



The Sky's the Limit When You Join IDEA



Informing.



Connecting.



Advancing.

Join IDEA. The authoritative voice of the district energy industry since 1909.

About IDEA

For 116 years, the International District Energy Association (IDEA) has served as the information and activity hub for the district energy community. Through our commitment to connecting professionals from all facets of the industry, stimulating conversations and helping to advance new technologies and ideas around the world, IDEA remains on the front lines of increasing energy efficiency and resiliency while reducing emissions to improve the global environment.



Our mission is to foster the success of nearly 3,000 members from 28 countries as leaders in providing reliable, economical, efficient and environmentally sound district energy services. By helping them champion energy efficiency, resiliency and environmental quality through district heating, district cooling, cogeneration (also known as combined heat and power or CHP), microgrids, and thermal energy networks (TENs), together we are charting a course for a brighter future for communities they serve all over the world.

IDEA delivers unprecedented opportunities to **learn** through peer-reviewed technical presentations at annual conferences, workshops, and webinars. Through our Product and Services Directory and trade shows, IDEA helps you **discover** the latest in technology and services. Through our online discussion forums, Membership Directory and networking at conferences, members can **share** their expertise and work together to bring about positive change.

Be a part of the conversation about the future of district energy.

Join IDEA today.

“IDEA’s conference was by far one of the best conferences that I have been to. The energy was absolutely contagious, and there were a lot of opportunities to connect with others. The website/app are also fantastic and made navigating the conference, finding attendees and connecting with them so much easier.”

— Ivana Arambasic, Principal, Colliers Project Leaders



2025 Carbon Leaders

#DistrictEnergy2025

#DistrictEnergyNetworks

#AggregateIntegrateInnovate

#EnergyResilience

#CleanEnergy



At IDEA Member Benefits: Learn. Discover. Collaborate.

No matter what role you play in the district energy ecosystem, you'll enjoy a wealth of personal and professional benefits when you join IDEA.

It is our mission to provide you with educational content and opportunities to connect that you can't get anywhere else. Over the past three years, IDEA has put out more educational content than ever, both online and in person, to ensure our community has access to information vital for professional growth.. Become a member today and engage with like-minded district energy champions like you who are eager to learn from industry experts, discover emerging technologies, and collaborate with colleagues all over the world. In a little more than a decade, membership in IDEA has tripled as emerging voices from the energy industry join the conversation. Like them, you can enjoy the following membership benefits.

Learn

Conferences, Workshops and Webinars

Since 1909, IDEA has presented annual conferences that feature peer-reviewed technical presentations and interactive sessions that serve as a roadmap for the future of district energy. Each year we shatter attendance records as more new voices join the discussion. As a member, you will receive substantial discounts to attend.

District Energy Magazine

Members receive complimentary subscriptions of *District Energy* magazine. Published continuously since 1915, *District Energy* is one of the industry's leading publications for news, technical information and insight into the latest topics and issues impacting the district energy industry.

Content @ www.districtenergy.org

IDEA offers an unprecedented amount of content on its website including links to industry and member news, conference proceedings, publications, case studies, and industry reports. In addition, you can find or post RFP/RFQ in our [Business Opportunities](#) section and explore career options in the [Employment Opportunities](#) section. IDEA delivers a weekly newsletter highlighting important news you need to know, and offers the ability to earn continuing education credits through our Learning Center.

Discover

IDEA Exhibit Hall

An integral part of our Annual and CampusEnergy conferences, the always sold-out IDEA Exhibit Hall features all the top manufacturers and suppliers in the industry. If your system is looking for a new partner – or if you're a manufacturer/supplier looking for one – this is the place to be.

Products and Services Directory

We like to think of this as our virtual, open year-round exhibit hall. The IDEA Products and Services Directory is an innovative, online searchable database that connects you with manufacturers, suppliers and service providers who can partner with you on your next project. Consistently one of the most visited pages on our website, only member companies are eligible to be listed in the directory. So, if you're a manufacturer/supplier/service provider looking to find your next customer, you need to be here.

