

# Call For Proposals

## Dear Colleagues:

The IEEE Power & Energy Society (PES) invites interested, non-profit organizations to submit a proposal to serve as Host and Technical Co-Sponsor of the **IEEE PES GTD Grand International Conference and Exposition – Asia (IEEE PES GTD Asia 2027)**.

The proposal requirements are described in more detail below, but each proposal should contain suggested conference dates in 2027, descriptions of the proposed venue(s), and information about the proposed host/technical co-sponsor – including descriptions of the individuals proposed to serve as key members of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC), and agreements regarding specific hosting requirements.

## ABOUT THIS CONFERENCE

### History of PES’s sponsorship of IEEE PES GTD Grand International Conference and Exposition – Asia (GTD Asia)

In 2019, the IEEE Power & Energy Society launched a new conference series called IEEE PES GTD Grand International Conference and Exposition - Asia (GTD Asia) that took place in March at Bangkok International Trade & Exhibition Centre (BITEC), Bangkok, Thailand. The purpose was offering a conference similar to the traditional IEEE PES Transmission and Distribution Conference and Exposition hold each 2 years in the US. The theme of the conference was **“BIG SHIFT IN POWER AND ENERGY”**.

In 2023, the conference was held in May at the Istanbul Convention Center in Istanbul, Turkey. The theme of the conference was **“Futuring the Power Grid”**.

In 2025, the conference will once again be held in Bangkok, Thailand at the Queen Sirikit National Convention Centre (QSNCC) in November. The theme of the conference is **“ACCELERATING THE ENERGY TRANSITION TOWARDS CARBON NEUTRALITY – A SUSTAINABLE ENERGY FUTURE FOR ALL”**.

### A review of the focus/typical content of GTD Asia Technical Programs

All planning for IEEE PES GTD Asia conferences is related to attracting IEEE and IEEE PES members and non-members (which we view as potential new PES members) who have an interest in Generation, Transmission and Distribution. However,

with GTD, a particular focus of conference organizers should be on the practitioner's engineers from manufacturers and utilities who are involved in designing and building the Generation, Transmission and Distribution infrastructure. Even with that focus, it is expected that proffers will also be made which are attracted to those in academia. Accordingly, tracks for research papers should also be available.

For example, in planning a typical GTD Asia program day, conference organizers would be encouraged to include 3 tracks – including one track for paper presentations and two for panel sessions and supersessions with keynote speakers targeted towards practical applications and experiences of those persons actively working in the Generation, Transmission and Distribution Space.

GTD Asia programs should also include a suite of tutorials in addition to the paper, poster and panel sessions, which could be offered prior to or following the core of the meeting. A GTD Asia program should also typically include some IEEE Student activities, Young Professional (YP) activities, and Women in Power (WiP) and Engineering activities, and Job Fairs – all of which would be actively supported by PES.

Finally, Conference Organizers would also be encouraged to arrange technical tours – particularly those which highlight exemplars of the local industry.

## **ABOUT THIS PROPOSAL/REQUIREMENTS**

The following are the required components of all Proposals submitted. Each proposal should include, at minimum:

### **1. Proposed host (hosting entity/technical co-sponsor)**

Name and describe the IEEE-related or non-IEEE-affiliated, not-for-profit organization that will host the subject conference in the role of the official host.

If the proposer is not affiliated with IEEE, please provide:

- Evidence of not-for-profit status.
- Description of previous experiences regarding similarly-situated conferences (if any)
- Plans (if any) to partner with or establish a local PES chapter.

If the proposer is an IEEE or IEEE PES affiliate group (e.g. chapter), please provide the following additional information:

- A listing of IEEE-affiliated meetings which the chapter has previously hosted (if any).
- Status and activity of the group.
- Evidence of demonstrated interest in PES Conferences.

- 2. Listing of corporate and other patrons/supporters (e.g. local/regional utilities and or corporations)**
  - Include any promised patron/supporters
  - Include likely patron/supporters who will be solicited for support
  
- 3. Listing of members of proposed conference leadership team**
  - Conference Chair --- Name and biographical information related to the person who will lead the conference organizing effort on behalf of the sponsoring entity. Be sure to include all IEEE/ IEEE PES affiliations.
  - Technical Program Chair --- Name and biographical information related to the person who will lead the Technical Program effort, including any IEEE/IEEE PES affiliations.
  
- 4. Proposed host location (country, city)**

Name and description of the proposed city, state (as applicable), and country, including signature features and attractions, weather prediction at time of conference, etc.
  
- 5. Proposed dates for the conference.**

Please provide the proposed opening and closing dates of the conference. It is suggested that the GTD Asia 2027 be held in the Fall, if possible.
  
- 6. Utility Industry Recommendations – to increase Utility participation**
  - LOC appoints a local Industry Vice-chair.
  - This vice-chair coordinates with the PES Governing Board (VP New Initiative & Outreach and Member At Large-Industry Outreach) to target increased utility participation.
  - The Industry Vice-Chair should be from utilities and industry. The Industry Vice-chair should work closely with the technical Program Chair to ensure that the Program incorporates tracks that focus to industry and utilities.
  - The Keynote speakers should be from utilities and industry. One keynote plenary panel session (to full audience) with utility & industry technology experts.
  
- 7. Proposed venue description**

Name and describe the proposed site of the conference, including:

  - Detailed description of the proposed location, including capacity, number of meeting rooms, services provided (internet, equipment, parking, etc.), prices, and availability (Include estimates/documentation from venues).
  - Description of how venue and city will meet pre-determined conference needs in specific categories (e.g., large spaces for plenary sessions, receptions, meeting

rooms, sleeping rooms, food & beverage needs, move-in and move-out requirements, registration requirements).

