



Wednesday, April 1, & Thursday, April 2, 2020 | Silver Spring Civic Center



The Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the Montgomery County Committee (MCC) of USGBC National Capital Region (USGBC NCR) invite proposals for educational presentations at their [2020 Montgomery County Energy Summit](#). For the past six years and counting, **the Summit has annually offered cutting-edge education focused on the latest trends in commercial green building, energy efficiency, renewable energy, and related topics** in Montgomery County. Our target audience includes building owners, property managers, energy contractors, and other sustainability professionals working in Montgomery County and the larger DMV area. Last year's event brought out over 325 attendees.

For 2020, we are thrilled to announce that we are adding a second day exploring energy in the residential building sector, including relevant topics for single-family home developers, building operators, as well as residents themselves. The theme for this year's Summit is **"A Path to Zero."** We will explore strategies, technologies, and case studies focused on the commercial, multifamily, and residential built environment that are moving the needle towards achieving the County's ambitious climate goal of carbon neutrality by 2035.

IMPORTANT DATES

*Submission Deadline: **Friday, December 13, 2019 at 5:00 pm EST***

*Announcement of Selected Sessions: **Week of January 6, 2020***

*Energy Summit 2020 - Commercial/Multifamily Education Sessions: **Wednesday, April 1, 2020***

*Energy Summit 2020 - Residential Education Sessions: **Thursday, April 2, 2020***

PRESENTATION DETAILS

Breakout sessions: Sessions are 60 minutes and are typically formatted as 45-minute education presentations and 15 minutes of Q&A. Presentations tend to include a panel of 2 or more speakers from different organizations to provide multiple perspectives on a topic but may feature a single presenter depending on the content. AV will be available including a laptop, digital screen, and slide advancer. Sessions will be submitted for GBCI and, if applicable, AIA continuing education credit.

Please note, all presenters will receive complimentary Summit registration, which includes breakfast, lunch, and the opportunity to attend other education sessions and exhibitor hall. Unfortunately, we are not able to compensate presenters for their time or travel expenses.

Montgomery County Energy Summit

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

SUGGESTED TOPICS

We especially encourage proposals focused on the topics below, although other topics are welcome.

- Cost-effective net-zero construction examples
- Striving for net-zero in existing buildings
- Embodied Carbon and life-cycle analysis
- Emerging & innovative technologies, such as energy storage and microgrids
- Resiliency and climate adaption in the built environment
- Case studies including single-family residential, multifamily, mixed use, educational, campus, or energy-intensive building types
- Innovative financing solutions
- Design/construction best practices & materials
- Demystifying building certifications
- Sustainable single-family home approaches
- Measurable & successful energy management
- Examples of successful tenant behavior change
- Communicating your green building/sustainability success story

NOTE: Proposals focused solely on promoting a specific product/service without a relevant, local-area case study application or connection to the Energy Summit theme will not be considered.

THE SELECTION PROCESS

We strive to offer a program of breakout sessions that incorporates our theme of “**The Path to Zero**” and has a variety of topics to appeal to our core audience in Montgomery County. The selection committee will evaluate submissions and make selections based on topic, speaker credentials, relevance to Montgomery County, and audience interest.

Strong preference is shown for proposals that include:

- Well-rounded, multi-speaker panels showcasing perspectives of stakeholders like building owners, property/facility managers and tenants in addition to service providers.
- Specific case studies or examples located in the DMV area
- Financial analysis and project data that makes the business case for action

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

The link to the application can be found at the end of this Call for Proposals. All proposals must be submitted electronically via the online submission site no later than the deadline of **Friday, December 13**. Only complete applications will be considered.

Applications cannot be saved and returned to later, so we suggest that applicants use a text editing program to compose and save their work before transferring the information to the application. Applicants may submit multiple proposals.

Application requirements:

- Presentation title (12 words max)
- A short description for promotion (25 words max)
- An abstract (500 words max)
- Learning objectives (minimum of 4)
- Designation of primary target audience
- A link to an online bio for each presenter
- Presentation experience
- Course level (basic, intermediate, advanced, or expert)
- Willingness to be combined with a similar proposal if necessary (Y/N)

APPLY HERE

Questions? Please contact Lindsey Shaw at lindsey.shaw@montgomerycountymd.gov.