Collaborate

IDEA Membership Directory

IDEA keeps members connected through this unique online communication portal. The IDEA Membership Directory allows you to search for members by multiple criteria including keyword, company name, location and more. Found who you're looking for? Send them a message directly through the portal and start a dialogue between fellow IDEA members.

IDEA Connect

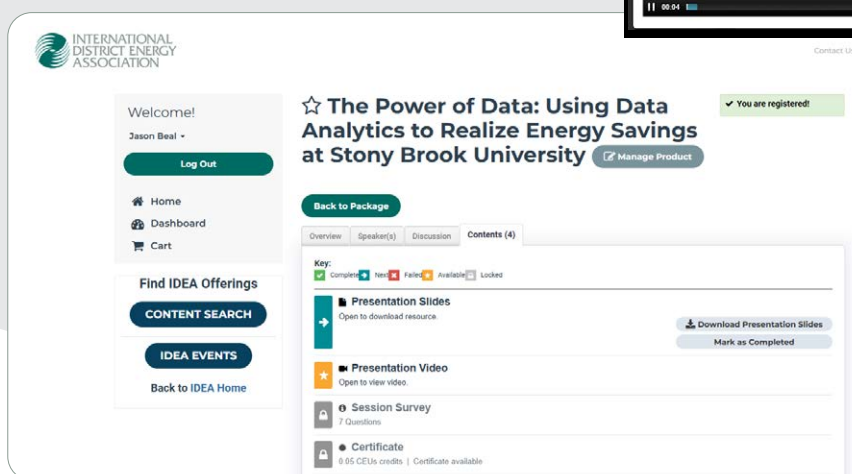
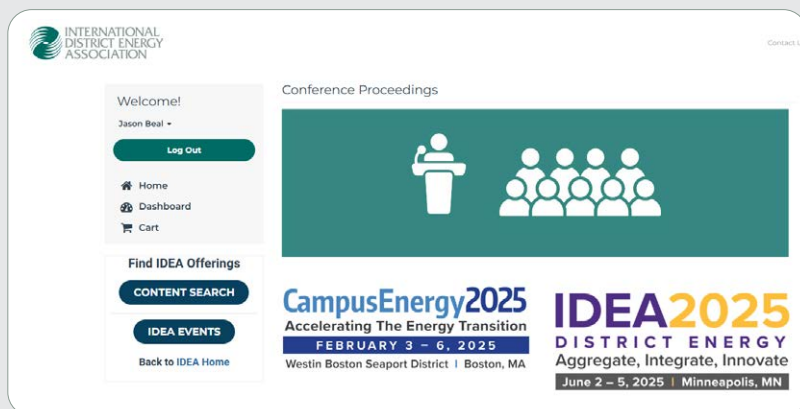
IDEA's online discussion forum, IDEA Connect gives members the opportunity to post conversation topics or questions for other IDEA members to comment on. Whether you're crowd-sourcing solutions, gathering opinions, or just looking to discuss a hot topic, IDEA Connect gets you in touch with the right audience to help. Our online message boards now include specific forums for topics including district cooling, business development, future energy, and more.

Networking

One thing you'll notice about IDEA is the unparalleled camaraderie and information-sharing within our community. Through our in-person and virtual events and programs, online forums, our District Energy Women's Initiative, and our Young Professionals Group, IDEA enables face-to-face and online networking year round with colleagues from all facets of the industry.



Our Latest Educational Innovation: The IDEA Learning Center



From online webinars to in-person conferences, IDEA offers hundreds of presentations and sessions annually, each delivering a wealth of knowledge and insight. With so much valuable content, we needed a central place to bring it all together for everyone in easy access.

That place is www.learn.districtenergy.org.

The IDEA Learning Center is our new online educational content hub, that provides high quality educational content, ideal for on-boarding new employees or bolstering your own technical knowledge. In the Learning Center, you'll find best practice insights, discover emerging technological trends, and get real-world solutions from experts with been-there/done that experience. And, if you need CEUs, you can get them here, many free of charge.

