



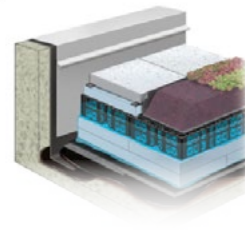
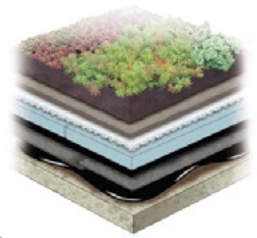
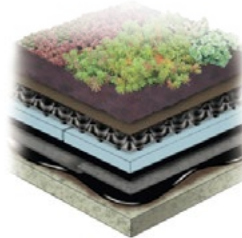
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# CSI KNOXVILLE CHAPTER MEETING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH

## *ADDING RESILIENCY ON THE ROOF: VEGETATED ROOFS AND BLUE ROOFS*

PRESENTED BY CHRIS SHARP, STYRO SYSTEMS AND AMERICAN HYDROTECH

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### CSI Knoxville Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, September 10th

Time: 11:30 AM EST - 1:00 PM (EST)

"Adding Resiliency on the Roof:  
Vegetated Roofs and Blue Roofs"

Presented By Chris Sharp, Styro Systems  
and American Hydrotech, 1 AIA LU/ HSW

In-Person Meeting Location:

Associated General Contractors (AGC)

Address:

[3306 Ragsdale Ave NW, Knoxville, TN 37909](https://www.google.com/maps/place/3306+Ragsdale+Ave+NW,+Knoxville,+TN+37909)

#### SCHEDULE

11:30 am - 12:00 pm Sign-In & Networking

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Lunch Presentation

\$20 Per CSI member (Pay at the door: Cash, credit  
cards, or checks are accepted)

Guests are free on first visit, then \$20 each meeting.

RSVP: Lunch Provided [Click here to make Reservation](#)

The Knoxville Chapter meets on the second Tuesday of each month, U.N.O. in Calendar. Guests are Welcome!

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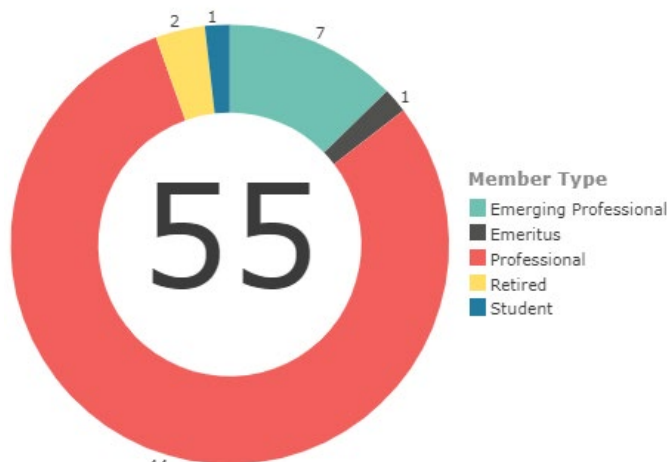
**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**SEPTEMBER 2024**

- 03** **CSI Board Meeting** - Tuesday, September 3rd  
 Meeting from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm (EST)  
 Zoom Meeting
- 10** **CSI Chapter Meeting** - Tuesday, September 10th  
**Time: 11:30 AM EST - 1:00 PM (EST)**  
**"Adding Resiliency on the Roof: Vegetated Roofs and Blue Roofs" Presented by Chris Sharp, Styro Systems, 1 AIA LU/HSW**
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- AGC Address:**  
[3306 Ragsdale Ave NW, Knoxville, TN 37909](#)
- 26** **Decompression Hour** - Thursday, September 26th  
 An Informal gathering, 5:30 pm at **TBD... It's a Surprise! Look for the Flyer in your email!**

**OCTOBER 2024**

- 01** **CSI Board Meeting** - Tuesday, October 1st  
 Meeting from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm (EST)  
 Zoom Meeting
- 08** **CSI Chapter Meeting** - Tuesday, October 8th  
**Time: 11:30 AM EST - 1:00 PM (EST)**  
**"2024 IBC Significant Changes - COK Transition from 2018 Code Family to 2024 CODES" Presented by James Tente, City of Knoxville, 1 AIA LU/HSW**  
**RSVP: Lunch Provided** [Click to Make Reservation](#)
- AGC Address:**  
[3306 Ragsdale Ave NW, Knoxville, TN 37909](#)
- 16-18** **2024 CSI National Conference:** October 16th-18th  
 CSI Knoxville Chapter will be celebrating the receipt of honors and awards this year in Houston, Texas! [CSI Conference Registration](#)
- 20** **2nd Annual CSI Wes Crow Golf Tournament:**  
 Friday, October 25th  
 Lunch: Served at 11:30 AM, Tee Time: 1:00 PM  
**Three Ridges Golf Course**  
[6101 Wise Springs Rd, Knoxville, TN 37918](#)  
  
