



Empowering the Visual Utility

Call for Presentations

TechFest2012

SCADA Conference

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June 11-15, 2012 | Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista | www.survalent.com

Help empower the visual utility.

Share your expertise.

Survallent Technology invites you to submit your proposal for a presentation at the annual TechFest Conference which will be held in Orlando, Florida on June 11-15, 2012.

Deadline to submit your presentation or proposal: **Friday, February 10, 2012**

Attendees

- Electric Utilities
- Water Utilities
- Gas Utilities
- Industrial Utilities
- Manufacturers/Vendors
- Rural Electric/
Membership Co-Ops
- Federal Power Agencies
- Public Power
Companies
- Investor Owned Utilities
- Municipal Utilities

This will be an extraordinary chance to share your knowledge and expertise with key professionals in engineering, operations, supply management, energy services and IT.

Categories & Topics

Below is a list of categories to select your topics from.

- AMI Interoperability
- Communications Technology for Smart Grid
- Demand Response and Energy Efficiency
- Distribution Automation
- Enterprise Information and Asset Management
- Grid Software Solutions
- Load Management Interoperability
- Outage Management Solutions
- Conservation Voltage Reduction
- Distribution Management Systems
- International Projects
- Large Scale Renewables Integration
- Mobile/Internet Solutions
- SCADA and Network Management
- Renewable/Sustainability Initiatives and the Grid
- Substation Automation
- Transmission System Infrastructure and Technology
- Water Utility Technology

If you have a topic preference that is not on this list, you may still submit your suggested topic.

Sessions

Each topic represents a session. Sessions will run 25 minutes, with an allowance of 5 minutes for questions and answers. Session length and time allotment for individual presentations will be determined once the proposal review and selection process is complete.

Submission Guidelines

Be sure to follow the guidelines to ensure that your submission meets all of the necessary requirements for consideration.

- Proposals should be focused on practical, as well as strategic, business solutions related to discovery, implementation and operations.
- Proposals should be original presentations that showcase best practices, lessons learned, strategies and processes.
- More than one proposal may be submitted for consideration – but only one may be selected
- You must complete a separate submission for each presentation proposal.

All presentations must be submitted using the electronic submission form at www.survalent.com

Important: Acceptable formats are .pdf, .doc, .docx, .ppt and .pptx. Presentation proposals submitted in any other format will not be accepted. Presentation proposals must be received **no later than February 10, 2012**.

Proposal Information

Content should be up-to-date, current information that provides new or different solutions, best practices, skill building, group problem solving sessions and and/or new methods of practice.

- Proposals must be educational in nature.
- All materials must be free from promotional influence and/or content.

Submissions Must Include

1. **Topic** - The topic your submission will address.
2. **Title** - Proposed session title.
3. **Learning Objectives** – three specific objectives, written with action verbs highlighting results to be achieved (often written as a response to "At the conclusion of this session, participants should be able to ...")
4. **Session Description** – paragraph describing the intent and content of the presentation (635 character limit, including spaces. Approximately 100 words)
5. **Speaker Information** – name, title, company, city, state, zip code, phone and e-mail address. Be sure to list all speakers.

Notification Timetable

Presentation Submittal Deadline	February 10, 2012
Presentation Review by Committee	February 29, 2012
Notification	March 9, 2012
Presentation Submission Deadline	May 14, 2012

Speaker Benefits & Responsibilities

Benefits

- Complimentary Registration
- Conference Meals Provided
- Exposure to a High Level Audience
- Opportunity to Share Learned Knowledge
- Speaker Gift - Samsung Galaxy Tab (or equivalent)

Responsibilities

- Speakers will meet all deadlines provided by conference management including returning required forms and submitting biography information and presentations for the conference proceedings.
- Panel presenters are not required to submit a file for the proceedings, but will be required to submit a biography.
- Speaker is responsible for travel expenses, including hotel and airfare.

Speakers whose proposals are accepted for presentation at the TechFest Conference will be required to submit a copy of their presentations for review prior to the Conference. Copy of the final presentation is requested for posting to the TechFest website. Detailed information, including the presentation schedule, will be sent with a speaker agreement and information package in late fall.

Overall Review and Selection Criteria

We usually receive more proposals than there are available presentation slots. It is the most exceptional proposals that will be selected for presentation at the TechFest Conference. The following questions are given to proposals reviewers; answers are on a 1-5 scale (1 being the lowest, 5 the highest).

1. How well does this proposal address the topic and its descriptors/objectives?
2. What is the quality of the overall presentation proposal?
3. Is the proposal innovative, relevant and/or cutting edge?
4. How engaging is this presentation likely to be?
5. How well does this presentation deliver positive/solution-oriented outcomes?
6. Is the proposal written for the intended audience – electric cooperatives?
7. Does this presentation provide opportunities for participants to build on or learn new skills, processes or systems?
8. Does this presentation provide tips, tools, best practices and/or lessons learned?