



Business Summit

INDEPENDENT ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS

January 25 – January 28, 2026
JW Marriott Savannah, GA

Call for Content (CFC) Guide

About Business Summit

The IEC Business Summit is the premier event for electrical industry professionals to connect, collaborate, and engage with top leaders in the field. This annual event offers a robust lineup of educational sessions tailored to business owners, focusing on effective leadership and business success. Attendees also benefit from valuable networking opportunities and dedicated time for IEC committees to convene and plan for 2025.

The value of education at Business Summit:

- **Gain Strategic Insights:** Attendees to receive expert-led educational sessions designed to equip business owners with practical strategies and leadership tools for driving growth and long-term success.
- **Stay Ahead of Industry Trends:** Learning from seasoned professionals and thought leaders who offer real-world perspectives on emerging challenges and opportunities in the electrical industry.

Call for Education Content

This year we are encouraging tailored sessions to address the challenges and opportunities that matter most to **Business Owners and leaders of IEC**. We welcome submissions that:

- Feature innovative solutions - presenting cutting edge strategies that attendees can apply directly to their business or workforce.
- Offer strong business cases supported by research or data
- Showcase forward-thinking approaches and trends in the field
- Feature engaging, creative program formats
- Share real-world case studies that highlight practical applications

Each proposal should aim to provide actionable insights that empower the business owner and inspire meaningful progress in the industry.

Instructional Design Guidelines

Proposals should:

- Be grounded by effective learning principles
- Aim to transfer knowledge and develop new competencies
- Foster discussion, encourage active audience engagement, and be outcome-focused
- Draw upon and build on participants' prior knowledge and experiences

Attendee Audience

Business Summit educational content primarily serves **electrical contractors and leaders within the Association of IEC**. Proposals should clearly specify the knowledge level and prior experience the attendee should have in the content area to ensure the session delivers maximum impact.

About the Review and Session Selection Process

IEC strives to be inclusive and diverse when reviewing session proposals which combines the collective input of peers, volunteer leaders, and professional staff to ensure that members of the



community have significant voice in co-creating the conference programming. Together, members and staff create an educational program that is timely, relevant, and targeted to attendee needs. All content proposals go through an initial review process when they are evaluated by IEC's Event Advisory Committee based on the rating criteria below.

Important Submission Guidelines and Speaker Expectations

- You are limited to submitting two total proposals so be thoughtful in what you submit.
- Each proposal can have a maximum of five total speakers.
- Accepted speakers **are expected to register for the conference at the discounted speaker rate** and will cover their own travel and accommodations.
- Submissions will be considered based on the quality of the session description and learning objectives, experience of the proposed speaker(s), and alignment to targeted educational topics.

Important Dates

- Call for content is open Friday July 18 and closes Friday October 10
- Conference Session Notifications: Late- October 2025

Topics

As you create your proposal, please consider the following topics, which are focus areas for the conference program. While proposals may address more than one area, you may select the one which is the best fit. The example topics noted below are intended to help you develop/plan, but we welcome and encourage additional ideas.

Business Development

- Financial Foundations: Focusing on reading statements, cashflow for profit, diversify revenue, renewable energy installation, EV charging, maintenance contracts, succession planning
- Proofing your Business: Preparing for industry changes, regulatory updates and advocacy
- Business Growth Strategies: Expanding a team, bidding for larger projects, entering new markets
- Contract and Legal: Contract clauses, legal compliance, protecting your business
- Effective Leadership: Leading teams, managing conflicts, inspiring innovation
- Team Communication: Conflict resolution, active listening, stronger teams through communication
- Productivity: Time management, tool organization, workflow
- Project Estimating: Materials, labor costs, bid prep

IEC Chapter Staff Community

- Member Engagement and Retention: Strategies for chapters to keep members engaged through tactical approaches and creating community.
- Recruitment: Strategies for targeting and attracting apprentices effectively, strategies to retain employees
- Financial Management: Fundraising, sponsorship agreements, and financial reporting



- Advocacy: Legislative outreach, campaigning, how to advocate at a local and state level
- Marketing and Branding: chapter visibility in the community, social media trends
- Building Strong Teams: training programs, leadership development, volunteering
- Event Planning for Chapters: budgeting, logistics, marketing, and attracting new members
- Technology: CRM tools, digital platforms, and operations
- Membership Growth: recruiting new members, growing your chapter, merit shop voice

Emerging Technologies

- Prefabrication
- Renewable Energy
- Integrations of new Technology (AI)
- Electrical Vehicle
- Digital transformation (building information modeling BIM, SaaS Solutions) etc.

Learning Formats

Learning formats support a range of instructional methods that give attendees more control over setting priorities and choosing the right content, materials, and methods that match their learning styles and objectives. The online form will ask you to check all the session format options that your session could fit into.

- **Learning Lab** (60 minutes): A formal presentation usually given by 1 or 2 content leaders.
- **Panel Discussion** (60 minutes): Unscripted conversation and analysis with one moderator and 2/3 speakers with varied backgrounds
- **Debate** (45 minutes): Two experts presenting competing thesis on a topic followed by time for structure refutation

Proposal Process & Selection Criteria

The Events Advisory Committee (EAC) seeks innovative ideas and subject matter experts to deliver cutting-edge content to attendees. Proposals submitted by IEC members and individuals within the IEC community will receive priority consideration. IEC aims to increase engagement by encouraging submissions from dedicated volunteers and active leaders within the community.

Questions

If you have any questions, please reach out at anytime

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