ATTENDEE INFORMATION

VQEG Spring Meeting New York City

24–27 May 2027

Hosted by AT&T at 33 Thomas Street, 1st Floor
New York, NY 10007

A practical guide for meeting participants: venue, arrival, access, transportation, lodging areas, and pre-travel actions.

STATUS The VQEG dates and New York venue are publicly announced. Internal correspondence identifies the 1st-floor conference area, with capacity for at least 60, a large screen/projector and Wi-Fi. Final daily hours, hybrid connection details, registration process, catering, and the building-entry point will be issued later.

Meeting	VQEG Spring 2027 in-person meeting
Dates	Monday 24 May through Thursday 27 May 2027
Venue	AT&T, 1st Floor, 33 Thomas Street, New York, NY 10007
Neighborhood	Tribeca / Lower Manhattan
Host contact	Eric Petajan, AT&T ep619a@att.com +1-908-399-5750
VQEG questions	meeting@vqeg.org

Plan your trip

Use this page first. Items marked “to be confirmed” should not be treated as final travel or access instructions.

ACTION FOR INTERNATIONAL ATTENDEES Begin visa and institutional travel-approval planning early. The public VQEG meeting page confirms the host, city, and dates. Contact meeting@vqeg.org for meeting-specific documentation requests.

Before booking

- Book changeable airfare and lodging where practical.
- Plan to be in Lower Manhattan for four meeting days, 24–27 May. Daily start and end times are still to be confirmed.
- Do not ship equipment or materials to 33 Thomas Street unless the host gives written instructions.
- If you need step-free access, dietary accommodation, captioning, or another accommodation, notify the organizers in advance.

Before arrival

- Complete the attendee registration process when the organizers publish it.
- Provide the requested visitor details by the organizer’s deadline. Building operations has advised that a list of non-AT&T attendees will be needed a few days before the event.
- Carry a government-issued photo ID whose name matches the registration/visitor list. This is a prudent planning recommendation; the exact check-in requirement is to be confirmed.
- Bring a laptop power adapter and any country-specific plug adapter you need. U.S. power is 120 V, 60 Hz.

Information still to be confirmed

Item	Current status
Daily meeting hours	To be published with the agenda
Exact visitor entrance and check-in point	To be confirmed by AT&T building operations
ID and security screening procedure	To be confirmed
Hybrid meeting link and remote-participation policy	Room capability reported; connection details pending
Catering, coffee, and lunch arrangements	To be confirmed
Attendee registration and presentation upload	To be published by VQEG

Venue and arrival

The meeting venue is the AT&T 1st-floor conference area at 33 Thomas Street in Tribeca, Lower Manhattan. The building stands on the east side of Church Street between Thomas and Worth Streets.

IMPORTANT 33 Thomas Street is an operating workplace and communications facility, not a general public event venue. Follow the VQEG/AT&T arrival instructions when issued rather than relying on tourist information about the building.

Getting there by subway

Several Lower Manhattan stations are within walking distance. Service patterns and accessibility can change, especially on weekends and during construction.

- Chambers Street: 1, 2, and 3 trains.
- Chambers Street / World Trade Center complex: A, C, E trains, depending on the entrance and service pattern.
- City Hall / Cortlandt Street area: additional downtown services may be practical depending on your hotel.

Use the official MTA Trip Planner shortly before each journey and check elevator status if step-free travel is required.

View official MTA maps

From the airports

- JFK: AirTrain connects to the Long Island Rail Road and NYC Subway. The airport publishes current routes and fares.
- LaGuardia: public-transit trips generally use an airport bus connection to subway or rail. Check the MTA trip planner for the specific terminal and arrival time.
- Newark Liberty: rail, airport bus, taxi, and rideshare options serve Manhattan. Verify current service with the airport/rail operator before departure.

JFK public transportation information

Arrival-day sequence

1. Go to the exact entrance named in the final attendee email.

2. Have your photo ID and registration confirmation ready.

3. Allow extra time for visitor processing on the first morning.

4. After check-in, follow host signage or staff directions to the 1st-floor meeting area.

5. Wear or retain any visitor credential as instructed.

Where to stay and daily practicalities

No official room block has been identified in the available sources. Choose a hotel based on cancellation terms, accessibility needs, and a simple trip to 33 Thomas Street.

Area	Why it works	Trade-off
Tribeca / Civic Center	Shortest walk to the venue; convenient for early starts.	Often limited inventory and higher rates.
Financial District	Many hotels and direct downtown transit; walkable from many properties.	Business-district atmosphere; some routes involve longer walks.
SoHo / Chinatown	Dining choices and a manageable walk or short subway ride.	Street noise and room size vary considerably.
Downtown Brooklyn	Potentially broader inventory with subway access to Lower Manhattan.	Requires a river crossing and more contingency time.

Meals and refreshments

- Catering arrangements are not yet confirmed. Until told otherwise, assume you may need to purchase some meals yourself.
- Tribeca, Chinatown, and the Civic Center have many food options, but lunch queues can be long.
- Share dietary restrictions during registration rather than waiting until arrival.

Connectivity and presentations

- The host has reported Wi-Fi and a large screen/projector in the room. Final guest-network instructions will be provided on site or before the meeting.
- Presenters should bring their slides in the requested format and keep a local backup copy. Presentation-upload instructions are pending.
- Hybrid capability has been discussed, but remote access details and presenter connection procedures are not yet published.

Weather and clothing

Late-May conditions vary. Check the forecast shortly before travel, bring a light rain layer, and wear comfortable walking shoes. Meeting-room temperature can differ from outdoor conditions, so layers are useful.

LOCAL ORIENTATION The venue is near the Civic Center, Tribeca, Chinatown, and the World Trade Center area. Build extra walking time into your first trip because Lower Manhattan station complexes can have multiple exits.

Contacts, checklist, and source notes

Meeting contacts

Host: Eric Petajan, AT&T

General VQEG meeting questions: meeting@vqeg.org

Emergency services in the United States: 911

Attendee checklist

☐ Travel and hotel booked with suitable change/cancellation terms

☐ Passport/visa and employer travel approval complete, if applicable

☐ Registration completed when opened

☐ Visitor information submitted by the requested deadline

☐ Accommodation and dietary needs communicated

☐ Government-issued photo ID packed

☐ Laptop, charger, plug adapter, and presentation backup packed

☐ MTA/airport route checked shortly before travel

☐ Final entrance, check-in time, and daily agenda reviewed

Source notes

Verified event facts are based on the public VQEG site and AT&T/VQEG correspondence available as of 5 October 2026. Operational details that remain unsettled are explicitly marked “to be confirmed.”

- VQEG meetings page — confirms 24–27 May 2027, New York, hosted by AT&T; describes the meeting format and contact address.
- VQEG home page — confirms the upcoming in-person meeting dates, city, and host.
- MTA Trip Planner — official route planning and current service information.
- MTA maps — official subway, bus, and accessibility maps.
- JFK public transportation — official JFK AirTrain and transit connection guidance.

Internal planning record

Correspondence confirms the 1st-floor venue, approximately 60-person planning capacity, screen/projector, Wi-Fi, and the need to provide a non-AT&T visitor list a few days before the event. A September 2026 workplace-planning thread also indicated that the May 2027 reservation was not yet visible in the reservation system, although the planner expected to resolve it. This guide therefore separates the publicly announced venue from administrative details still being finalized.