

Executive Briefing Paper of Event Plan



2026 INAUGURAL NATIONAL ENERGY CONFERENCE

"DRIVING ENERGY LEADERSHIP AND INNOVATION"

Join industry leaders, executives, and professionals for two dynamic days dedicated to exploring leadership, innovation, workforce, and strategic business growth across the global energy market.



SAVE THE DATE

WED-THUR, OCTOBER 28-29, 2026

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS:

**EARLY BIRD
DISCOUNT**

\$500 UNTIL AUGUST 1ST

REGISTER NOW

- Visionary Keynote Addresses from industry trailblazers
- Meeting America's Energy Workforce needs
- Insightful Executive Panels tackling global energy challenges and opportunities
- Interactive Breakout Sessions on digital transformation, sustainability, and grid modernization
- Strategic Networking with leaders driving billion-dollar energy strategies

WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND

- Connect with top energy professionals across traditional and emerging sectors
- Gain strategic insights on innovation, policy, and investment trends
- Explore how data centers, renewables, and advanced technologies are redefining the energy landscape
- Be part of the first national gathering hosted by Hispanics in Energy – a historic moment for collaboration and leadership

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**George R. Brown
Convention Center
Houston, TX**

2026 Inaugural National Energy Conference

“Driving Energy Leadership and Innovation”

Location: Houston, TX

Date: October 28-29, 2026

Cost: \$500 Early Bird Rate (Until Aug.1)

\$750 (After Aug. 1)

The Purpose of the Energy Leadership Conference is to create a national workforce, innovation, and supply-chain strategy that ensures America’s energy security and leadership. The conference will gather top executives and leaders in all the above energy sectors and data centers-AI. Over two days, participants will engage in high-level discussions on leadership, workforce, innovation, and supply chain programming, as well as networking opportunities.

This premier conference is designed to enhance the understanding of the latest advancements in energy while emphasizing workforce and leadership development needed to meet growing national energy demand. Attendees will gain insight into emerging technologies, innovation, workforce development, community engagement, and strategies for developing the next generation of energy leaders and skilled workers.

The conference will also provide a platform for collaboration among industry, government, education, labor, and community organizations to address workforce challenges, strengthen career pathways, and explore the policies, investments, and infrastructure shaping the future of the energy sector.

Two Days of Panel Sessions and Keynote Speakers

- Industry leaders, policymakers, educators, labor representatives, and workforce experts sharing insights on innovation, leadership, workforce development, and energy infrastructure.
- Discussions on emerging technologies, workforce readiness, talent recruitment, apprenticeships, STEM education, skilled trades, and pathways into energy careers.
- Strategic investments and policies to ensure successful energy project development.
- Methods for successful community engagement for data centers/AI/energy project development.
- Sessions focused on collaboration between industry, government, community, business, labor, and educational institutions to strengthen the national energy workforce pipeline.

Why You Should Attend

❖ **Build Leadership Skills for a Changing Industry**

The conference goes beyond technical topics to focus on leadership, management, talent development, and succession planning—critical capabilities for professionals navigating a rapidly evolving energy workforce.

❖ **Position Yourself at the Center of Energy Innovation**

Explore emerging technologies, commercialization strategies, cybersecurity challenges, and digital transformation shaping the future of energy enterprises. Learn the value of successful community engagement. Walk away with actionable insights you can apply immediately within your organization.

❖ **Connect With a Powerful National Network of Energy Leaders**

Join executives, professionals, and decision-makers from across the country for two days of high-impact networking. Build relationships, share perspectives, and help shape the future of Hispanic leadership in America's energy sector.

❖ **Learn Directly from Industry and Policy Leaders**

Hear from senior executives, innovators, and policymakers shaping U.S. energy strategy. Panels and keynotes will unpack American energy priorities, regulatory impacts, investment trends, and the policies influencing energy security and economic growth with an emphasis on workforce and supply-chain.

