



7th Edition

EV Charging Infrastructure Summit North America

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Organized by the Smart Grid Observer, the **7th EV Charging Infrastructure Summit - North America**, July 15-17, 2025 in Chicago convenes top industry experts and stakeholders to examine the latest advances in charging technologies and business strategy for the U.S. market. We will look at how growing EV adoption rates will impact the network, and what investments are needed to ensure grid stability and benefit. Case studies of current utility programs and deployments will be discussed with an eye toward refining strategies, identifying technologies, and implementing business models that will ensure widespread EV adoption is optimized for all parties involved.

Topics to be Addressed Include:

- Latest in smart charging and wireless charging
- Addressing concerns over charger performance, reliability and security
- Trends in EV adoption and market direction
- Success strategies for starting and growing a charging network in the U.S.
- Innovations in charging infrastructure and enabling technologies
- Providing incentives to increase consumer demand for EVs
- Market trends, opportunities and challenge for the industry
- EV and battery advances, and implications for charging infrastructure
- Integrating and optimizing renewable energy resources
- Charging station operators perspectives
- Integration of energy storage and microgrids with EV charging
- Utility case studies and programs to date
- Scaling up existing charging operator networks
- Impact of EVs on grid operations and planning
- Regulatory requirements and standards developments
- Reuse of EV batteries into grid-scale energy storage systems
- Modeling and grid architecture planning: ensuring that charging is a grid benefit
- Municipal perspectives and initiatives
- EV manufacturer perspectives on charging infrastructure requirements
- And more

Forum Audience

- Grid operations engineers and planners
- EV program managers and fleet operators
- Charging network operators
- Charger manufacturers and auto OEMs
- Regulatory and standards professionals
- Financial and venture capital professionals
- Technology innovators and vendors
- Energy storage solutions providers
- Municipal transportation executives
- Renewable energy providers and technology developers



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Speaking Opportunities



The 7th EV Charging Infrastructure Summit - North America will examine enabling technologies, market challenges and strategies for charging network operators, energy providers, fleet operators, utilities and other industry stakeholders seeking to position their operations for the growing wave of EV adoption in the U.S. Industry practitioners, technology end users, researchers, and executives who are interested in delivering a presentation at the Summit, serving as session moderator, or participating on a panel discussion are welcome to submit a speaking proposal.

Individuals who wish to deliver a 30-minute, stand-alone presentation or organize a 60-75 minute panel session with multiple speakers should submit the following:

1. Speaker name, title, company, and contact information
2. Presentation title (or title of panel session)
3. Abstract of presentation or panel session (150 words)
4. Speaker biography and photo
5. Bullet list of 4-5 Key Learning Points from the presentation or panel session

Proposals are also being accepted for half-day (3 hour) Workshops on Tuesday, July 15.

Proposals should be emailed to: speak@smartgridobserver.com by **Friday, March 21, 2025**

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

For further information or to discuss a possible presentation, please [contact us](#).



Great presentations and variety of topics covered - great mix of thought leaders

- Pat McGinnis, Chief Strategy Officer, Tweddle Group

The Summit was great -- intimate, informative, and productive. The participants are deeply involved and fit the topic

- Palina Leibinskaya, CEO & Founder, TimeTick

Excellent and informative
- Jack McElligott, Emergency Fuel

Previous Speakers Include



Amaiya Khardenavis
Analyst, EV Charging
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Shishir Shekhar
Sr Director, Global
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CEO & Co-Founder
Alpha Grid



Mike Hall
Director, EV Solutions
**Miller Electric
Company**



Luna Ascha
Client Success
Manager
WeaveGrid

Previous Summit Attendees Include:

- AARGO EVsmart
- ABB
- AddEnergie
- AECOM
- Al Masaoood LLC
- Alberta Electric System Operator
- AlphaStruxure
- Amazon
- American Wire Group
- Analytics Fire
- AnnDyl Policy Group
- Argonne National Laboratory
- Atlas Motor Vehicles
- Avivv LLC
- Baltimore Gas & Electric
- Bluewav-ai
- Bolt industries
- BorgWarner Inc.
- Boston Consulting Group
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- California Energy Commission
- Canadian Electricity Association
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- ChargePoint
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- City of Chicago
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- Flash
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- Fullerton Engineering
- General Motors
- George Washington University
- Geotab
- Green Job Builders Inc
- Green Spark
- Green Ways 2 Go
- GTI Energy
- Guidehouse Insights
- Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative
- HARTING
- Hawthorne CAT Power Systems
- HBK Engineering
- HEMBUS
- HP Legacy
- Hunt Energy Solutions
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- Illinois Commerce Commission
- Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
- Illinois Finance Authority
- Illinois Institute of Technology
- Indiana Toll Road Concession Company
- Interstate Renewable Energy Council
- Inyo Energy
- Itron
- JCREMC
- Jitney EV
- Keysight Technologies
- Kiewit
- Kitu Systems
- KPMG
- Landis+Gyr
- Leidos
- Locusview
- Lubrizol Corp
- Megavolt
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- Metropolitan Mayors Caucus
- Microgrid Labs
- NACFE
- NARUC
- New Flyer of America
- New York Institute of Technology
- Nextech Energy Systems
- NextEnergy
- Niroo Research Institute
- Nissan North America
- Northern Virginia Electric Cooperative (NOVEC)
- NV Energy
- Omaha Public Power District
- Ondevan Campervan
- Own Engineering
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- Siemens
- Siemens Mobility
- SIR Capital Management
- Smart Energy Consumer Collaborative
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- Spinetic
- Stanford University
- Sternberg Lighting
- Sustainable Power Solutions
- Syracuse University
- The Brattle Group
- The Harbinger Group
- Touchstone Energy
- Tundra Process Solutions
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- U.S. Gain
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- [SL1047A Scienlab Charging Discovery System – High-Power Data Sheet](#)**
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I thought the conference was overall great due to the structure of the event and the diversity of presentations. It helped answer uncertainties around EV/V2G and tie loose ends that I may not have been able to put together previously.

*- Jack van Schoonenberg, Account Manager
Keysight Technologies*

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I enjoyed this conference - it exceeded my expectations! I liked best the mix of utility and vendor participants

- Eric Lambert, EV Charging Product Manager, Hubbell

Great diversity of companies and good speech topics. Nice variety. The Amazon panel with Rivian was great.

- Benjamin Spiro, Business Development American Wire Group