

Preliminary Program 5.21.2025 SUBJECT TO CHANGE

	Sunday, June 1			
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm	IDEA Executive Committee Meeting and Luncheon – Skyway A			
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	1:00 pm – 5:00 pm IDEA Board Luncheon and Meeting – Greenway A/J			
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Registration Open – Nicollet Promenade			

	Monday, June 2				
6:30 am – 2:00 pm	IDEA Annual Golf Tournament – Theodore Wirth Golf Course				
7:00 am – 7:00 pm	Registration Open – Nicollet Promenade				
7:00 am – 8:00 am	Workshop Breakfast - Northstar Ballroom (Breakfast for all registered workshop attendees.)				
7:00 am – 7:45 am	Workshop Speaker Orientation Meeting - Northwoods				
8:00 am – 3:00 pm	Workshop 1 – District Energy & Data Centers – Greenway B/C/H/I Workshop 2 – Thermal District Energy Networks – Greenway D/E/F/G				
8:00 am – 4:00 pm	Exhibit Setup – Hyatt Exhibit Hall				
12:30 pm – 3:00 pm	DE 101 & YPG Forum – Supported by IDEA Young Professionals Group (YPG) – Lakeshore A/B/C				
10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Poster Presentation Setup – Hyatt Exhibit Hall				
3:05 pm – 4:10 pm	Forums – Open meetings for IDEA members to discuss current industry issues by specialty area. District Cooling Forum – Greenway J Industry Leaders Forum – Skyway A (intended for General Manager, President & C Level DE Operating System members) District Energy Women's Initiative (DEWI) – Mirage Future Energy Forum – Skyway B Business Development – Greenway A				
4:15 pm – 5:30 pm	116 th Annual IDEA General Meeting – Annual business meeting of association including reports, election of officers & directors, and special awards & recognition. Open to all members & guests. Refreshments will be served - <i>Nicollet Ballroom</i>				
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm	Ribbon Cutting to Open Exhibit Hall for Business Partners Welcome Reception – Hyatt Exhibit Hall Sponsored by CenTrio, Enwave & Johnson Controls Poster Presentations – Hyatt Exhibit Hall				
	Open Evening – Enjoy an open evening to explore Minneapolis and experience the city on your own.				

	Tuesday, June 3					
7:00 am – 6:30 pm	Registration Open – Nicollet Promenade					
7:15 am – 8:10 am	Breakfast with IDEA Business Partners – Hyatt Exhibit Hall Sponsored by Ramboll					
7:15 am – 8:00 am	Speaker Orientation Meeting – Northwoods Speakers scheduled to present on Tuesday must attend. Coffee and Breakfast will be served.					
8:15 am – 9:15 am	Grand Opening – 116 th Annual IDEA Conference – "Aggregate, Integrate, Innovate" – Nicollet Ballroom Introductory Remarks – Robert Thornton, IDEA President & CEO Welcome to IDEA2025 & IDEA Chair Address – Joan Kowal, IDEA Chair 2024-25, Jacobs Welcome to Minneapolis – Jacob Graff, Conference General Chair & Host, President North & West Regions, Cordia IDEA 2025 System of the Year Award – Presented by Bob Smith, IDEA Awards Chair, RMF Engineering					
9:15 am – 10:15 am	Opening Plenary Panel – Global Industry Leaders on IDEA 2025 theme "Aggregate, Integrate, Innovate" - Nicollet Ballroom Panelists include: Ahmad Bin Shafar, CEO, Empower Earl Collins, CEO, Cordia Carlyle Coutinho, CEO, Enwave Energy Corporation Frank Cuomo, Director, Commodity Operations, Con Edison Luke Gaalswyk, CEO, Ever-Green Energy Kevin Hagerty, CEO, Vicinity Energy Diego Mandelbaum, Chief Development Officer, Corix Meghan Riesterer, Chief Sustainability Officer, CenTrio Moderated by Rob Thornton, IDEA President & CEO					
9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Spouse/Significant Other Program – The Ultimate Mall of America Experience					
10:15am – 10:55am	Refreshment Break with IDEA Business Partners – Hyatt Exhibit Hall Sponsored by Jacobs Poster Presentations – Hyatt Exhibit Hall					

