



20th Edition

MICROGRID

AND OFF-GRID INNOVATION FORUM

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The 20th edition of the **Microgrid & Off-Grid Innovation Forum**, September 30 - October 1, 2025 in Austin, TX brings together technology innovators, project developers, utilities, energy providers and policy makers for focused networking and in-depth information sharing at the cutting edge of microgrids in North America. The emphasis is on how key enabling technologies, applications and business models can unlock power quality, timely energy access, and cost savings for a range of end users.

Topics to be covered include:

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- Microgrids for servicing fast-growing data center, building electrification and EV charging loads
- Off-grid, remote, and rural use cases and deployments
- System feasibility, design, and implementation
- Performance to date and lessons learned
- Business models and Value-of-Resilience for multiple stakeholders
- Behind-the-meter case studies: hospitals, municipal, military and C&I implementations
- Utilizing microgrids to cope with grid outages and crisis situations
- Utility-driven microgrids and deployment partnerships
- Customer perspectives and experience with microgrids
- Value stacking for energy storage and resilience
- Determining the correct technology mix for hybrid renewable energy systems
- Unlocking practical innovation in microgrid systems and utility operations
- Microgrid control and performance management: Achieving seamless transition
- Regulatory and public policy developments
- Standards and interoperability issues
- Market drivers and opportunities worldwide

The audience for the Forum includes microgrid project developers, owners, and entrepreneurs; C&I end users; mining and energy development companies; utilities and renewable energy providers; energy storage companies; technology researchers, investors and regulatory representatives, and more.



"This was a great networking opportunity. Speakers were interesting in and of themselves, but the mix (tech, policy, regulatory, markets) made for deeper conversations than most events provide."

-- Paul Roeger, Vice President - Strategic Initiatives, Typhoon HIL

Previous Speakers Include



Steve Pullins
CEO
ReSET



Paul DeCotis
Senior Partner, Energy
& Utilities
West Monroe



Adrienne Pierce
CEO
New Sun Road



Jaclyn Whiteman
Director of CD Project
Management
Duke Energy



Ardi Arian
President & CEO
**Renewable
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Larry Watkins
Vice President
Project Development
AlphaStruxure



Ryan De La Cruz
VP, Microgrid
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Endurant Energy



Michael Sanford
Business Development
Manager - New Energy
Solutions
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Allie Detrio
Chief Strategist
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Stacy Fuhrer
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Technology Policy &
Strategy Manager
SDG&E



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Alok Singhania
Partner
Gridscape



Junior Hatcher
P.E., Manager
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Duke Energy



Porter Hill
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**Idaho National
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**Ava Community
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Schneider Electric



Amin Zamani
Executive Director,
Distributed Energy
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Quanta Technology



Cameron Brooks
Executive Director
Think Microgrid



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Pacific Gas and Electric



Michael Goldbach
Chief Product
Officer
New Sun Road



Mark Crowdis
Chief Executive
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Hannah Bascom
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Joe Weiss
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**Applied Control
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TRC Companies



Fred Thwaites
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Ameresco



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EnTech Solutions



Chris Ball
Technology
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Speaking Opportunities

The 20th Microgrid & Off-Grid Innovation Forum 2025 focuses on the latest technology advances and business models for the deployment of microgrids in remote and off-grid scenarios, as well as grid-connected environments. A series of in-depth presentations and interactive panel discussions will examine the most recent market developments, applications, case studies and lessons learned to date.

Industry professionals who are interested in delivering a presentation or organizing a panel discussion session are encouraged to submit a proposal to speak@microgridinnovation.com by **Friday, June 13, 2025**.

Guidelines for Submitting a Proposal

Panel sessions are 75-90 minutes in length and feature 3-4 speakers, each presenting for 15-20 minutes. Stand-alone speaking slots are 30 minutes in length. Individuals who wish to deliver a presentation or organize a panel session with multiple speakers should submit the following:

1. Speaker name, title, company, and contact information
2. Presentation (or panel session) title
3. Type of session -- stand-alone or panel
4. Abstract (150 words)
5. Biography and photo of proposed speaker(s)
6. Bullet list of 3-4 Key Takeaways

Additional Guidance

- We ask that proposals be non-commercial in nature. Submissions will be carefully reviewed by the Program Advisory Group to ensure depth of information and relevance to the program.
- Presentations that emphasize case studies, best practices, and real-world results are particularly welcome.

Event Venue:

TECA Conference Center

3100 Alvin Devane Blvd, Austin, TX



Previous Microgrid Innovation Forum Attendees Include

127 Energy	Department of General	ILAW Energy	R J Energy
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Previous Attendee Job Titles Include

- Assistant Professor, Microgrids
- Associate
- Associate Professor
- Attorney Advisor
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- Business Development Director
- Business Unit Development Manager, Grid Automation
- Business Unit Director - Renewables (GB & International)
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- Co-Founder and President
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- Director
- Director of Industry and Innovation
- Director, Distributed Electricity and Storage
- Editor
- ElectriFi Manager
- Energy & IT Analyst
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- Energy Storage Marketing/Strategy Manager
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- Engineering Manager
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- Founder & Managing Director
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- General Manager
- Global Sales Manager Microgrids
- Global Sector Co-ordinator, Innovative Finance
- Head of Direct Sales
- Head of Innovation - Global Infrastructure & Networks
- Head of Microgrid & Digital Substation Solutions
- Head of Project
- Independent Consultant
- Industry Research Analyst
- Journalist and Economist
- Manager of Market Intelligence, Strategy and Innovation
- Manager, Business Development
- Manager, Optimization and Forecast
- Manager, Policy and Innovation
- Manager, Smart Grid & Technology
- Manager, Technology Development
- Manager, Utility of the Future
- Manager-Emerging Technologies Office
- Managing Director
- Managing Partner
- Market Design Specialist - Distributed Resource Integration
- Microgrid Advisor
- Microgrid Laboratory Responsible
- Microgrids CTO North America
- News Director
- Of Counsel
- Operations Manager
- Partner & Co-Founder
- Portfolio Analyst
- Power Systems Group Leader
- President
- President & CEO
- Principal
- Principal Engineer
- Principal Research Analyst
- IEEE Fellow
- Program Director, Sustainable Energy Transformation and Microgrid Project
- Project Engineer
- Project Manager
- Renewable Energy Segment Manager
- Renewable Energy Specialist
- Research Associate Renewable Energy
- Research Officer
- Researcher and Industrial Engineer, Grid Integration
- Sales Manager
- Senior Analyst
- Senior Consultant Hydropower
- Senior Director, Energy & Utilities Practice
- Senior Engineer
- Senior Manager, Smart Grid Integration, North America
- Senior Portfolio Analyst
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- Senior Vice President, Policy and Business Strategy
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- Corporate description with link on event Sponsors website
- Attendee List with contact information

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- 1 complimentary conference pass
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- Corporate description with link on event Sponsors website
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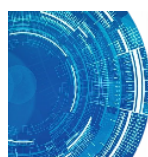
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