

OHIO CONFERENCE ON
Clean/Renewable Energy
AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Thursday, September 28, 2023 - Sheraton Suites Akron-Cuyahoga Falls

8:00 a.m. **Riverfront Ballroom Foyer** - Registration, Displays
Open & Breakfast sponsored by Melink Solar
(Scrambled Eggs with Cheddar Cheese, Oven-Roasted
Redskins; Grilled Ham; Assorted Cereals with 2% Milk;
Seasonal Fruit Display; Assorted Danish, Breaks &
Muffins; Orange Juice; Bottled Water; Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee and Teas)



8:45 a.m. Conference General Session

8:45 a.m. **Riverfront East** - General Session & Conference Welcome
Mark W. Uher, *President, Manufacturers' Education Council*, Columbus

8:55 a.m. **Accelerating the Transition to Carbon-Free for a Sustainable Energy Future**
Seth Parker, *CEO, Melink Solar*, Milford and Jeff Bohrer, *Director of Facilities, Mount Saint John*, Beavercreek

9:30 a.m. **Riverfront Ballroom Foyer** - Visit the Displays & Mid-Morning Break

9:45 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. 3 Concurrent & Interactive Workshops

- A. **Riverfront West** - Technology Advancements ... Adding Energy Storage to Other Renewable Technologies Improves Financial Returns and Produces a Greater Reduction in CO₂ Emissions - David J. Braun, *Vice President, Intelligent Generation*, Chicago, IL
- B. **Riverfront East** - Fundamentals of a Clean Energy Future ... Net Zero, Approaches to Environmental Sustainability and Technologies & Innovations
Jamie E. Jankowski, *PE, CEM, Director Strategic Account Solutions, AEP Energy*, Columbus
- C. **Summit** - The Future of the U.S. Grid: Enhancing Resilience, Renewable Integration, and Smart Technologies -- Dan Killoren, *Ph.D., Program Lead, Global Innovation Hub, Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI)*, Columbus; Jing Lyon, *Entrepreneur Programs Director, BRITE Energy Innovators*, Warren; and Ben Morris, *Business Development and Government Affairs, EdgeEnergy LLC*, Cincinnati

11:00 a.m. **Visit the Displays & Mid-Morning Break** (Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, Teas; Bottled Ice Teas & Water; Nutri-Grain Bars and Fresh Fruit)

11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 3 Concurrent & Interactive Workshops

- D. **Riverfront East** - Lessons Learned from Industry Leaders with Onsite Solar: Why Now Is the Right Time to Lock in a Lower Energy Rate! - Seth Parker, *CEO, Melink Solar*, Milford and Jeff Bohrer, *Director of Facilities, Mount Saint John*, Beavercreek
- E. **Riverfront West** - Decarbonization: Business Case for Investing in Sustainability
Jerry Schmits, *CEM*, and Megan Phillips, *Comprehensive Solutions Manager Solutions, Trane Technologies*, Cincinnati & Columbus and Steve Moritz, *President & CEO, Ecentiv Energy*, Pittsburgh
- F. **Summit** - Managing Risks and Energy Resilience & Stability ... Onsite Battery Installation with No Upfront Costs
Joe Hayden, *Vice President, GridBeyond*, Houston, TX

12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Luncheon & Networking Roundtables on Opportunities & Challenges in the Transition to a Sustainable Energy Economy

Cascade Overlook – Front Street Lunch Buffet
sponsored by Indiana/Kentucky/Ohio Regional
Council of Carpenters - IKORCC



Sliced Roasted Top Round of **Beef** with Caramelized Onion Jus; Sauteed **Chicken Breast** Marsala with Mushrooms; Baked Coriander, Cumin-Crusted **Salmon** with Organic Honey Cream; Garden and Caesar Salads; Seasonal Vegetables; Herb-Roasted Potato Wedges; Rolls & Butter; Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, Tazo Teas & Ice Teas, and Assorted Cheesecakes

1:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. 3 Concurrent & Interactive Workshops

- G. Riverfront West - Achieving Cost Savings with Energy Efficiency and Finance Programs** - Dr. Manny Anunike, *Energy Specialist*, Karla Gulker, *Energy Loan Program Coordinator*, Kevin Smith, *Coal and Energy Programs Coordinator*, Caroline Johnstone, *Energy Programs Manager*, Candice Brothers, *Energy Analyst*, **Ohio Department of Development**, Columbus; and Nikhila Rao, *Program Manager*, **Graphet Data Mining**, Cincinnati
- H. Riverfront East - Award-Winning University – Kent State’s Energy Systems Evolution** - Melanie Knowles, *Sustainability Manager* and Julie Morris, *Sustainability Coordinator*, **Kent State University**, Kent
- I. Summit - Revolutionizing Energy Storage: Innovations in Automotive and Grid-Scale Applications** - Neil J. Kidner, *Ph.D., President*, **Adena Power** and *Director of Materials Science*, **Nexceris**, Lewis Center; Joe Rohan, *Program Manager*, **BRITE Energy**, Warren; Robert Lane, *Chairman & CAO*, **Acculon Energy Inc.**, Columbus

2:45 p.m. Riverfront Ballroom Foyer - Visit the Displays and Afternoon Refreshment Break Sponsored by **Green Energy Ohio**

(Domestic **Cheese Display** – Cheddar, Swiss & Pepper Jack with Assorted Crackers; **Seasonal Melons & Pineapple with Berries**; Assorted Freshly-Baked **Cookies**, Whole Fruit, Soft Drinks and Bottled Water)



3:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. 3 Concurrent & Interactive Workshops

- J. Riverfront West - Developing a Customized Sustainability Roadmap** – Jeffrey Blankman, *Director*, **Sustainability Solutions**, **Constellation Energy Corporation**, Baltimore, MD
- K. Summit - Renewable Energy Site Development – Smart Site Due Diligence** Mark Belmont, *Director of Civil Engineering/Energy Market Lead* & Sara Krampe, *Environmental Manager*, **CESO**, Akron & Bridgeville, PA
- L. Riverfront East - Ohio Strategy for Developing a Clean Hydrogen Hub: Subsurface Sequestration of Carbon Dioxide in Ohio ... Planning, Regulation, Economics and Role in Decarbonization of Energy** - Andrew Thomas, *Director of Midwest Hydrogen Center of Excellence and Energy Policy Center* & Mark Henning, *Research Supervisor* & Shelbie Seeberg, *Research Associate*, **Cleveland State University**, Cleveland

4:15 p.m. Adjournment

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