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 Entry Deadline: 10/18/2024  
[Register for Golf Tournament](#)
- 26** **Decompression Hour** - Thursday, October 24th  
 An Informal gathering, 5:30 pm at **TBD... It's another Surprise! Look for the Flyer in your email!**



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## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### WHAT A SHORT, STRANGE TRIP IT'S BEEN...

CSI Knoxville Chapter Awards Gala was a success! Our Leaders and Officers were celebrated. Please join us on Tuesday at the AGC for an opportunity to learn about vegetated roofs, presented by Chris Sharp from Styro Systems.



Knoxville Chapter has lots of opportunities for folks to plug in and get involved, so reach out to me if you could spare a little volunteer time to help make our mutual chapter experience even stronger.

Let's do this! Onward and Upward! Come learn with us!

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

[KNOXVILLE] BY DESIGN 2024 ART SALON  
OCTOBER 1ST - 26TH



[Knoxville] by Design is quickly approaching, and the Art Salon will kick things off on October's First Friday by showcasing the vast range of original works of art created by architects and related professionals in East Tennessee.

This year, the work will be displayed at the Phoenix Gallery between the dates of October 1st - 26th, with a First Friday opening celebration taking place October 4th from 5:00-9:00PM. This gallery is open to the public throughout the week.

Please fill out the submission form by no later than **SEPTEMBER 16th** if you are interested in displaying work.

Location:  
The Phoenix Building  
418 S. Gay Street  
Knoxville, Tenn. 37902

#### Submission Guidelines:

- Up to 3 submissions per artist
- \*Due to the space limitations of the gallery, there will be a selection process determining how many pieces will be displayed. Please be cognizant of the size of your work in determining how many pieces to submit.

#### EVENT DETAILS

- Monday, September 16: Submissions due
- Friday, September 20: Curators to inform artists if their submissions have been chosen for the show.
- Sunday, September 29: Deliver work to the Gallery between 12:00PM-3:00PM. More info will be provided to applicants upon selection.
- Friday, October 4: Art Salon First Friday Exhibit, opens from 5:00PM-9:00PM

[SUBMIT YOUR ART](#)



# CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM

## Program Title

Adding Resiliency on the Roof:  
Vegetated Roofs and Blue Roofs

## Program Number

000074

## Description

This program introduces audiences to the many benefits provided by vegetated roofs and blue roofs. The course will review how both vegetated and blue roofs can be incorporated into stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs) on projects along with the technical advantages of employing either individually or combined.

In addition, recent technological developments will be shown on how to implement blue roofs as a cost savings opportunity on a project. The course also covers typical components, design considerations and installation methods.

## Program Categories

04 Environment/Sustainability  
08 Performance Technology

## Length

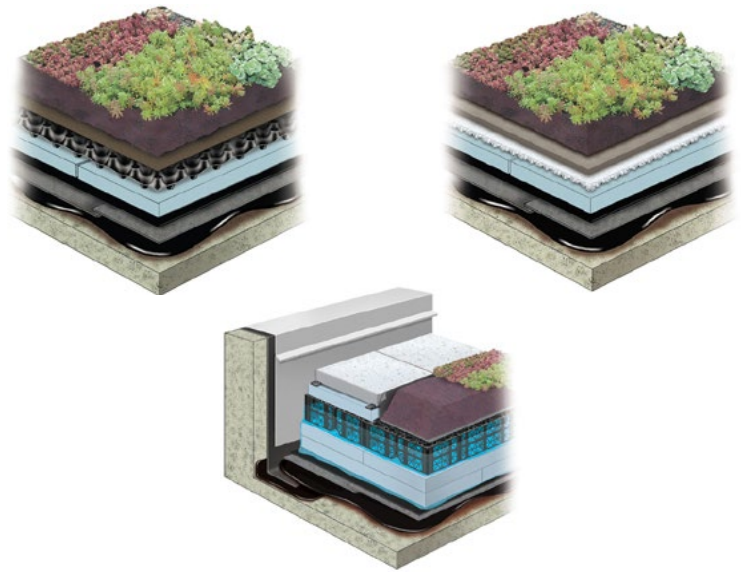
One hour, generally presented over lunch at the participants facility