11:00am – 12:25pm	1A – Decarbonizing District Energy Systems Lakeshore A/B/C Moderator: Leslie Fangman, Fangman Associates	1B – Integrating Renewables & Sector Coupling Regency Room Moderator: Bryan Kleist, Cordia	1C –Heat Pumps & Electrification for a Low-Carbon Future Greenway B/C/H/I Moderator: Ted Borer, Borer Energy Engineering	1D – Business Models & Financing Strategies Greenway D/E/F/G Moderator: Aaron Miller, Sharc	1E – Designing and Operating Thermal Energy Networks Northstar A Moderator: Mitch DeWein, CHA Solutions
11:00am – 11:25am	Avoiding the "Ope!" Quality Communication at the University of Minnesota - Wendy S. Placko & Alexandra Sherf, RMF Engineering; Mike Grimstad, University of Minnesota	Sustainable Energy for EV Production MAN Energy Solution's Industrial Air-Sourced Heat Pump @ Scout Motors - Mobola Dosumu & Thomas Staude, MAN Energy Solutions USA Inc.	Decarbonizing District Energy in Cold Climates Using CO2 Air Source Heat Pumps - Colin Richardson, University of British Columbia	Opportunities for Renewable Woody Biomass Energy Projects, Funding Availability, and Project Examples. – Julie Tucker, USDA Forest Service	Advancing the Next Generation of Geo- Exchange Energy Systems – Michael Ahern, Ever- Green Energy
11:30am – 11:55am	Oakridge Energy Low Carbon District Energy System - Taheera Lallany & Jordan Eichorn, Oakridge Energy	Interplay Between Flex- CHP And Electrified Heating to Solve Grid Stabilization - Anders Stuxberg, Siemens Energy AB	Decarbonize Cities with Ground Source Heat Pump and Storage Source Heat Pump? Either/Or Both - Bruce B. Lindsay, Trane Technologies	Baylor University P3 Partnership - Lance W. Lindley, Jacobs; Zachary Smith, Ernst Young LLC	A New Type of District Energy: First-Wave Thermal Energy Networks – Brian Urlaub, Salas O'Brien
12:00pm – 12:25pm	Sustainable District Energy Solutions: A Case Study of Cordia's Minneapolis' Carbon Free Chilled Water Program Jacob Graff, Cordia; Luke Hollenkamp, City of Minneapolis; Toby F. Hansen, Cordia	District Energy in Colombia: A Sustainable Model for Integrating Renewable Energies - Ivan F. Sierra, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana	District Heating Plant Uses 24MW Ammonia Heat Pump to Achieve Decarbonization Goal - Simon Keller & German Robledo, GEA Systems North America, LLC	District Energy Projects Eligible for Tax Incentives - Jacob L. Goldman, Energy Tax Savers Inc d/b/a R&D Tax Savers	Support for Large-Scale Thermal System Development in New York State – Sue Dougherty, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA)
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm	IDEA Awards Recognition & Keynote Luncheon – Nicollet Ballroom Sponsored by Affiliated Engineers, Chem-Aqua, Solar Turbines & Trane UN Climate Champion City Recognition - The Honorable Jacob Frey, Mayor of Minneapolis, MN (invited) Keynote Address – "Emerging Energy Trends: Innovation and Market Shifts" - Joseph Majkut, Director, Energy Security and Climate Change Program, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) Sponsored by Cordia, Corix & Empower				
2:00 pm – 2:40 pm	Dessert and Coffee Networking Break with IDEA Business Partners – Hyatt Exhibit Hall Sponsored by Kerr Wood Leidal Poster Presentations – Hyatt Exhibit Hall				

