



INDUSTRIAL HEATING EQUIPMENT ASSOCIATION

IHEA energy management SUMMIT to explore future of energy performance



IHEA Energy Management **SUMMIT** FORGING A SUSTAINABLE PATH FOR MANUFACTURING DECEMBER 2-3 | DELIVERED VIRTUALLY

IHEA's annual SUMMIT that has previously focused on decarbonization returns this year with a few twists. It will focus on overall energy management, and it will be virtual on December 2, concluding with a half day on December 3. It will provide practical strategies for improving efficiency, reducing energy costs, and preparing manufacturing operations for the future.

As manufacturers continue to navigate rising energy costs, evolving sustainability goals, and rapidly changing technologies, staying informed has never been more important. That's why the Industrial Heating Equipment Association (IHEA) is bringing its annual Energy Management SUMMIT to a virtual audience December 2-3, 2026.

Designed for engineers, plant managers, energy professionals, and manufacturing leaders, this year's virtual format makes it easier to participate without the time and expense of travel.

"While we strongly believe in the value of in-person events, we also understand the uncertainties that many in the manufacturing world have felt this year, leading the IHEA board to the decision that offering a virtual event would be a great idea this year," said IHEA Executive Vice President Anne Goyer.

The schedule allows attendees to gain valuable insights while minimizing time away from the office.

A featured presentation from the U.S. Department of Energy's Industrial Technology Office (ITO) will explore what's on the horizon for industrial energy initiatives, workforce development, and technical assistance available to manufacturers.

Attendees will also receive a comprehensive review of today's energy management fundamentals, including ISO 50001, energy-manage-

ment partners, and the latest programs and tools available to help facilities identify savings opportunities and improve performance.

As industries continue exploring alternatives to traditional fuel sources, the SUMMIT will feature sessions on optimizing combustion efficiency while examining emerging technologies such as hydrogen. Experts will also provide updates on initiatives shaping the future of industrial process heating.

One of the program's highlights will be a panel discussion dedicated to electrification technologies. Industry specialists will discuss the latest advancements in induction melting, induction heating, resistance heating, and infrared heating, providing attendees with practical perspectives on where electrification makes sense — and where challenges remain.

The path toward net-zero manufacturing will also be addressed through discussions on developing sustainability strategies and an introduction to the emerging ISO 50100 standard, giving attendees a look at how future standards may influence energy management practices.

In addition, the program will examine the growing role of industrial automation and digital technologies, highlighting how smarter controls, connected systems, and operational data can improve both energy efficiency and overall plant performance.

WHAT TO EXPECT

The 2026 IHEA Energy Management SUMMIT will feature sessions covering today's most important energy management challenges and emerging technologies, including tentative topics:



» Opening Keynote: DOE's Industrial Technology Office - What's Coming Next?

- » Energy Management Basics, Programs, and Tools.
- » Alternatives to Fossil Fuel Use.
- » Electrification Panel.
- » Achieving Net-Zero.
- » Industrial Automation Insights.
- » Industrial Panel – Stories from the Field.

Among the program's most valuable features are real-world case studies presented by manufacturers who have successfully implemented energy-saving initiatives. Companies will share their experiences, lessons learned, and measurable results from their energy management efforts.

"Energy performance is now a strategic advantage," said Michael Stowe, IHEA board member and Energy Management SUMMIT chairperson. "The IHEA Energy Management SUMMIT equips industrial leaders with the knowledge, tools, and peer insights needed to navigate rising energy costs, regulatory pressure, and the shift toward electrification. It's not just a conference, it's a catalyst for smarter, more resilient operations."

Whether your goal is lowering energy costs, improving operational efficiency, reducing emissions, or preparing your facility for the next generation of manufacturing technologies, the 2026 IHEA Energy Management SUMMIT offers practical knowledge that can be applied immediately.

Sponsorship opportunities are available for companies seeking to

increase their visibility among industrial heating and energy management professionals. Sponsors receive a comprehensive package of benefits, including two complimentary event registrations, recognition on the SUMMIT website, inclusion in all promotional eblasts and the event brochure, logo placement on welcome slides during the virtual event, and monthly recognition across IHEA's social media channels. IHEA members also receive discounted sponsorship rates, providing added value for member companies looking to showcase their commitment to energy management and industry leadership.

Mark your calendar for December 2-3 and plan to join industry experts and manufacturing professionals from around the world as they explore the technologies, strategies, and success stories shaping the future of industrial energy management. Complete program details and registration will open in August.

Watch for details and registration information at summit.ihea.org.

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