## Credits

One Learning Unit  
HSW: Yes  
SD (Sustainable Design): Yes

## Contact

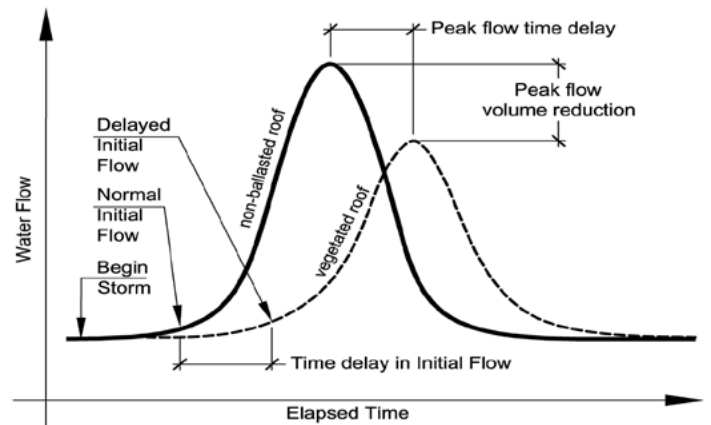
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Typical stormwater management assemblies



Installed vegetated roof assembly



Stormwater hydrograph





CSI LEARNING

# What I Learned from CSI... Don't Blow It: Locating the Fire Sprinkler Valve Assembly

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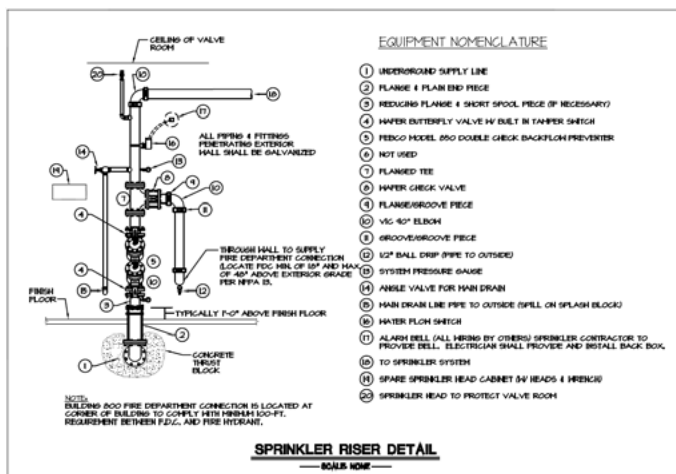
PICTURED ON LEFT, FIRE RISER WITHOUT CLOSET; ON RIGHT, GARY BERGERON

Many of us in the construction industry have observed fire sprinklers in several buildings. But how many have noticed the valve assembly where the fire sprinkler piping enters the building? Mechanical engineers and sprinkler contractors refer to this as the "fire riser". The "riser" is an assembly of valves, alarm switches, gauges, and other devices which enable the system to work as designed to extinguish a fire in the early stages.

Two CSI friends and their spouses were recently out at a new restaurant and noticed the fire riser serving the building located in the corner of the room. They texted me a photo of the system and asked me what I observed. Being the technical geek that I am, I listed all the valves (OS&Y and BFP valves, waterflow switch, valve tamper

switch, main drain valve, pressure gauges, spare sprinkler head cabinet, inspection tags, and hydraulic flow placard) and their purposes along with the adjacent equipment. I didn't see the "forest for the trees", for I didn't notice a table and two chairs in the foreground of the photo adjacent to the fire riser. The lack of a secure closet for the fire riser equipment invites unauthorized personnel to manipulate the valves which will cause an unnecessary fire alarm to go off.

There are two buildings here in Knoxville, which will remain un-named, that have a similar installation with no closet. According to IBC code section 902.2: This room or closet should be large enough to allow access to all fire sprinkler and fire alarm valves and devices. It should also be accessible from the outside with a door or access panel that's large enough for maintenance and testing. The room should also maintain a temperature between 40° F and 100° F. Please see the attached diagram of a wet riser for the equipment identification on a fire riser.