2:45 pm – 3:40 pm	2A – Decarbonizing District Energy Systems Lakeshore A/B/C Moderator: Kim Greene, 2G Energy	2B – Advancing Carbon Capture & Sustainable Energy Regency Room Moderator: Lindsey Kuhnen, Jacobs	2C – Optimizing District Energy with Al & Machine Learning Greenway B/C/H/I Moderator: Chase Dube, University of Texas - Austin	2D – Global Strategies and Governance Models for Advancing District Energy Greenway D/E/F/G Moderator: Darrel Tremaine, CenTrio	2E – Data Driven Decision Making Northstar A Moderator: Frank Cuomo, Con Edison	
2:45 pm – 3:10 pm	Campus Energy Decarbonization: A Comprehensive Assessment for UCLA - Zach Stevens & Charlie Marino, WSP	Carbon Capture Feasibility Study for UT Austin - Emily Kunkel, Thornton Tomasetti; Ryan Thompson, University of Texas - Austin	Optimization of District Cooling Plant Operations Using Machine Learning - Veerendran Krishnan, Empower	Governance Models for Accelerating the Heat Transition: Lessons from The Netherlands - Richard M. van der Beek, Stantec	Seamless Integration: Using Optimization Software to Manage Heat Pumps in District Energy Systems - Kate M. Anderson & Mark Thompson, Johnson Controls	
3:15 pm – 3:40 pm	Finalizing a Decarbonization Transition to Ensure Sustainability and Resiliency - Maximilian Christman, California Institute of Technology; Andrew Clark, ARUP	Un-Natural Gas - a Path to Decarbonization - Joseph Martorano, Arup	Harnessing Al for Sustainable District Heating and Cooling: Reducing Carbon Emissions and Enhancing Efficiency – Zach Stevens & Charlie Marino, WSP	Global Energy District Programme UNIDO- SECO – Ricardo Baquero, United Nations Industrial Development Organization	Improved Boiler Performance Through Equipment and Controls Optimization - Erald Hoshi & James Lescher, Ever-Green Energy, Mark Geronime, Milwaukee Regional Medical Center Thermal	
3:45 pm – 4:15 pm	Refreshment Break with IE Sponsored by Siemens Ene Poster Presentations – Hya	rgy att Exhibit Hall				
4:20 pm – 5:30 pm	3 – Plenary Session: 2025 Awards & Recognition Nicollet Ballroom Moderator: Rob Thornton, IDEA					
4:20 pm – 5:30 pm	2025 Awards & Industry Recognition - Joseph M. Brillhart Innovation Award, District Energy Space Awards, IDEA Golf Tournament Award & John Gray Scholarship Awards					
5:35 pm – 6:45 pm	Reception with Business Partners in the Exhibit Hall – Hyatt Exhibit Hall Sponsored by CenTrio, Enwave & Johnson Controls Poster Presentations – Hyatt Exhibit Hall YPG Happy Hour – Hyatt Exhibit Hall					
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	Wednesday, June 4				
7:00 am – 5:00 pm	Registration Open – Nicollet Promenade				
7:00 am – 7:50 am	Breakfast with IDEA Busin	ess Partners – Hyatt Exhibit	Hall		
7:15 am – 7:50 am	Speaker Orientation Meeti All speakers scheduled to p	_	attend. Coffee and Breakfa	ast will be served.	
8:00 am – 8:55 am	Second Plenary Panel Discussion – Industry Leaders on "District Energy Technologies to Accelerate the Energy Transition" – Nicollet Ballroom District energy systems offer the advantage of scale to integrate a whole "quiver" of technologies, including CHP, bio-fuels, hydrogen, heat pumps, nuclear (small modular reactors), deep geothermal; networked geo-exchange, energy recovery& sharing, and fusion, among others Panelists include: Rajesh Dixit, Senior Director, Global Product Management, Johnson Controls, Inc Neil Ethier, Vice President Business Development, Eavor Technologies, Inc. Kevin Fox, Engineering Manager, Burns & McDonnell Kimberly Greene, North American Sales Director, 2G Energy North America Joan Kowal, Vice President, Business Development, Jacobs Noah Nkonge, Senior Manager, Sustainability, Heat Export, Equinix Tim Peer, Vice President, District Energy, BOND Construction Bernie Pfeifer, North American Sales Director Power Generation, Solar Turbines Moderated by Rob Thornton, IDEA President & CEO				
9:00 am – 9:55 am	4A – The Role of Nuclear Energy in District Energy Systems Lakeshore A/B/C Moderator: David Goetz, Burns & McDonnell	4B – Maximizing Waste Heat & Renewable Resources for Sustainable District Energy Regency Room Moderator: Jesse Cabrera, Stanley Consultants	4C –Geothermal & Geo-exchange Innovations Greenway B/C/H/I Moderator: Paul Holt, Corix	4D –District Energy in Action Greenway D/E/F/G Moderator: Ayman Fahmy, KWL	4E – System Development, Expansion & Optimization Northstar A Moderator: Grant Kircher, Thermo Systems
9:00 am – 9:25 am	Economic Evaluation of Nuclear Energy for District Heating on the University of Virginia Campus - Jordan T. Cox, NEA; Paul Zmick, University of Virginia	How Waste-to-Energy Supports District Energy Sector Coupling in Denmark - Rob Neimeier, Ramboll	Decarbonization Master Plan for Hennepin County Energy Center - James Bohn, FVB Energy Inc.; David McNary, Hennepin County Energy Center	District Energy Done Right – Ayman Fahmy, Kerr Wood Leidal	Optimizing Chiller Plants for Peak Performance and Lower Costs - Morgan Hartman & Dan Gentry, Trane

