

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

The International District Energy Association (IDEA) is pleased to offer this Call for Presentations for the technical program of our 2026 Annual Conference & Trade Show under the theme of “Connecting Networks.”

Since 1909, the IDEA annual conference has connected members of the district energy industry across North America and around the globe to share and advance best practices, enable collaboration and leverage member experience with emerging technologies. In 2026, the program will focus on **actionable strategies for aggregating loads to achieve scale, enabling integration and innovation with lower-carbon technologies to accelerate the energy transition.**

In conjunction with this conference, IDEA will be hosting the International Energy Agency District Heating & Cooling Technology Collaboration Program (IEA DHC TCP), bringing a network of global industry experts together from over 15 countries for valuable exchange. We will also recognize and celebrate the achievements of the Canadian Federal Government and Partners with the world-class ESAP Project in Ottawa.

The conference and trade show will take place at the Shaw Convention Center and Westin Hotel in downtown Ottawa, with planned technical tours and multiple networking opportunities along with a high value trade show of world-class technology and services providers.

IDEA invites members, colleagues and industry participants to submit 75-word abstracts for consideration reflecting the conference theme of “Connecting Networks.”

SUGGESTED PRESENTATION TOPICS INCLUDE:

- De-Carbonizing with District Energy
- Community Energy (particularly Canada) and Sector Coupling
- District Energy and Data Centers
- District Cooling & Thermal Energy Storage
- Geothermal, Geo-Exchange and Networked Geo
- Thermal Energy Networks (TENS)
- Smart Cities & Resilient Energy Infrastructure
- Energy Recovery/Waste Heat/Wastewater Systems
- Integrating Renewables, Low-Carbon Solutions and Electrification
- District Energy and Nuclear Energy
- Forest Management & Biomass CHP Applications
- Combined Heat & Power, Microgrids & Distributed Generation
- Public Private Partnerships & Financing
- System Development, Expansion & Modernization
- District Energy and CHP Case Studies in Cities, Communities and Campuses (corporate, health care, research, pharma campuses, airports & military bases)
- Controls, Monitoring, Metering, Optimization & Energy Management
- Workforce Development and Talent Management

EXHIBIT & SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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ABSTRACT SUBMISSION AND DEADLINE

Presentations should not be commercial in nature. Case studies and real-world projects/experiences are preferred. Please follow instructions at districtenergy.org/idea2026 to submit an abstract by Friday, December 12, 2025.