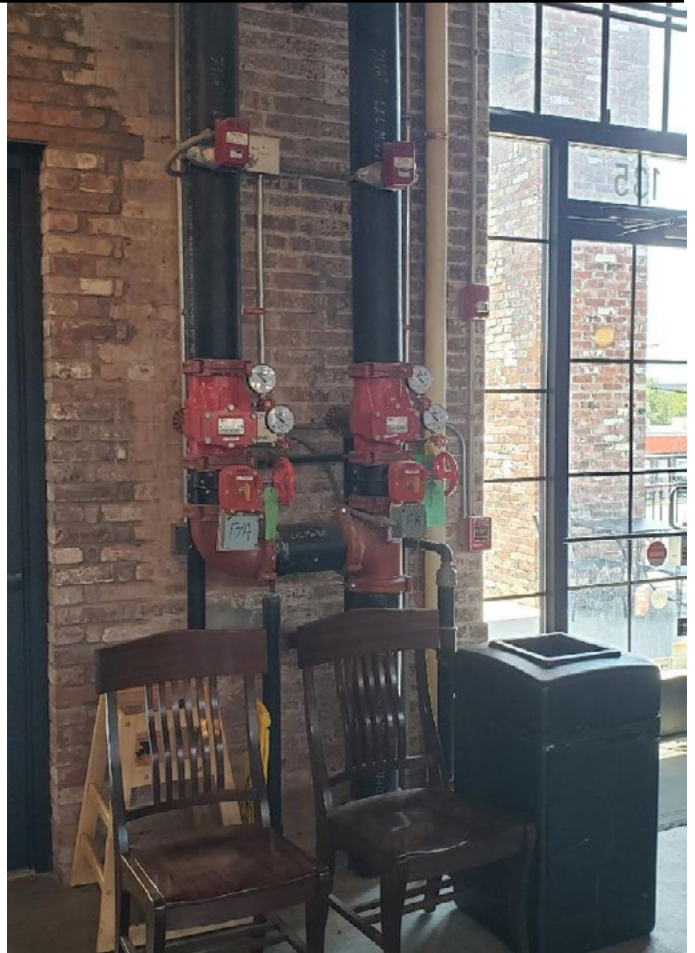
SPRINKLER RISE DETAIL DRAWING



Thanks to Whitney Kaul and Samer Shatara for providing inspiration for this technical article. If you want to learn more about this and other Construction issues, please come to the next CSI meeting or contact Gary Bergeron at [Gary@Kelso-regen.com](mailto:Gary@Kelso-regen.com).



FIRE RISER WITHOUT CLOSET IN AN UN-NAMED RESTAURANT



ANOTHER FIRE RISER WITHOUT CLOSET IN AN UN-NAMED RESTAURANT

## CSI MEMBER NEWS

### WHY TAKE THE CDT?



I had thought I was done with test-taking and studying—college long behind me, those long nights with Red Bull as my only company, and the stress surrounding a timed test. So why would I put myself through the stress again to obtain my CDT certification? Am I crazy? Maybe a little bit, but hear me out.

For those of you who don't know me, I'm the Business Development Manager and Specification Writer for The Architecture Collaborative (TAC). My job duties mainly involve marketing, networking, business development, request for proposal responses, and contract administration for some of our projects for Public Housing Authority clients.

Since I work at an architecture firm, you would think I have an architecture degree. Surprise, you'd be wrong! Prior to starting at TAC, I was an adjunct lecturer in the English Department at UTK. How I went from getting my bachelor's and master's degree in English Literature to working in the A/E industry is a long, twisting story that I don't have time to tell in this article, so pull me aside another time to ask about it.

All of this to say, I had zero knowledge of the A/E industry before joining TAC two years ago, so taking the CDT was one of my goals to further my knowledge, cement myself in the industry, and gain a better understanding of how to write strong specifications. When I reached out earlier this year, the CSI Knoxville

chapter purchased the official CDT study materials for me to use. The chapter now has these materials for all members to use, which is fantastic! I printed the study guides and blocked time on my calendar every Monday morning to spend solely on studying.

After two weeks of studying, I was shocked to realize that I was already familiar with most of the material. I had expected the study process to be arduous and reminiscent of my long Red Bull nights (I promise this isn't a Red Bull sponsored article). But I quickly discovered that apart from the niche financing details surrounding project conception, I had already picked up on most of the material just from being in the industry for two years.