9:30 am – 9:55 am	Steady Energy: Small Modular Nuclear Reactor Heating Plants for District Heating – Matti Sinisaar & Kristjan Mihhelsi, Steady Energy	Using Waste-to-Energy in a New Low Carbon DES – Niall Pidgeon, FVB Energy; Björn Widarsson, FVB Energy Sweden	Reinventing a Historic District with Campus Geothermal - David Traxler, Burns & McDonnell; Jonathan Arnold, Arnold Development Group		Challenges, Successes, And Potential for Seeding a Next-Generation District Energy System – Kyle Deadwyler, the RMH group; Joe Schwark, Xcel Energy
10:00 am – 10:40 am	Refreshment Break with Sponsored by PRVN Cons Poster Presentations – Hy		lyatt Exhibit Hall		
9:15 am – 4:00 pm	Spouse/Significant Othe	r Program – Minneapolis Lar	ndscape Arboretum		
10:45 am – 12:10 pm	5A – The Role of Nuclear Energy in District Energy Systems Lakeshore A/B/C Moderator: Jennifer Meisenhelder, Jacobs	5B – Maximizing Waste Heat & Renewable Resources for Sustainable District Energy Regency Room Moderator: Pat Guccione, Chem-Aqua	5C –Geothermal & Geo- exchange Innovations Greenway B/C/H/I Moderator: Vance Nall, SmithGroup	5D – Digital Twins in District Energy Greenway D/E/F/G Moderator: Nathan Ninemire, Burns & McDonnell	5E – System Development, Expansion & Optimization Northstar A Moderator: Jenae Batt, Ever- Green Energy
10:45 am – 11:10 am	The eVinci™ Microreactor Will Provide Reliable Power and First-of-a-Kind Nuclear Research Opportunities at Penn State's University Park Campus - Jennifer Sassaman, Westinghouse Electric Company; Matthew Zerphy, Penn State	Unlocking the Potential of Wastewater Heat Recovery District Systems: Driving Energy Resilience, Savings, and Decarbonization – Devan Zdrenka, Noventa Energy Partners	Master Planning for Geothermal at a Net Zero Life Sciences Campus - Russell Knudson, HGA	Digital Twin: The Role of Machine Data to Optimize Performance and Operations - Brandon Woods, Solar Turbines	Turning Decades of Disorganized Data into a Unified Digital Database for Operational Excellence and Clean Energy Operations at TECO - Norman McDonald, Accruent
11:15 am – 11:40 am	Rapid High-Volume Deployable Reactors in Remote Applications (RHDRA) - Hilary Lane, Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI)	Innovation Elevated with High Temperature Heat Pumps - Rajesh Dixit, Johnson Controls	Procedure for Site Suitability Evaluation for District-scale Geothermal Systems - Jeff D. Quibell, Falcon Engineering Ltd.	New York City's Steam System Digital Twin: Operational Optimization and Strategic Design - Luca Ferrari, Optit Srl; Josephine Aromando, Con Edison	181 Mercer - A Project that Leverages District Energy to Optimize Building Performance - Andrew Kozak

