DISTRICT ENERGY

IDEA2027

Connecting for the Future

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CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

The International District Energy Association (IDEA) is pleased to offer this Call for Presentations for the technical program of our 2027 Annual Conference & Trade Show under the theme of "Connecting for the Future."

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 2027, 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**.

The conference and trade show will take place at the Raleigh Convention Center in downtown Raleigh, 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 for the Future."

We encourage submissions on projects/initiatives happening in the region.

SUGGESTED TOPICS INCLUDE:

- District Energy and Data Centers
- Decarbonization through District Energy
- Geothermal, Geoexchange and Networked Geothermal
- District Cooling & Thermal Energy Storage
- Community Energy & Sector Coupling
- Thermal Energy Networks (TENS)
- Smart Cities & Resilient Energy Infrastructure
- Thermal Energy Recovery and Re-Use *(including waste heat utilization, data center heat, wastewater heat recovery, industrial heat sources, heat recovery chillers, thermal integration, and other approaches to capturing and utilizing otherwise unused thermal energy)*
- Renewable Energy, Low-Carbon Solutions & Electrification
- District Energy & Nuclear Energy
- Biomass, Bioenergy & Sustainable Forest Management Combined Heat & Power, Microgrids & Distributed Energy Resources
- Financing, Investment & Public Private Partnerships
- System Development, Expansion & Modernization
- District Energy and CHP Case Studies *(including cities, communities, corporate and institutional campuses, healthcare, research, pharmaceutical and life sciences facilities, airports, military installations, and other large-scale energy users)*
- Controls, Monitoring, Metering, Optimization & Energy Management
- Policy, Regulation & Market Development
- Workforce Development & 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/idea2027** to submit an abstract **by or before Friday, December 18, 2026**.