IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Sham housing companies are approaching Geological Society of America members and exhibitors with fraudulent offerings of hotel rooms at significant discounts. Lured by highly attractive rates, exhibitors and attendees fall prey to these imposters losing significant deposits, discovering hidden costs, up-front charges or being bait and switched to hotel rooms they never booked.

Of course, these companies are in no way affiliated with Geological Society of America / GSA 2024, or the official hotels in Anaheim. They troll the internet and association web sites looking for annual events and then gain access to email addresses for direct contact or draw attendees to their web sites posing as your association’s sanctioned housing provider. **Do not give them your credit card information.**

Orchid.Events is the **ONLY** official housing company for this event and will not contact you directly to make a reservation. Booking through the Geological Society of America’s official housing provider, Orchid.Events ensures you will be working with a reputable company, that your credit card information is secure, and that you will benefit from all services provided to conference attendees at the official hotels including shuttle transportation to the convention center.

If you are contacted by anyone asking if you need a room reservation for GSA 2024, or if they represent themselves as the “Geological Society of America Housing Provider,” please get as much information as you can, then contact Orchid.Events at help@orchid.events or call toll-free 1-888-747-7850.

**Why Stay at a Conference Hotel?**

Geological Society of America has secured room blocks for attendees and exhibitors at a variety of hotels to meet all tastes and budgets. These participating hotels are providing discounted rates to you based on a guaranteed percentage of attendees staying in these official conference hotels.

**When you book your room with Orchid.Events you will receive the following benefits:**

- Immediate email acknowledgement of your hotel reservation
- Peace of mind that you have a reservation at an "official" Geological Society of America hotel at the discounted rate.
- Provided with complimentary access to the internet in your hotel guest room.
- Receive important meeting related materials in your hotel room (door drops)
- Protection in the event the hotel has oversold guest rooms.
- And much more!

**When rooms are booked at hotels that are NOT within our official hotel block and/or you do not use Orchid Events:**

- Geological Society of America is exposed to penalties for not fulfilling our room block commitments, by avoiding hotel penalties, **Geological Society of America** is able to keep show costs down.
- Geological Society of America risks our ability to rebook preferred hotels and receive discounted rates.
- Geological Society of America risks losing qualification for space needed at the convention center.
- Geological Society of America is unable to assist in the event a reservation cannot be found the hotel’s system.
- Geological Society of America is unable to help protect reservations in the event the hotel “oversells” its room inventory.

Please support the Geological Society of America by staying at one of the official hotels. We think you will find the increased networking opportunities, quality hotel services and amenities, and provided transportation to be worth it!