11:45 am – 12:10 pm	Nuclear Microreactors: Preparing District Campuses for the Future - Jacob Welsh & Kevin Fox, Burns & McDonnell	Leveraging Building Loads to Increase District System Efficiency - Joe Witchger & Chad Helland, HGA	Economic Potential of District Energy Systems using Shallow and Deep Geothermal- Juliet Simpson, National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL)	How One of The Largest European District Energy Systems Realizes Multi- Million Annual Savings with A Real-Time Digital Twin - Yvo D. Velthoen & Ard de Reus, Gradyent	Hybrid Building Integration into District Energy Systems - Patrick Villaume, Patterson-Kelley
12:15 pm – 1:25 pm	Sponsored by Burns & McL	Luncheon – Nicollet Ballrod Donnell, Ever-Green Energy, oming IDEA Chair Remarks	Thermo Systems & Vicinity	ty of Washington	
1:25 pm – 2:05 pm	Dessert and Coffee Netw Sponsored by Stanley Con Raffle prizes awarded, mus Poster Presentations – Hy	st be present to win.	i iness Partners — Hyatt Exh	nibit Hall	
2:10 pm – 6:00 pm	Exhibit Hall & Poster Tear	Down — Hyatt Exhibit Hall			
2:10 pm – 4:05 pm	6A – Strategies for Decarbonization, Electrification & Resilient Energy Systems Lakeshore A/B/C Moderator: Fraser Ringel, Jacobs	6B – Maximizing Waste Heat & Renewable Resources for Sustainable District Energy Regency Room Moderator: Carol Denning, Energy Pathways	6C – Modernizing Legacy Infrastructure for a Sustainable Future Greenway B/C/H/I Moderator: Kevin Voss, PRVN Consultants	6D – District Cooling & Thermal Energy Storage Greenway D/E/F/G Moderator: Jesse Conklin, BOND	6E – Designing and Financing Next Generation DE Systems Northstar A Moderator: Michael Conte, FVB Energy
2:10 pm – 2:35 pm	Challenges of Decarbonization in an Urban Environment: Explosion Risk Mitigation for Transformers in an Underground Substation- Ben Ellison, Creative Energy; Will Wholey, Arup	Redefining Utah's Energy Future: District Energy & Waste Heat- Jason Owen, Corix; Simon Olivieri, Ramboll	100-year-old Downtown	Assessing the Feasibility of Coupling Geothermal Heat Pumps with Underground Thermal Energy Storage - Scott Mello, National Renewable Energy Laboratory	Ambient Loop vs. Four- Pipe System A Detailed Economic Case Study Comparison - Mark Spurr, FVB Energy Inc.

2:40 pm – 3:05 pm	Installation of Preinsulated Hydronic Heating Piping by the Directional Bore Method - Christopher Ziu, Nupi Americas, Inc.	City of Vancouver Low Carbon Expansion Project - Abby Dacho, Kerr Wood Leidal	Revolutionizing an Urban Campus: An Update on Mayo Clinic's Utility Transformation - Michael Luster, Mayo Clinic; Blake Ellis, Burns & McDonnell	Non-Phosphorus Cooling Tower Treatment Improving Heat Transfer and Reducing Environmental Impact – Shannon Alshouse, Veolia Water Technologies &	A Federal-Public-Private Partnership: Advancing District Energy Systems and Utility Optimization – Ian Goepferd, CenTrio; Molly Curtz, Pacific Northwest National
3:10 pm – 3:35 pm	The Joint Mission of Resiliency and Sustainability - Replacing A 75-Year- Old Central Utility Plant in An Operating Hospital - Zachary Verbick, KFI Engineers; Steven Waderich, Allina Health	Integrating Large-scale Sewer Heat Recovery in City Centre Energy - Owen Liu, Corix; Christopher David, Lulu Island Energy Company	The Trials and Tribulations of Steam to Hot Water Conversions - Andrew Young, FVB Energy Inc.	, ,	Improved Service Life Estimates for District Heating Pipes: Starting Point for the Implementation of Climate Targets and the Creation of Resilient Future District Heating Systems - Stefan Hay, AGFW
3:40 pm – 4:05 pm	Decarbonizing District Heating with Electric Heaters - James Lewis, Chromalox	Key Considerations in the Development and Applications of Your CHP District Energy System - Matt Quinn, Mead & Hunt	Decarbonizing Urban Buildings and Campuses with Electrification – Brian Mueller, Vicinity	The Proficiency of Possibility - David K. Goetz, Burns & McDonnell; Mason Miller, Centerstream	Distribution Piping System - Total Cost of Ownership Calculations - Nicholas Burgwin, Isoplus
4:05 pm – 4:20 pm	Refreshment Break - Greenway Promenade				