❖ **Gain a 360° View of America's Energy Landscape**

From oil & gas and nuclear to geothermal, hydrogen, renewables, grid modernization, and digital transformation, this conference delivers a comprehensive look at where the energy sector is headed—and how different technologies and markets intersect.

Target Audience:

- Federal and State Government Officials
- Legislative Leaders & Energy Committee Members
- Energy Sector Executives
- Business & Industry Leaders
- Labor Leaders
- Community & Civic Leaders
- Academic & Research Leaders

Potential Co-Conveners

- United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (USHCC)
- Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU)
- National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO)
- Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE)
- National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators (NHCSL)
- Congressional Hispanic Leadership Institute (CHLI)
- Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (CHCI)
- Unidos US
- Hispanics in Energy (HIE) State Chapters: Virginia, Texas, Puerto Rico, Illinois, and potential California

TOPICS & FORMAT:

- **6 Plenary Sessions featuring a Keynote Speaker and Panel Discussion**
- **4 Breakout Session Rounds featuring 4 Concurrent Sessions Each for a total of 16 sessions.**

Plenary Session 1: America's Energy Future: Workforce, Supply Chains & National Leadership

This opening session will establish the conference framework by exploring the leadership, workforce, supply-chain, and infrastructure strategies needed to strengthen America's energy security, economic competitiveness, and long-term energy leadership.

Plenary Session 2: Building a Cohesive Energy Workforce Strategy

This session will focus on workforce readiness, leadership development, apprenticeships, STEM education, and partnerships needed to build the next generation of energy professionals and skilled workers.

Plenary Session 3: Strengthening America's Energy Supply Chain

This session will examine opportunities to expand domestic manufacturing, strengthen supply chain resilience, and support small-business growth across the energy sector.

Plenary Session 4: Leadership, Innovation & Investment

This session will highlight emerging technologies, strategic investments, and leadership approaches driving innovation, infrastructure development, and the future of the energy industry.

Plenary Session 5: Data Centers, AI & the Future of Energy

This session will discuss the growing impact of data centers and artificial intelligence on energy demand, infrastructure planning, workforce needs, and community engagement.

Plenary Session 6: Conference Reflections & Future Outlook

This closing session will summarize key conference insights, identify future opportunities and challenges, and encourage continued collaboration across industry, government, labor, education, and community organizations.

Round 1 Breakout Sessions:

Shaping the Future Energy Mix: Markets, Technologies, and New Economies

1. Oil & Gas Market Outlook and Strategic Development

This session will provide insights into current and projected trends in oil and gas markets, highlighting strategic opportunities for investment, operations, and leadership in a transitioning energy landscape.

2. Nuclear Energy Development

This session will explore opportunities, challenges, and innovations in nuclear energy, with an emphasis on sustainable and reliable energy solutions for the future.

3. Emerging Clean Energy Technologies: Hydrogen and Solar

This session will highlight the latest developments in hydrogen and solar technologies and explore opportunities, challenges, and strategies for scaling these clean energy solutions in a rapidly evolving market.

4. Geothermal Economy: Business Models and Market Entry

This session will examine the evolving geothermal market, discuss strategies for commercialization, and identify opportunities for U.S. leadership and entrepreneurship in this emerging sector.

Round 2 Breakout Sessions:

Building the Foundations of a Resilient Energy Sector

1. Grid Modernization: Infrastructure and Investments

This session will highlight advancements in energy infrastructure, discuss investment strategies, and assess how modernization enhances reliability, efficiency, and resilience.

2. Energy Policy and Regulatory Impacts

This session will analyze current and emerging energy policies, regulatory changes, and their implications for companies, innovators, and communities.

3. Leadership and Management in the Energy Sector

This session will provide insights on effective leadership practices, organizational strategy, and driving change in a dynamic energy environment.

4. Talent Development and Succession Planning

This session will explore workforce strategies, professional development, and succession planning essential to sustaining a skilled and diverse energy sector.

Round 3 Breakout Sessions:

Executing the Energy Transition: Capital, Security, and Innovation

1. Financing Energy Projects and Infrastructure

This session will examine strategies for securing funding, structuring investment deals, and scaling projects in conventional and renewable energy sectors.