So long story short, apart from those first two weeks in February, I didn't study at all for the CDT.

Wait, why are you getting your pitchforks? Is that Gary Bergeron with a torch? Suzan Jordan, put that sword down! I can explain! I promise I'm not arrogant!

I definitely wouldn't call the exam "easy," necessarily, but it is crafted to test your knowledge and doesn't try to trick you. For me, even though I am extremely new to the industry, I had no issue passing the exam on the first try. So try not to overthink it! Skim through the study guide, do a few practice sections, and try to identify the gaps in your knowledge. The rest will come naturally to you. Also, try Googling "CDT Exam Flashcards" and going through a few. Most of these are pulled from past exam questions, and I found it helpful in identifying the areas I didn't know.

Overall, I would definitely recommend taking the CDT exam if you have considered pursuing a certification in the past. My main piece of advice is to trust your gut. If you've been in the field for a few years, you most likely know a good chunk of the material on the exam.

I'm thankful for the CSI Knoxville chapter for embracing me as a fledgling spec writer. I can't wait to grow my career alongside these wonderful folk. And if you see me at any upcoming monthly CSI meetings, come up to me and tell me your favorite spec section! Also, since Kathy is obsessed with my cat Venus, here's a photo of her.

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## CSI MEMBER NEWS

### KARINA'S VISIT TO DENVER CSI CHAPTER



**K**arina Kane is a fourth year UTK architecture student working in our mechanical engineering office part time. She mentioned that Ted Shelton's integration class had a school project located in Denver, Colorado. A quick Google maps search of the address indicated some "dated" aerial images. Karina recognized that more data was needed. She looked for a Denver GIS similar to Knoxville's KGIS program. Karina was disappointed to find there was not a GIS with more up-to-date information. Karina took a "long shot" and contacted the Denver CSI board of directors via email with the text below..

My name is Karina Kane, I am a fourth-year architecture student at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and a student member of the CSI Knoxville Chapter. Being a part of CSI has been one of the greatest decisions in my life. The people I have been connected with, by being involved with the Knoxville, Nashville, and even Chattanooga chapters have taught me so much valuable information that I will carry with me for the rest of my career. When I first got involved, the CSI community welcomed me with open arms. Now, they have made a wonderful effort to help me grow in this profession by teaching me from their own experiences. I have to say, this community has the most hard-working, passionate, caring, intelligent, and creative people I've ever met and I am so honored to be part of CSI.

With CSI being such a compassionate organization, I am reaching out about a potential sponsorship through

the Denver, CO Chapter for a one-day site visit located at 1338 N Emerson St, Denver, CO, 80218. This site visit would be for an integration school project (a project for fourth-year students only) which I am tackling this semester through the College of Architecture at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Not only would visiting the site help to provide critical information including photos and written accounts, but having that contextual experience will give me a leg up in the project that is being submitted to a national competition (brief attached below). I was just presented the brief yesterday, with the final project for class due before Thanksgiving, November 20th specifically, meaning visiting the site would have to occur in the next month. I truly appreciate what CSI has been able to do for me and how beneficial being a part of the organization is to my career. If possible, working out a date to visit the site and meet you with the Denver, CO Chapter, would be more than awesome! Thank you so much and I am looking forward to hearing from you soon!

Within just a few hours Athena Van Waardenburg (secretary of CSI Denver Chapter) responded with an email that she was forwarding Karina's request to the Denver CSI board of directors. Little did Karina know, the board found the request to be worthy of financial support. It was less than 24 hours later, Erica Thompson (treasurer of CSI Denver Chapter), called Karina with CSI Denver's offer to pay for the Knoxville to Denver flight, pick her up at the airport, tour the project site, and provide her guest room for Karina's time in Denver. Karina also brought to Erica's attention the interest in meeting some of the CSI Denver Chapter members on her trip. Erica emailed a few people letting them know about this incredible moment where their chapter was able to help a student from another chapter on the other side of the nation. Karina is set to meet a few people from the CSI Denver Chapter on her trip, learning from their experiences as well as being able to share information about herself. Stay tuned for part two of this article, which details the information Karina will obtain during her Denver visit.





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## PHOTOS FROM CSI KNOXVILLE CHAPTER AWARDS GALA ON SEPTEMBER 13TH









## CSI NEW MEMBER NEWS

### WELCOME NEW MEMBER! BRILEY SAIYASAK, CSI

Let me introduce Briley Saiyasak, one of our newest members. She is an emerging professional in the design and construction industry. She has recently joined Jacobs in their Nuclear Projects and Consulting department providing design services to the Department of Energy.



