



IEPEC 2027 Paper, Poster, and Panel Submission Form

1. The International Energy Program Evaluation Conference 2027 Abstract Submission Form

Overview:

IEPEC is excited to announce the Call for Abstracts for the 2027 conference, being held on October 25th-27th, in Minneapolis, MN. This year's theme is *Rigorous Evaluation in a Disruptive Era*.

The theme signals our commitment to methodological rigor and providing meaningful evaluation insights in a time of new tools, focus areas, funding shifts, and the evolving shape of energy programs. We hope to cover key topics related to this theme, such as:

- Evaluation at the Speed of Disruption
- Maintaining Rigor Under Pressure
- New Tools, New Questions
- Equity in a Shifting Landscape

Please keep these topics in mind as you submit your abstract. ([click here to read more about the conference theme](#))

Abstract Submission Details and Instructions:

Please use this form to submit proposed papers, panels, and posters. A different form will be shared for workshop proposals.

Abstracts will be accepted until Friday, October 16, 2026, 11:59 PM Pacific Time.

Authors may submit multiple abstracts. However, each abstract must be submitted separately and address different content. A maximum of two papers and one panel per primary author will be accepted. An author with two accepted papers may be contacted by IEPEC to identify an alternate presenter for one of the accepted papers.

Note that the number of papers accepted from each company may be limited to ensure broad participation. If a company has too many qualifying abstracts, IEPEC may contact a company representative to discuss which papers to include in the conference.

Abstract types:

- **Paper:** Requires you to write a full paper. You may choose between a paper with a full presentation (12-20 minutes) or lightening presentation (5-7 minutes).
- **Poster:** Requires a one-page summary and tabletop display.
- **Panel:** No paper required. You will need a moderator and 3-4 panelists.

Additional requirements:

- Abstract submittals (papers, posters, and panels) must be original work that has not been presented or published elsewhere.
- Exclude from the abstract text identifying information (e.g., evaluator and client name or affiliation, unique program names).
- When submitting the abstract, you will be asked to select one category from each of the following groups: Evaluation Area, Sector and Focus.
- For Panels: Address the following in your description.
 - What issue will the panel address?
 - Who will the panelists be?
 - How will this discussion be useful to the audience?
 - How will you ensure discussion, deliberation, and/or debate beyond mere presentation of information?

Before you begin, you should have the following information at hand:

1. Type of abstract (paper, poster, or panel)
2. A 500-word (MAXIMUM) plain text abstract. Do not include identifying information (such as client or program names) as paper abstract submissions are subject to blind peer review.
3. Name and contact information of up to three authors/panelists (if applicable).
4. Type of research
5. Scope of coverage
6. Sector

If you have questions, please email Kisha Gresham at kishagresham@iepeconference.onmicrosoft.com.

NOTE: IEPEC papers are intended for the sharing of research, evaluation findings, and program insights among energy efficiency professionals. Papers may not be used to market, advertise, or promote commercial products, services, or vendors.



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* 1. Please indicate your submission type:

- ☐ Paper and Presentation (a written paper and 12-20 minute in-person presentation)
- ☐ Paper and Lightning Presentation (a written paper and 5-7 minute in-person presentation)
- ☐ Poster (a one -page summary and poster display)
- ☐ Panel (3-4panelists and moderator)

Option 2: If your preferred choice is not selected, would you like to be considered for an alternate option? If so, please specify.

* 2. Primary author's name. (This is the person we will communicate with regarding the abstract):

* 3. Primary author's job title:

* 4. Primary author's company:

* 5. Primary author's email:

* 6. Please re-enter the primary author's email:

* 7. Primary author's phone number:

* 8. Is the primary author the person who will most likely present the work at the conference?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Maybe

If no, please enter the name of the person who may be the main presenter at the conference.



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3. Co-Authors or Panelists

Are there co-authors? Their names will be used for further reference only if needed. You can list up to three now and as many as appropriate on the final paper.

If you are submitting a panel, you may list the panelists' names in this section.