2. Cybersecurity Challenges in Energy Operations

This session will discuss emerging cybersecurity threats, mitigation strategies, and best practices for protecting critical energy infrastructure.

3. Corporate Governance and Investor Relations

This session will provide guidance on governance, risk management, and transparent communication to strengthen organizational credibility and investor confidence.

4. Utility Commissioners' Perspectives

This session will provide perspectives from utility commissioners on energy policy, grid reliability, infrastructure development, and the challenges of balancing affordability, reliability, and innovation.

Round 4 Breakout Sessions:

Competing in a Digital and Global Energy Economy

1. Community Benefits brought by Data Centers & AI

This session will explore how data centers and AI-driven investments can support local economic growth, workforce opportunities, infrastructure improvements, and community development.

2. Success of Early Community Engagement

This session will discuss the importance of early community engagement in building trust, addressing concerns, and supporting the successful development of energy and infrastructure projects.

3. Building Resilient Energy Business Models

This session will examine strategies for creating flexible, innovative, and sustainable business models that thrive amid energy transition and market uncertainty.

4. Effective Stakeholder Engagement and Communication

This session will offer best practices for engaging stakeholders, building partnerships, and communicating value in a diverse and rapidly evolving energy ecosystem.

Run of Show

Day 1:

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM: Registration & Networking Breakfast

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM: Opening Plenary Session:

America's Energy Future: Workforce, Supply Chains & National Leadership

- Keynote Speaker:
- Panel Discussion:
- CEO Fireside Chat:

10:30 AM - 11:00 AM: Break & Networking

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM: Breakout Sessions Round 1:

Shaping the Future Energy Mix: Markets, Technologies, and New Economies

- Oil & Gas Market Outlook and Strategic Development
- Nuclear Energy Development
- Emerging Clean Energy Technologies: Hydrogen and Solar
- Geothermal Economy: Business Models and Market Entry

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM: Networking Lunch Plenary Session:

Building a Cohesive Energy Workforce Strategy

- Keynote Speaker:
- Panel Discussion:

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM: Breakout Sessions Round 2:

Building the Foundations of a Resilient Energy Sector

- Grid Modernization: Infrastructure and Investments
- Energy Policy and Regulatory Impacts
- Leadership and Management in the Energy Sector
- Talent Development and Succession Planning

3:30 PM - 4:00 PM: Break & Networking

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM: Plenary Session: Strengthening America's Energy Supply Chain

- Keynote Speaker:
- Panel Discussion:
- Fireside Chat:

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM: Evening Networking Reception

Day 2:

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM: Networking Breakfast

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM: Plenary Session: Leadership, Innovation & Investment

- Keynote Speaker:
- Panel Discussion:
- Fireside Chat:

10:30 AM - 11:00 AM: Break & Networking

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM: Breakout Sessions Round 3:

Executing the Energy Transition: Capital, Security, and Regulation

- Financing Energy Projects and Infrastructure
- Cybersecurity Challenges in Energy Operations
- Corporate Governance and Investor Relations
- Utility Commissioners' Perspectives

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM: Networking Lunch Plenary Session: Data Centers, AI & the Future of Energy

- Keynote Speaker:
- Panel Discussion:

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM: Breakout Sessions Round 4:

Digital Energy Economy & Community Engagement

- Community Benefits brought by Data Centers & AI
- Success of Early Community Engagement
- Building Resilient Energy Business Models
- Effective Stakeholder Engagement and Communication

3:30 PM - 4:00 PM: Break & Networking

4:00 PM - 6:30 PM: Closing Plenary Session: Conference Reflections & Future Outlook

- Fireside Chat:
- Closing Remarks:
- Farewell Networking

6:30 PM: Program Ends

Please note this Run of Show is SUBJECT TO CHANGE as the topics are composed and speakers are gathered between now and the date of the Conference. Subject to stakeholder input and modification.