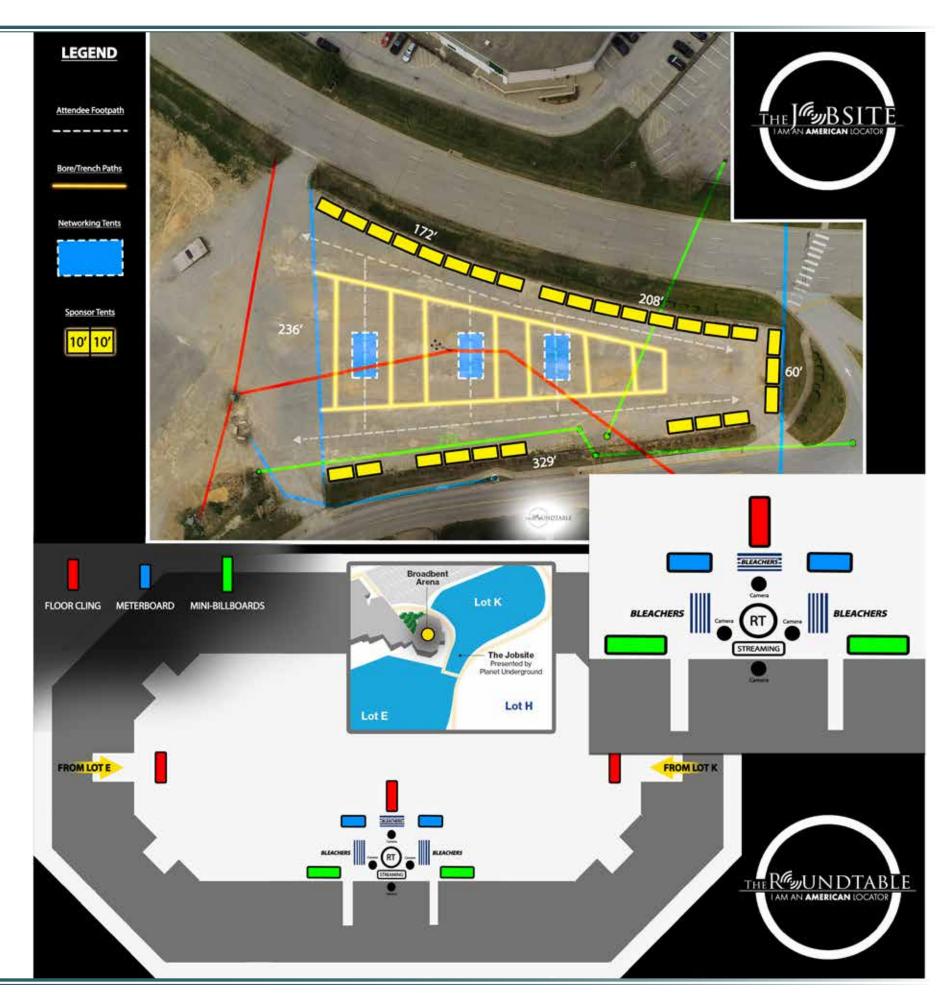
Underground utility strikes in the U.S. are going up, impacting public safety, worker safety, and creating adverse economic impact.

The 5-year rise in underground utility strikes is troubling because it speaks to the effectiveness of current damage prevention practices and programs. These practices and programs, rooted in communication and cooperation between facility owners and excavators, were effective in bringing down utility strikes in years prior.

While communication, planning and other forms of cooperation between owners and excavators can certainly go a long way, cooperation cannot work hand-in-hand with legislation to significantly reduce our country's damage prevention problems. If they could, damages would be going down. Instead, damages continue to rise.

Yes, there is a significant difference in the physical nature of utility detection versus utility avoidance. Workers that detect do not see what they are detecting while workers that avoid see what they are avoiding. This is an important distinction that underscores why there are two sides to the problems in damage prevention. Designating where to find a pipe or cable isn't the same as actually locating it.

Why become a sponsor of Planet Underground at The Utility Expo? Because you recognize that the world of locating underground utilities includes a lot more people that just those spraying paint. We all are American Locators and the most important step in fixing bad trends in damage prevention is engaging in peer-to-peer education. Share what you know—that's the best reason to participate.





Join us for a dynamic new version of our most popular yearly event!

The Roundtable is a series of four-person unscripted conversations focusing on the risk of excavation damage to underground utilities. Seated at tables face to face, participants from various parts of the utility industry discuss strategies designed to protect workers and the public from potentially catastrophic excavation related accidents.

Each session is themed and begins with a moderator's toss-up question, but where the conversation ultimately leads is up to the participants. They may not always agree, but they always meet in the middle with their honest and insightful thoughts regarding excavation safety.

Sponsorship is open to any organization, and top sponsors of *The Jobsite* are included as sponsors of *The Roundtable*. Watch the postevent video free on the Planet Underground YouTube channel and website!



**LIVE! Streaming from:** 

**The Utility Expo** 

Broadbent Arena foodcourt September 28th and 29th 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

**Sponsorship Levels:** 

\$5000 \$3000 \$2000 \$1000

#### Schedule of Roundtable Discussions

## September 28 – 10 am to 2 pm

10:00 am to 10:45 am - Effectiveness of state damage prevention laws and enforcement

11:00 am to 11:45 am - What the future holds for managing our crowded rights-of-way

**12:00 pm to 12:45 pm** - Who doesn't view damage prevention as a public safety issue?

**1:00 pm to 1:45 pm -** The impact of predictive analysis given the state of late response to 811 tickets

### September 29 – 10 am to 2 pm

**10:00 am to 10:45 am -** What good is permanent location information without a plan to share?

**11:00 am to 11:45 am** - Artificial intelligence in damage prevention

**12:00 pm to 12:45 pm -** Construction equipment's role in avoiding damages

1:00 pm to 1:45 pm - When do we get to "Zero damages?"

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