



Microgrid 2017

CONFERENCE

Nov. 6-8, 2017
Boston, MA



CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

Microgrid Knowledge, the Microgrid Resources Coalition and the International District Energy Association seek presentations for the **Microgrid 2017 Conference in Boston, MA, November 6-8, 2017.**

The microgrid market is gaining momentum worldwide with increased public and private investment to promote grid resiliency, modernization, electrification and clean energy. Campuses, healthcare and mission-critical facilities seek greater energy security and reliability. Cities and communities desire modernized energy infrastructure for business continuity and sustainability. Advanced economies seek ways to bolster sophisticated grids with more distributed energy, while less advanced economies install off-site energy to bring power to communities for the first time.

We invite conference participants to submit abstracts of not more than 75 words that address this rapidly changing landscape in the U.S and internationally. (Please see the suggested topics and categories below.) Conference organizers will give preference to case studies and real world examples that include minimal commercial or promotional content. Weight also will be given to new concepts and strategies likely to evoke audience discussion and advance industry understanding.

We will consider papers for conference tracks on technology and innovation, policy and regulation, and business/market development.

Conference participants will range from top industry leaders to first-time microgrid customers seeking product information. The event is expected to draw utilities, developers, institutions, engineering and consulting firms, government agencies and non-government organizations, commercial real estate, energy service companies, equipment manufacturers, system integrators, control and data specialists, attorneys, financial specialists, innovators and software companies, contractors, builders, architects and planners.

Suggested presentation topics include:

- Microgrid planning and deployment strategies
- Microgrid design for reliability, redundancy and resiliency
- Technology innovations including controllers, control systems, optimization
- Case studies on microgrid installations to support mission critical activities (College/university campuses, healthcare/hospitals, military bases, research centers/R&D, data centers, commercial real estate, public sector/government, multi-users, and pharmaceuticals)
- Distributed energy resources and storage, including thermal storage
- Islanding and black-start considerations for microgrids
- Ownership models and financing microgrids
- Integrating and optimizing renewables with microgrids or CHP/district energy
- Controls, monitoring, metering, optimization of microgrids
- Utility of the future and grid modernization
- Managing the utility relationship
- Market and regulatory strategies to advance microgrids
- Designing and managing microgrids to reduce energy costs
- Designing and managing the low-carbon microgrid

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Please follow instructions at <http://www.xcdsystem.com/idea/abstract/index.cfm?ID=jWHxAn4> to submit an abstract and bios for speakers

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: 5:00 PM EDT March 17, 2017

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