

BUILDINGENERGY NYC

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Conference + Trade Show of the Northeast Sustainable Energy Association (NESEA)

Proposal Planning Sheet for BuildingEnergy NYC 2026

If you would like to work on your proposal before submitting, this document contains a list of the fields you will be asked to fill out once you are logged in to your nesea.org account. When you are ready to submit, visit nesea.org/nyc26-proposals.

Information About the Proposer

- Name
- Company/Organization
- Job Title
- Email
- Phone
- Any additional information about the proposer?

Information About the Proposed Session

- Session Title
- Abstract (75 words or less)
- Full Description
*Why is this session important? How does it connect to this year's conference theme?
How will it change what attendees do, think, or believe?*
- Learning Objectives
Please provide four concrete, outcome-focused objectives, written so they complete the sentence, "As a result of this session, attendees will be able to..." ([guidelines here](#))

- Areas of Focus

Check **up to 4** that best represent your areas of focus

 - Enclosure and Structure
 - Energy Production and Storage
 - Finance and Incentives
 - Health and Comfort
 - Justice and Equity
 - Material Impacts
 - MEP Systems
 - Operations and Maintenance
 - Policy, Codes and Standards
 - Process and Practice
 - Training and Workforce Development

- Building Types (check all that apply)
 - Single Family
 - Multifamily
 - Commercial
 - Institutional
 - District/Neighborhood
 - New Construction
 - Retrofit
 - NA

- Session Format

We are always looking to maximize audience engagement, and encourage you to consider the best format for your specific content.

 - Interview or structured conversation among panelists
 - Collaborative problem-solving session
 - Debate between opposing viewpoints
 - Workshop or skill-building session
 - Lightning Round (several brief idea pitches followed by discussion)
 - Presentation followed by facilitated discussion or breakout groups
 - Other (please describe)

- Target Audience's Level of Experience
 - Level 1 - No prior knowledge needed
 - Level 2 - Some prior knowledge helpful
 - Level 3 - Prior knowledge strongly recommended

- Additional Comments

e.g. Has this session been submitted to an upcoming conference? Has a similar session been presented before?

Information About the Proposed Speaker(s)

We recommend no more than 2-3 speakers for a session, and encourage a mix of speakers who represent different professions or perspectives. It is not required to have all speakers confirmed, but proposals with confirmed speakers will be given priority. For each speaker, please provide:

- First Name
- Last Name
- Company/Organization
- Job Title
- Email Address
- Have you discussed your session with this speaker?

- Video Link
(OPTIONAL) Provide a link to a video of one or more of your speakers. This can be as simple as a phone-recorded video pitch of the proposed session. Some sense of the dynamism and presentation of the speakers will help the Content Committee evaluate your proposal.

- Additional comments about your speaker roster?

Additional Information

- Diversity
The conference leadership team is especially interested in sessions that strengthen diversity, equity, and inclusion – represented by both the speakers and session content. Please explain if your session addresses these issues. Here are examples:
 - “My case study features a minority-owned engineering firm.”
 - “Our speaker panel is diverse in terms of gender/race/ethnicity/age/neurodiversity, etc.”
 - “Our target audience is young professional people of color.”
 - “This session topic directly addresses racial and economic justice.”

- Anything else you’d like to tell us about this proposed session?