Briley came to UT in 2017 from Mount Juliet, just east of Nashville. She graduated in 2022 from the UT College of Architecture & Design with a Bachelor of Architecture and a minor in Industrial Design. She met her husband, Caleb, here and decided to stay in Knoxville.

I asked her why she chose this field. "Growing up, I was always making things and loved being creative. I chose architecture because I felt it would give me an avenue to express creativity while also getting to work closely with people. I also love figuring out how things work and learning about the minute details of things, so the more technical side of architecture, scratches that itch for me as well!"

Briley learned about CSI when she attended the CSI Products Show in 2022. When she was asked why she

joined the chapter, she explained, "to learn as much as possible and to form connections that help make me a better architect. CSI seems like an organization that promotes practical ways to improve our industry, and I feel like I'd be crazy not to want to be a part of that." She said that she wants to pursue her CDT credential after she completes her ARE exams, which she has already started.

Briley also has an interest in working with students at UT. "I never knew a student chapter even existed when I was in school, and I feel like growing student interest early in our careers is a great way to teach students about the profession and what it really means to be a well-rounded architect."

During her down time, she enjoys reading – "no genre is off-limits", painting, embroidery, or sewing. Back in middle Tennessee Briley has lots of family including three younger sisters, who are triplets. Here in Knoxville, she and Caleb are enjoying their golden doodle named Nutmeg and are expecting a second doodle, Pepper. "We are excited because then we're going to have a couple of 'Spice Girls'!!!"

As you can tell, this young architect is bubbling over with energy and enthusiasm. Reach out and introduce yourself at our next CSI event.

- Mrs. Katherine Proctor, RA, FCSI, CDT





## CSI Knoxville Annual Golf Tournament

It's time to come out and play golf and network with friends. Win cash prizes, eat, drink, and let's have fun!

**October 25, 2024**

At CSI Knoxville Chapter, we are committed to promoting education in construction related fields. Proceeds from this event benefit the University of Tennessee, College of Architecture and Design, the CSI Scholarship and other local construction and design educational programs.

Date: October 25, 2024  
 Time: 1:00 PM Tee Time  
 Lunch: Served at 11:30 AM

Contact	Cost
Wes Crow, CSI wcrow@johnsongalyon.com Phone: (865) 770-0727	Individual \$120.00 4 person team \$450.00

Please make check or money order payable to CSI: Mail payment & entry form back to: CSI Golf Tournament c/o Wes Crow Johnson & Galyon Construction 1130 Atlantic Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37917  
 Credit Card payment accepted or you can register and pay on line <https://csiknoxville.org/>

### ENTRY FORM: (Entry Deadline: 10/18/2024)

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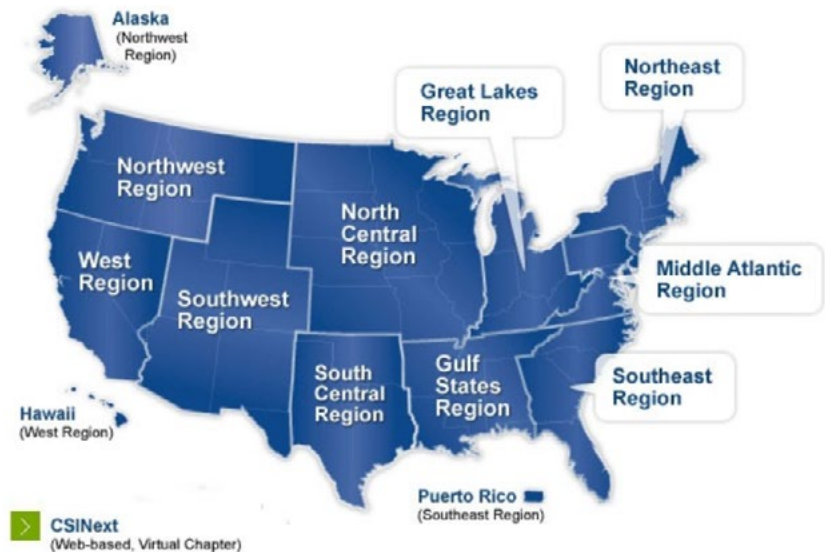
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