CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

The International District Energy Association (IDEA) is pleased to offer this Call for Presentations for our 2021 Campus Energy Conference, “Bridge to the Future”, in downtown San Francisco, CA, Feb 16-19, 2021

District Energy Systems are efficient, sustainable and resilient energy infrastructure for college and university campuses, healthcare, research centers, airports, military bases, cities, communities and clusters. By aggregating the thermal and electricity needs of dozens of buildings, district energy systems leverage economies of scale to deploy cleaner, lower-carbon energy solutions.

College and university campuses are often vital economic engines, supporting mission-critical research and many thousands of jobs. The growing frequency and severity of extreme weather events like wildfires and floods demand more resilient technologies like CHP and Microgrids to help protect critical research, ensure business continuity and support local communities.

Recently, growing urgency to also cut emissions has catalyzed new technologies and innovations in business models, creating a bridge to a lower carbon economy. IDEA welcomes case studies, presentations and panel discussions on emerging best practices and more holistic solutions.

For over 32 years, the annual IDEA Campus Energy Conference has earned a reputation for excellent technical content, valuable peer exchange and robust dialogue with business partners in a relaxed, collegial atmosphere.

Please make plans to join us in San Francisco, CA February 16-19, 2021.

**ABSTRACT SUBMISSION and DEADLINE:** Friday, July 17, 2020
Visit [www.districtenergy.org/conferences](http://www.districtenergy.org/conferences) for more information on submitting a 75 word abstract.

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**SUGGESTED PRESENTATION TOPICS INCLUDE:**
- Utility Master Planning and Climate Action Plans
- Resiliency and the Role of CHP Microgrids
- Renewable & Low Carbon Energy Strategies
- De-Carbonizing with District Energy
- Extending Campus Energy Systems – Connecting with Neighbors
- Emerging Business Models and Financing Strategies
- District Energy and CHP Case Studies
- Growth in Campuses, Cities and Communities, (including health care, research, pharma, government clusters and military bases)
- Managing Modular Growth
- Microgrids for Reliability, Redundancy, and Resiliency
- District Energy Infrastructure for Near & Net Zero Energy Communities
- Staffing, Recruiting, Training and Talent Management – Workforce Issues
- Cybersecurity and Best Practices in Hardening Utility Infrastructure
- System Expansion, Modernization and Renewal
- District Cooling, Thermal Energy Storage and Turbine Inlet Cooling
- District Energy/LEED for Campuses and Communities
- Fuel and Energy Procurement Strategies
- Future Fuels - Biomass, Biofuels and Recycled/Recovered Heat, Renewable Thermal
- Controls, Monitoring, Metering, and Data Management