- Description of accessibility (from a global perspective) and expected transportation costs.
- Description of plans for companion and other extra-curricular activities, such as technical tours and tutorials.
- Description of plans designed to enhance local community support of the conference, including planned initiatives/partnerships with local community entities (e.g., chamber of commerce, tourism bureaus, research centers, universities, etc.).

#### **8. Statement regarding working relationship of host/technical co-sponsor with the PES technical program committee**

The host/technical co-sponsor will be directly and substantially involved in developing the IEEE PES GTD Asia technical program.

A statement should be included indicating the willingness of the host to work with the PES Technical Program Steering Committee to develop the conference technical program.

The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) will appoint a conference technical program co-chair who will work closely with the IEEE PES GTD Asia Technical Program Steering Committee to help integrate local power engineering and energy strengths and areas of interest.

#### **9. Various statements regarding IEEE PES requirements**

If the proposal submitted is accepted, a statement in writing of the willingness of the Host to agree to the following will be required:

- To team with industry, to secure support and participation from industry and utility leaders.*
- To ensure PES involvement. To ensure regional and other PES member involvement in planning and supporting the conference.*
- To ensure value to all members, including practitioners and researchers*

GTD Asia programs rightly feature cutting-edge research. However, PES seeks to ensure that conferences have clear value to all members, not just members conducting active research. In this regard, GTD Asia should be planned to also incorporate tracks (activities during each block of the day) that focus on all different types of members.

For example, there can be paper presentations that can focus on practice as well as different presentation session that focus on research (both should be included in the Call for Papers). In addition, there can be industry & utility based panel sessions, and a suite of tutorials should be made available.

We envision GTD Asia as providing an opportunity for all engineers with common interests to come together in some joint sessions, but it should also offer

sessions targeted toward the typical interests of scholars, researchers and practicing engineers.

*iv. To agree that IEEE owns IP*

The Host should agree and acknowledge that IEEE is the owner of all Intellectual Property of the conference.

*v. To show support for conference from local chapters*

It is also strongly encouraged that all proposals include information showing support from the local IEEE PES Chapter or IEEE Section. PES prefers to have local IEEE-PES Chapters heavily involved in the organization of PES conferences.

*vi. To develop and provide a pre-conference budget*

It is expected that the host will develop and provide a pre-conference preliminary budget, with interim updates and a final financial report.

*vii. To agree to comply with IEEE and PES policies and requirements*

The Host should agree to follow IEEE/PES policies and requirements related to IEEE conference organization including:

- That the conference be planned and conducted according to IEEE Policies Section 10 - Meetings, Conferences, Symposia and Expositions [http://www.ieee.org/documents/ieee\\_policies.pdf](http://www.ieee.org/documents/ieee_policies.pdf)
- That all policies related to conference publications be followed, including those related to copyright transfer, plagiarism, and no show (i.e. at least one author must attend the conference and present the paper for a paper to qualify for Xplore inclusion).
- All panel session and keynote presentations must be formatted and presented to the IEEE PES Executive Office Resource Center in compliance with PES policies and rules as articulated on the PES website <http://www.ieee-pes.org/pes-compliant-presentations>. A signed copyright form is to be provided to IEEE as soon as the conference concludes, but no later than 15 days after the conclusion of the conference.

- That the conference website be composed and maintained in compliance with PES policies and rules as articulated on the PES Website, <http://www.ieee-pes.org/about-pes/webmaster-resources>.
- IEEE or PES will host all conference related websites on an IEEE or PES provided server.
- Domain names will be purchased and managed by IEEE or PES.
- That all contracts be provided to IEEE Business Services, and that all contracts with a value greater than 25,000.00 USD be sent to IEEE Strategic Sourcing for review and approval.
- That any conference-related videos will adhere to PES Guidelines and presented to the IEEE PES Executive Office Resource Center as articulated on the PES Website: <http://www.ieee-pes.org/pes-compliant-videos>
- That the conference itself be closed compliant within 6 months of the conference end date.
- That the conference will provide real time access to the registration system to the PES Office. The conference will comply with PES requirements that copies of the Registration Listings be provided to IEEE PES no later than 30 days after the close of the conference via a means and using a format which will be delineated by the PES Executive Office.
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- That all Conference Publications be provided in Xplore-compliant format to IEEE for upload to Xplore no later than 30 days after the conference closes.



- The Conference will adhere to the Global Data Protection Regulations (GDPR). Mandatory questions (will be provided by PES) are to be included on registration and the IEEE Privacy Policy to be agreed to and included on the conference website.

### **ABOUT THE PROPOSAL EVALUATION/SELECTION PROCESS**

Proposals will be evaluated based on the above-described components. The IEEE PES Region 10 Steering Committee reserves the right to request additional and clarifying information from individuals who submit proposals.

The IEEE PES Region 10 Steering Committee will make a site selection recommendation to the IEEE PES President and IEEE PES VP-Meetings.

### **ABOUT THE PROPOSAL SUBMISSION PROCESS**

**Please submit proposals with appropriate supporting documentation by October 4, 2024, to Roseanne Jones ([Roseanne.jones@ieee.org](mailto:Roseanne.jones@ieee.org)) from the PES Executive Office and Dean Sharafi ([dean.sharafi@aemo.com.au](mailto:dean.sharafi@aemo.com.au))**

NOTE: Electronic submission via a pdf file is required. In order to ensure that your submission has been received, please follow-up and resend if you do not receive an acknowledgement of receipt via email from **Roseanne Jones ([Roseanne.jones@ieee.org](mailto:Roseanne.jones@ieee.org))** within two (2) business days.

The final host/technical Co-Sponsor selection will be approved by PES as required by policy. A meeting to assess and determine the final selection is expected to be held in October 2024.

**WE WELCOME ANY AND ALL QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS!**

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