The IDEA Learning Center is searchable on many levels, including subject matter and keyword, making it easy to find

content relevant to you. Set up a profile with your interests highlighted, and the Learning Center will also recommend future content as it becomes available.

While some content in the IDEA Learning Center is free and open to all visitors, most materials are reserved for conference attendees or available for purchase for a small fee. As an added benefit, listed **IDEA members receive complimentary access to up to five sessions each year** – delivering even more value from your IDEA membership.

Whether you are brand new to district energy or a seasoned veteran, the IDEA Learning Center is more than just a library – it's a launchpad for lifelong learning, helping you deepen your expertise, broaden your perspective, and keep you ahead of the curve. We encourage you to visit the IDEA Learning Center at learn.districtenergy.org to see what awaits.

Who are IDEA Members?



IDEA is honored to serve a diverse group of constituents from all over the world, including:

- Energy professionals with utilities, district energy companies and energy service companies
- Owners, operators and facility managers of central plants at colleges, universities, hospitals, airports, military installations and industrial parks
- Manufacturers and suppliers of equipment and services
- Consulting engineers, attorneys and investment bankers
- Staff and personnel from government agencies and nongovernment organizations; system developers and integrators
- Energy officials, regulators, city planners and sustainability directors
- Anyone interested in district energy, combined heat and power, distributed generation or microgrids



“This organization is very relevant to what I do. Through IDEA, I have found numerous major suppliers and business approaches that I have incorporated in my business.”

— Juan M. Ontiveros, Sole Proprietor, Ontiveros Energy Consulting, LLC

Membership Categories

Utility – District Energy

Owens, operates or is planning a public or private district energy system. Each operating utility system of a parent (holding company with multiple systems) is considered a utility.

Annual dues are based on previous calendar year combined annual thermal sales (steam, hot water & chilled water) at the operating utility unit level. Does not include electricity sales.

Category	Annual Sales Volume (MMBtu)	Entitled Listed Members*	Annual Membership Fee
UA	< 199,999	5	\$2,620
UB	200,000-399,999	7	\$3,300
UC	400,000-599,999	9	\$4,955
UD	600,000-999,999	14	\$7,000
UE	1,000,000-1,999,999	17	\$8,550
UF	2,000,000-3,999,999	23	\$11,990
UG	4,000,000-7,999,999	28	\$14,580
UH	> 8,000,000	33	\$22,375
UI	Holding Company**	10 per unit	\$27,800

*Additional members may be added at \$245 per individual.

**Holding Company (UI): Option for 3 or more operating units under corporate governance. UI annual dues are capped at \$27,800 for up to 25 operating units.

Physical Plant/Campus Energy System\$1,290

Owens a central district energy plant at a public or private college, university, institution, research facility, healthcare facility or hospital, airport or military base. Does not include private contractor operators of campus energy systems (see ESCO)

Entitled to 8 listed representatives.

Manufacturer/Supplier\$3,475

Physically produces or sells equipment or supplies and materials for the industry, including manufacturer's representatives.

Entitled to 6 listed representatives.

Non-Profit Organizations/Government Agencies.....\$525

Non-profit associations or government agencies engaged in advocacy or education in North America or beyond. Government applies to federal, state, provincial, municipal, or local governments or government agencies involved in evaluation, regulation, planning and/or policy related to district energy/CHP. Does not include government-owned or operated district energy systems.

Entitled to 2 listed representatives.

“We’re a small company and we’ve been growing over the years, and IDEA has been part of our growth...the exposure we’ve received coming to the conferences and meeting with the members of IDEA has helped us grow.”

— Terence Waldron, President, Waldron Engineering



Service Providers to the Industry

(Not Manufacturers or Equipment Suppliers)

Consultants, Consulting/Engineering Firms, Attorneys, Investment Banks, Financial Institutions, etc.

Category is based on annual turnover or gross revenue of parent organization for previous calendar/fiscal year.

