



Instructions on how to submit a session proposal for TMTS 2026 in Oklahoma City

This document will help you prepare to submit your proposal in the online system. NAST is seeking diverse panels for each track. New this year, we are seeking proposals across the tracks that address soft skills in the workplace. Soft skills can include topics such as communications, leadership, problem-solving, teamwork, and time management. For a complete list of requirements and specifications, please visit the [Call for Proposal webpage](#).

All submissions must be made online [using this link](#) by February 6, 2026.

Step 1 - Click on the [submission link](#) and select one of the following tracks (see below for suggested topics for each track):

- 529 College Savings Plans
- ABLE Savings Plans
- Banking & Cash Management
- Financial Education & Empowerment
- Innovations & Technology in the Treasury
- Retirement Security
- State Debt Issuance
- Unclaimed Property

Step 2 – Fill in the following information in the online portal. The following are required fields:

- Affirm you have read the “Requirements and Specifications” on the [CFP webpage](#).
- Enter a catchy session title (No more than 10 words).
- Describe the session and learning objectives (Between 40-80 words).
- Select the type of format (i.e. panel session, demo, case study, facilitator-led discussion).
- Select the skill level (beginner, intermediate or mastery).
- Describe the audience engagement, such as group discussion, table activity, and/or polling.
- Enter the facilitator’s information. (This person may or may not be a speaker, but is the point of contact with whom NAST will communicate about this session.)
- Add suggested or confirmed speakers’ information. NAST strives for diverse panels of State Treasurers/treasury and related office staff, and employees from corporations/academia/NGOs.

Suggested Track Topics for Planning Purposes:

To help you plan your submissions for TMTS, below are topics that NAST members and networks have identified as areas where specific training is needed. These suggested topics are not all-inclusive, but have been identified as priorities when developing the TMTS program for 2026. Please consider submitting proposals that address soft skills in the workplace; such as communications, leadership, problem solving, team work, and time management.

529 Education Savings Plans

The theme of this year's conference track will celebrate the history and future of 529 plans, emphasizing growth, innovation, and the impact on families. With the theme in mind, we welcome a variety of topics with the following specifically requested by our membership for the upcoming conference ([click here](#) to see last year's sessions and avoid duplication):

- Innovative Plan & Investment Design: Explore cutting-edge approaches to 529 plan design that address the evolving needs of beneficiaries and account owners.
- Technology and Digital Transformation: Showcase how technology is reshaping the 529 landscape, from digital onboarding to personalized investment strategies.
- Financial Literacy and Education: Share effective strategies for promoting financial literacy among families, highlighting successful educational initiatives within 529 plans.
- Marketing and Outreach: Share innovative marketing campaigns, outreach programs, and community engagement efforts that have successfully increased 529 plan participation.
- Regulatory and Compliance Updates: Provide insights into the latest regulatory changes and compliance challenges impacting 529 plans, along with strategies for navigating these changes.
- Understanding Investor Behavior: Provide insights, drawing on data analysis, surveys, interviews, or other methods, into investor behavior and savings motivations.

ABLE Savings Plans

Please submit ideas for the following broad topic areas:

- Investment Strategies, Governance and Fiduciary Duty: Explore investment strategies for ABLE plan design that address the evolving needs of ABLE account owners and share best practices for ABLE plan governance. Potential changes to investment strategies to meet the investment and savings needs of those who will be newly eligible.
- Operational Innovations and Challenges: Showcase operational innovations and strategies that have improved customer experience or program growth and discuss any challenges with a proposal of potential solutions.
- Outreach to Families, Eligible Participants, and Other Providers: Share effective strategies for outreach and community engagement efforts that have increased ABLE plan participation. Strategies for marketing to newly eligible audiences in anticipation of implementation of the ABLE Age Adjustment Act.
- Marketing, Branding and Financial Literacy: Present innovative marketing campaigns, branding initiatives, and strategies for promoting financial literacy among families, highlighting successful campaigns or initiatives.
- Legislative, Regulatory and Compliance Updates: Provide insights into the latest legislative and regulatory changes and compliance challenges impacting ABLE plans, along with strategies for navigating these changes.

Banking & Cash Management:

Your proposal should demonstrate how your interactive training on the topics below will equip government treasury professionals with practical strategies. Demonstrate how your program will engage participants through real-world case studies, interactive polling, and dedicated Q&A periods and specify the types of takeaway materials that will be provided to enhance learning and on-the-job application (e.g., templates, research, checklists, samples, etc.).

- Advanced Fraud Prevention and Cybersecurity in the AI Era
- Real-Time Payments (RTP) and Digital Disbursement Strategy
- Modernizing Treasury Operations and Cash Flow Forecasting
- Strategic Management and Regulatory Impacts on Local Government Investment Pools (LGIPs)
- Navigating Investment Regulation and Portfolio Construction
- Mastering the Banking Services Request for Proposal (RFP) Process
- The Intersection of Federal Funding and Digital Disaster Response
- Implications of Open Banking and Financial Data Legislation
- Banking and Financial Regulation in the Digital Asset Space
- Other...

Financial Education & Empowerment:

We are seeking a series of sessions, specifically with a group of panelists, focusing on best practices of financial education at the treasury that includes, but are not limited to, the following:

- Successes and outreach strategies for statewide financial education programs for students, children and adults (both in person and online).
- Technology and innovation in financial education (digital tools, AI, etc).
- Ancillary and easy financial education ideas that promote financial empowerment, such as awards and programming.
- Update on current Federal legislation and its impact on financial education.
- Behavioral and psychological connections to financial education.
- Model legislation. Topics to include: How to pass a financial education bill in your state. What is a persuasive argument for legislators? What are the common pitfalls?
- How to establish an office of economic empowerment and/or financial empowerment commission.

Innovations & Technology in the Treasury:

We are seeking a series of sessions focusing on these suggested topics:

- Technology and security, fraud, data privacy, artificial intelligence.
- Treasury management systems.
- Operational issues, such as continuity of business operations, governance, HR/employment.
- Studies about workforce development, employee training, knowledge transfer.
- Leadership, governance, ethics.

Retirement Security:

We are seeking up to five sessions focusing on state-facilitated retirement security programs. Topics may include:

- Marketing & promotion, partnerships, risk management, state & federal legislation, program implementation, etc

State Debt Issuance:

Please submit proposals for the following topic areas, or for topics not listed:

- Economic Update
- Cybersecurity in Bond Issuance and Closings
- Disclosure
- Transportation Bond Financings
- Federal Financing Strategies
- Forecasting
- Ratings
- Continuity Planning for Core Operations
- Debt Issuance Case Study Review
- Improving Productivity in the Workplace - Practical Uses for AI
- Federal Debt Levels – Impacts on States

Unclaimed Property:

Your proposal should demonstrate how your interactive training on the topics below will equip government treasury professionals with practical strategies. Demonstrate how your program will engage participants through real-world case studies, interactive polling, and dedicated Q&A periods and specify the types of takeaway materials that will be provided to enhance learning and on-the-job application (e.g., templates, research, checklists, samples, etc.).

- Legal Trends and Legislation
- Fraud Prevention and Detection
- Technology Innovations
- Audits
- Claims Processing and Complexities
- Marketing and Communications
- Compliance and Reporting
- Virtual Currency and Emerging Property Types
- Workforce and Staff Development
- Other...