



AEIC NEWSLETTER

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AEIC brings utility leaders together in a trusted, non-competitive forum to solve real operational challenges and modernize the grid. Through shared field experience and practical collaboration, strategy becomes execution.

Upcoming Events



Download our events calendars to stay up to date on upcoming workshops and committee meetings. For meeting access or committee support, contact aeic@aeic.org.


APRIL 2026

	Electric Power Apparatus April 19 - 22, 2026 Golden, CO
	Data Framework Working Group April 23, 2026 Virtual Meeting
	Metering April 26 - 28, 2026 San Antonio, TX
	Cable Engineering April 30 - May 1, 2026 Carlsbad, CA



MAY 2026

	Workforce Development May 5 - 6, 2026 Pittsburgh, PA
	Annual Meeting Registration and Hotel Booking Open May 15, 2026



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AEIC Center for Operational Excellence

This is the utility industry's one-stop shop for authoritative information. Our repository of industry resources will help you overcome operational challenges and drive more holistic decisions.



AEIC 2026 Members' Strategy Summit Summary

Boulder, Colorado | March 30–31, 2026

The 2026 AEIC Members' Strategy Summit brought utility leaders together to address the shared challenge of turning insight into coordinated action amid growing industry pressures such as load growth, capital uncertainty, supply chain constraints, and workforce demands. Rather than presenting a single solution, the summit emphasized peer exchange and collaboration, with AEIC facilitating candid discussions and shared learning to help members move forward with greater confidence.

Building on this collaborative approach, the Day Two roundtable highlighted participant-driven ideas for AEIC, including improved benchmarking, committee transparency, targeted AI use case sharing, and specialized working groups on data centers and nuclear generation. Suggestions also focused on enhancing engagement through better communication, leadership development, and member recruitment strategies. Thank you to all who participated in these discussions.

AEIC AI Readiness Pulse Check

Presented by
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AEIC Grid Advancement Challenge Lab



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AEIC Grid Advancement Collaborative Program

Challenge 002: Forecasting the Non-Linear Future

Launching in partnership with InnovationForce, this 12-month, cohort-based initiative brings utilities together to tackle the top 10 operational challenges outlined in AEIC's Grid Modernization Report.

The second challenge focuses on enabling utilities to navigate rapidly changing and uncertain load growth through adaptive, data-driven planning tools with real-time DER visibility. The key hurdle is efficiently finding, testing, and scaling solutions. This playbook guides utilities in leveraging peer knowledge to accelerate proofs-of-concept and implement resilient, cost-effective grid strategies.

[View Challenge 002](#)

The Grid Advancement Program to DTECH Data Center + AI Conference

Scottsdale, Arizona | May 12, 2026

Join us for a hands-on, collaborative workshop where participants will actively tackle Load Forecasting and Flexible Capacity challenges together in real time. Rather than just listening to

AEIC is gathering baseline insights to help shape a new AI Fluency Program launching in fall 2026. This short, five-minute survey is designed to better understand where the utility industry stands on AI—covering current use, perceived barriers, organizational readiness, and the types of support that would be most valuable moving forward. Responses are anonymous, and results will be shared back as aggregated peer benchmarks so participants can see how they compare across the industry. For more information, contact Dr. Elizabeth Cook at ecook@aeic.org.

Survey

presentations, you'll work alongside peers and industry experts to explore practical approaches, share perspectives, and develop solutions that can be applied in your own organization.

AEIC members who register for the workshop can join the full event for free by using the code **AEIC** at checkout!

Register Today

The Grid Mod Pod

In this episode, **Laticia Holbert, ComEd Senior Manager of Workforce Development**, explores how the Power Up Academy is helping new graduates break into the utility industry with in-demand technical skills. She highlights how the program is closing the talent gap, fostering diversity, and building sustainable career pathways through community collaboration.



Watch Now

2026 Achievement Awards Now Open

AEIC is pleased to announce that we are now accepting nominations for our 2026 AEIC Achievement Awards.

The AEIC Annual Achievement Awards recognize teams and/or individuals from member companies, AEIC committees, subcommittees, and councils who have made significant contributions to advancing operational excellence and leading grid transformation initiatives in the electric utility industry. Submissions are due by July 1st.



[Click here to complete an award submission form](#)

Member Spotlight Webinar

Driving Efficiency: Automating Fleet Invoice Processing with RPA

Friday, April 17th | 2:00–3:00 PM Eastern
Eric Kozak, Ameren

Eric will discuss how Ameren Illinois Fleet Services manages more than 3,800 vehicles and processes over 25,000 invoices each year—work that was once handled through time-consuming, manual data entry by three full-time employees.



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We appreciate your continued engagement with AEIC and look forward to your participation in our upcoming events.



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