Category	Annual Turnover	Entitled Representatives	Annual Membership Fee
SS	< \$1,000,000	3	\$1,000
SM	\$1,000,001 to \$4,999,999	5	\$2,545
SL	>\$5,000,000	8	\$3,685

Energy Service Companies / CHP/ Waste to Energy/ Energy Efficiency/ Renewable Assets

This category is for publicly or privately-owned Energy Service Companies (ESCOs) or Design Build Own Operate Maintain (DBOOM) organizations that develop, finance, deliver, own, manage or operate a district energy system, combined heat & power (CHP), waste to energy, or renewable asset for public or private clients, including organizations that provide energy efficiency services, energy conservation measures, energy purchasing or procurement services. This may include utility company subsidiaries. Turnover is based on prior year gross revenue at the company headquarters level.

Category	Annual Turnover	Entitled Representatives	Annual Membership Fee
ESCS	< \$5,000,000	2	\$2,755
ESCM	\$5,000,001 to \$24,999,999	4	\$5,565
ESCL	\$25,000,000 to \$99,999,999	6	\$8,350
ESCX	> \$100,000,000	12	\$13,420

Additional Representative\$245 per individual

Up to six (6) additional listed members @ \$245 per person; seven (7) and more at \$145 per person.

Students.....\$50

Strictly limited to full-time students enrolled at an accredited institution.



Please fill out this Membership Application completely. **Please print legibly or type.** Once your application has been received and reviewed, we will respond as to whether your membership was approved or not. Once approved, you will be invoiced for payment. After payment has been received you will receive our Member Update form to list your members. Please email the completed form to cheryl.idea@districtenergy.org.

Company or Organization Name

Street Address

City

State/Province

Postal Code

Country

Organization URL

Primary Member Contact Name

Title

Address (if different than above)

Phone

Mobile

E-Mail

How did you learn about IDEA? ☐ Colleague ☐ Web Site ☐ Magazine ☐ Internet ☐ Other

Please tell us what global region you are from:

☐ North America

☐ North/Central Europe

☐ Eastern Europe/Asia

☐ Far East

☐ Asia Pacific

☐ Central/South America

☐ Middle East

☐ Australia

Membership Categories *(check one)*

Utility – District Energy

- ☐ UA \$2,620
- ☐ UB \$3,300
- ☐ UC \$4,955
- ☐ UD \$7,000
- ☐ UE \$8,550
- ☐ UF \$11,990
- ☐ UG \$14,580
- ☐ UH \$22,375
- ☐ UI \$27,800

Physical Plant/Campus Energy System

- ☐ PP \$1,290

Manufacturer/Supplier

- ☐ MS \$3,475

Non-Profit Organizations/Government Agencies

- ☐ NPDG \$525

Service Providers to the Industry

- ☐ SS \$1,000
- ☐ SM \$2,545
- ☐ SL \$3,685

ESCO/CHP/Waste Energy/Industrial/Microgrid

- ☐ ESCS \$2,755
- ☐ ESCM \$5,565
- ☐ ESCL \$8,350
- ☐ ESCX \$13,420

___ Additional Representative (up to 6) ... \$245

___ Additional Representative (more than 6) .. \$145

☐ Students \$50

Payment Information

IDEA's membership year is from January 1 through December 31, 2026. Membership dues are not pro-rated mid-year out of fairness to current members.

Once approved, you will be invoiced. Payments can be made by:

- Check – payable to International District Energy Association in US Dollars and drawn on a US bank.
- Wire Transfer/ACH – contact Cheryl Jacques cheryl.idea@districtenergy.org for instructions.
- Credit Card (American Express, VISA, Mastercard, Discover) – a secure link will be sent with the invoice.

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Contributions or gifts to the International District Energy Association are not deductible as charitable contributions for Federal Income Tax purposes. Payment of Membership Dues may be deducted as an ordinary and necessary business expense; however, up to 20% of dues are allocated to lobbying expense and therefore are not deductible as a business expense. Please consult your tax advisor.

NOTICE: By executing and returning this Membership Application, the above identified member company hereby agrees to comply with all of the rules, policies, and procedures of the International District Energy Association ("IDEA"), as they may be amended from time to time and at any time by IDEA, including, but not limited to, the Terms & Conditions of Use and the Privacy Statement which govern use of IDEA's web site.