4:25 pm – 5:20 pm	7A – Strategies for Decarbonization, Electrification & Resilient Energy Systems Lakeshore A/B/C Moderator: Morgan Hartman, Trane	7B – Maximizing Waste Heat& Renewable Resources for Sustainable District Energy Regency Room Moderator: Rob Neimeier, Ramboll	7C –Open Loop Strategies for Next- Gen District Energy Systems Greenway B/C/H/I Moderator: Paul Zmick, University of Virginia	7D Legal & Compliance Strategies for District Energy Greenway D/E/F/G Moderator: Laura Duncan, Gilsulate International	
4:25 pm – 4:50 pm	Progress Update on McMaster University's Electrification of Steam DH Network Using 3-Wire Immersion Electrode Steam Boilers - Harry Lam, ZETA Boiler USA LLC	Integrated Thermal Solutions: Maximizing Sustainability with Wastewater and Geothermal Energy Systems - Aaron Miller, SHARC Energy	The Course and The Caveats: Achieving Open Loop Energy Transfer Advantages - Megan Oelze, Salas O'Brien	Building a Better Contract: Aggregating Knowledge, Integrating Goals, Innovating for Change - Jessica Catton Rinaldi, Enwave Energy; Anza D'Antonio, Cordia	
4:55 pm – 5:20 pm	High Temp Heat Pumps Plus Biogas CHP = Increased Capacity and Efficiency - David Traxler & Todd Forrest, Burns & McDonnell	Advancing Sustainable District Energy with Waste-Heat Sorption Heat Transformers - Majid Bahrami, Simon Fraser University	Evaluating Utilization of Geo-Exchange and Heat Pumps to Replace Evaporative Cooling and Improve Energy Efficiency - Marisa Dunning, Salas O'Brien; Robert Spreitzer, Cordia	_	

Thursday, June 5			
7:30 am – 9:00 am	Breakfast Briefing with Pre – Tour Overview Presentation – Regency Room		
9:10 am – 1:00 pm	Technical Tours – A - Cordia's Main Plant & Dayton's Plant B - District Energy St. Paul & University of Minnesota Pre – registration is required to attend the Technical Tours.		

	Poster Exhibits
Poster 01	Solving Today's Energy Demand for Tomorrow's Grid - Gregory J. Martin & Mike Larson, DTE Vantage
Poster 02	New Closed Loop Horizontal Geothermal Well Solution Using a Continuous Vacuumized Pipe for Direct District Energy and Heat Storage Usage - Ian Silverster, Green Therma
Poster 03	HyAxiom presents NuPower Bridgeport, CT Fuel Cell Project: Ensuring Clean Critical Power to the Grid and Heat to District Customers Based on a Power Purchase Agreement Joungjae Kim, HyAxiom
Poster 04	Thermal Energy Storage Project at Hospital Will Reduce GHG Emissions by 95% and Thermal Energy Costs by 40% - Jim Koontz, Rock Energy Storage
Poster 05	Cooling Water Treatment Optimization Saves 10 Million Gallons per Year at Energy Center San Diego – Chris Freeman, Cordia Energy; Anthony Rowen & Jim Rougeaux, Capture H2O
Poster 06	WSP Global Case Studies - Philip Jonat, WSP
Poster 07	Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center: Energy Recovery, Resilience, and Sustainability Project – Katie Bickford, Joanne Barrett, Darren Wagner, Grant Willsie, & Greg Foote, NLine Energy
Poster 08	District Cooling Plant Optimization Using Machine Learning - Veerendran Krishnan, Empower
Poster 09	Sydney International Airport Chilled Water Plant Optimization – Andy McMahon & Jamie Hahn, Exergenics