

2015



INTERNATIONAL
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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Due: **October 31, 2014**

BROADENING OUR HORIZONS

August 10-12, 2015

Hyatt, Long Beach CA

The 2015 IEPEC Planning Committee is seeking abstracts on a wide range of energy program evaluation topics. Abstracts are invited for three presentation options; **papers, panels, and posters**. We are also seeking proposals for full or half-day pre-conference evaluation training **workshops**.

Broadening Our Horizons

Energy program evaluation occurs within a context of changing political, economic, and social environments. These changes affect program and evaluation objectives, methods, and level of oversight. We welcome abstracts on all energy program evaluation and related policy topics. Special consideration will be given to abstracts that Broaden Our Horizons by addressing emerging issues and methods to prepare us for the future.

With this theme in mind, the planning committee identified evaluation areas that deserve attention at the 2015 IEPEC conference:

- Analytical or data collection methods—new approaches, comparisons
- Using “big data” for evaluation purposes
- Quantifying spillover, take back, market effects, or non-energy effects
- Evaluation issues unique to demand response programs
- Reducing Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions through energy programs
- Pricing and rate approaches to address efficiency and demand
- Effects of evaluation standards and guidelines
- Evaluation of public policies (e.g., Renewable Portfolio Standards, CAFE Standards)
- Integrating evaluation into program design

You might identify other topics worthy of attention at the conference.

When submitting your abstract, please identify one category from each of the columns below. These categories are used only for the review process.

Evaluation Areas	Program and Policy Approaches	Focus
Impacts	Codes and standards	Findings
Markets	Direct installation	Methods
Process	Demand response	Policy
Behavior change	Emerging technologies	Other
Cost effectiveness/BC analysis	Financial incentives and financing tools	
Pilot programs	Information/education	
Potential	Market transformation	
Other	Rates/pricing	
	Upstream incentives	
	Services	
	Integrated policy and planning	
	Other	

Peer-Reviewed Presentations

This conference is recognized as the leading conference on evaluating energy products, services, and programs. The 2015 conference continues the organization's strong commitment to presenting peer-reviewed rigorous evaluation research and useful research results.

Instructions for Paper Abstract Proposals

Paper Abstract "Blind Review Process"

All proposed paper abstract submissions will undergo a blind review process by the planning committee. Names of authors and author affiliations are not to be included anywhere in your abstract submission. This process helps assure objectivity in the selection process and helps maintain a selection process that concentrates on the quality and scope of the abstract, rather than the author or author's current or past affiliations. Committee members who are involved in or affiliated with an abstract submitted for consideration, or who are directly involved in the work conducted, will recuse themselves from participating in the evaluation and selection process for that abstract.

Length: Abstracts should not exceed 500 words.

How Many Abstracts Can Be Submitted: Authors may submit as many abstracts as they wish. However, each abstract must be submitted separately, and the maximum times that an author can take the podium is twice.

Note also that this year the number of papers accepted from each company may also be limited to ensure the broadest participation. If a company has a number of qualifying abstracts that exceeds this limit, we will contact a company representative in advance and explain options that enable a company to decide which papers should remain in the program mix.

What's Appropriate: Papers presented at this conference must be original work that has not been presented or published in other places. All abstracts and the resulting papers become the property of the IEPEC but can be used for citation purposes.

Posters/Workshops/Panels

For guidance on submitting an abstract for a poster, workshop, or panel, please go to www.iepec.org.

General Instructions for Submitting Abstracts

The conference will accept proposals that, in the opinion of the planning committee, benefit the practice or the professional development of the field of energy services evaluation and are consistent with the conference topics, or will stimulate provocative professional exchange on energy program evaluation research.

1. Abstracts should be submitted online: www.IEPEC.org.
Abstracts must be submitted no later than October 31, 2014, midnight PST.
2. If you have any questions, contact Cara Lee Mahany Braithwait at 608-231-2552, fax 608-231-2108, or email samb@caenergy.com.

Important Dates To Place on Your Calendar—all dates are for 2015 unless otherwise noted:

- **Abstracts are due on or before October 31, 2014**
- Jan 28 Authors and presenters are notified.
- February 13 Authors are confirmed and their instruction packets are sent.
- April 1 Draft papers are due to moderators (and other authors in the session).
- April 29 Moderator comments are sent back to the authors and presenters.
- May 1 Lifetime Achievement Award Nominations due.
- May 20 Authors submit revised papers to the moderators.
- May 27 Moderators send their final comments to the authors.
- June 22 Deadline for the final paper.
- June 22 Register for the conference and pay all applicable fees (registration, late paper or over page limit fees).
- July 20 Make hotel reservations early to ensure locking in our conference rate. On July 20, any unreserved rooms in our block will be lost.
- August 9 Pre-conference workshops.
- August 10-12 Conference.

FEE NOTE: We want to keep this conference affordable! Therefore, every author that accepts our offer to present is required to register and pay registration fees to attend the conference. If the registration fee is not received by the deadline date of June 22, 2015, the author's paper will not be scheduled for presentation or published in the proceedings. Past conference early bird rates tend to be in the mid \$500 range.

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