1. Are there co-authors (or panelists if a panel submission)?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Not at this time
- ☐ No

2. Name and contact information for up to three co-authors or panelists:

**First Co-Author's or
Panelist's Name:**

Company:

Email:

**Second Co-Author's
or Panelist's Name:**

Company:

Email:

**Third Co-Author's or
Panelist's Name:**

Company:

Email:



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4. Abstract Information

* 1. IEPEC is known for its commitment to presenting the latest in evaluation work. Please verify that the work as outlined in your abstract will not be presented at another conference before the IEPEC event in October 2027. Release of a report in a required disclosure for regulatory, stakeholder engagement, or similar processes is not disqualifying.

- ☐ Yes, it has been presented-please contact me.
- ☐ No, it has not been and will not be presented prior to the conference.

Comments:

* 2. Authorization Agreement: If this abstract is selected for the 2027 event, do you agree with the following?

The abstract can be used in the conference program materials before the event.
The abstract and subsequent final product can be posted on the IEPEC website, mobile app, and proceedings after the 2027 event.

- ☐ Yes, I agree.
- ☐ Some portion of the information may not be available for publication (this may affect your consideration for acceptance).

Comments:

* 3. All conference attendees, including presenters and panelists, are required to pay the IEPEC registration fee. Select one option:

- ☐ I understand that all attendees, including presenters and panelists, are required to pay the IEPEC registration fee and agree to do so if my paper is selected.
- ☐ I am uncertain whether I will be able to secure funding for conference registration (note, this may affect the consideration of your abstract).



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5. Help us place your submission

* 1. How best would you describe the focus of your submission?

- ☐ Impact Evaluation
- ☐ Process Evaluation
- ☐ Market Evaluation
- ☐ Policy Evaluation
- ☐ R&D Evaluation
- ☐ Combination
- ☐ Something else (please describe):

* 2. How best would you describe the research scope?

- ☐ Utility/Program Administrator
- ☐ State-level or Province-level
- ☐ Regional-level
- ☐ National-level
- ☐ International-level
- ☐ Other (please describe) or N/A (provide a reason):

* 3. How best would you describe the sector addressed in the submission? Please select all that apply.

☐ Residential

☐ Multifamily

☐ Low Income

☐ Commercial

☐ Industrial

☐ Agricultural

☐ Transport

☐ System-wide

☐ Other (please describe) or N/A (provide a reason):

* 4. How best would you describe the programmatic focus of the submission?

☐ Appliances

☐ Emerging Technologies

☐ SEM

☐ Artificial Intelligence

☐ EV/Mobility

☐ Time-of-Use Rates

☐ Behavioral

☐ Financing

☐ Upstream

☐ Building Performance

☐ Market Transformation

☐ VPP/Flexible Load

☐ CHP/Cogeneration

☐ Marketing/Education/Training

☐ Weatherization

☐ Codes & Standards

☐ New Construction

☐ Whole Building

☐ Data Centers

☐ Pay-for-Performance

☐ Other (explain below)

☐ Demand Response

☐ Retrocommissioning

☐ Direct Install

☐ Retrofit

Other (please describe) or N/A (provide reason):

* 5. Information and data used in this abstract:

☐ Is available now.

☐ Will be available by May 2027.

☐ Will be available no later than June 2027.

Comments:



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6. IEPEC Presentation Abstract Form

Please paste your 500-word or less abstract into the box below.

For Review Guidelines, please see the [IEPEC Abstract Submission](#) page.

* 1. Working Title of Paper, Panel, or Poster (No company or affiliation identifying information in the title):

* 2. Paste your abstract below. Remember--within the abstract itself, **do not include your company or organization's identifying information**. It is subject to blind peer review by the planning committee.

Note that this **submission process can accept text only**. If you believe that pictures or graphics are critically important, please email your 500 or less word submission to kishagresham@iepeconference.onmicrosoft.com by the submission deadline and alert us to look for your submission by entering "Submission will come via email" in the box below.

You may edit your submission as many times as you would like before submitting the form. Once you hit "submit", you will see a thank you message on the screen. At that point your submission is final and has been submitted to us.

