



MEMBERSHIP BENEFIT SUMMARY - What's new for 2020



ENGAGE & LEARN

Roundtables, Town Halls and Working Groups

Participate in events aimed toward identifying solutions and overcoming barriers to grid modernization. [Our monthly 2020 virtual roundtables and Town Halls provide a fast format for covering issues ranging from COVID19 pandemic effects, economic recovery, capital spending and more.](#)

Reach out to Gerard (gerard@gridforward.org) to submit topics or find out how to join a session.

Regional Policy Updates

Members receive quarterly updates on governmental and regulatory actions affecting regional grid modernization.

Contact Cameron (Cameron@gridforward.org) for a past edition or an idea of what's coming.

Monthly Newsletter

The [Forward Thinking](#) newsletter features curated industry highlights including member community updates, job postings, events, notable members, innovative projects, and legislative action. Also receive monthly invitations to our regional activities.

Send David (david@gridforward.org) the e-mail addresses of those in who'd like to join our distribution list.

Event Involvement and Discounts

Members get priority placement in our events to speak to grid modernization projects that can serve as case studies and lessons learned. We also offer member discounts to our events and those of our partner organizations.

Reach out to Bryce (bryce@gridforward.org) to find out how to secure a role.



INFLUENCE REGIONAL GRID MODERNIZATION

GridFWD Event & Sponsorship

Demonstrate leadership by participating in our industry-leading Grid Forward annual event. Members receive a discount and influence speaker selection and content. [We are exploring a virtual gathering for GridFWD 2020.](#)

Email Sam (sam@gridforward.org) to find out more.

Grid Modernization Policy Input and Engagement

All members can shape engagement with policy makers and help us create pathways for planning, approving, funding and scaling grid innovation efforts.

Email Cameron (Cameron@gridforward.org) to get engaged.

Grid Forward Podcasts and Videos

Support channels that share influential voices and ideas with our community and the wider industry, and provide input on speakers and topics. Listen to Grid Forward Chats wherever you get podcasts and find Grid Forward Insights on YouTube.

Contact Bryce (Bryce@gridforward.org) for plans ahead with future sessions.

Support For Industry Development Efforts

We provide guidance and expertise on solutions that help bring grid innovation to life: meeting with congressional offices to discuss the importance of grid modernization and how it naturally supports infrastructure projects; advising members on their efforts; and sharing results of regional initiatives.

Content Sharing and Programming

Share your recent case studies, white papers and other thoughts leadership publications and resources about lessons from projects and insights for the future of the industry. Members also have the opportunity to develop white papers around our events and initiatives for publication to our community and beyond. We often feature these in our online, social and newsletter channels, and potentially weave them into our programming.

Reach out to Bryce

Bryce@gridforward.org for insights on what we are doing now and where we can help your organization.

Email David (david@gridforward.org)

to submit your publications for sharing across our community.



Email Sam (sam@gridforward.org) to

find out more.

Contact Stephan

stephan@gridforward.org for more on the upcoming virtual lunches and how you can contribute.

Email David (david@gridforward.org)

for something we can share via our social channels.

If you are interested in making connections, email Sam

sam@gridforward.org with the types of partners you would like to know better.

EXPAND YOUR CONNECTIONS

Diverse Member Network

Our member network of around 100 active organizations includes the most diverse stakeholder audience in the region, bringing together utilities, regulators, technology providers, equipment vendors, implementers, government entities, evaluators, educators, and municipalities. Our members have capitalized on this breadth to initiate new collaborations and to increase visibility for their organizations.

Virtual Lunch Discussions

Each month a selection of members host virtual small group forums to connect with other members, discuss relevant topics and build deeper relationships.

Social Media Amplification

Added awareness for your goals, projects and successes through LinkedIn, Twitter and Instagram.

Facilitated Introductions

Our team can work to identify other community members who would find a mutual benefit in connecting with your organization, and we will facilitate introductions. Many of our members have built partnerships that have led to innovative projects.



SHAPE OUR FUTURE

Board of Directors and Advisory Committee

Members can apply to serve on our Board of Directors or Advisory Committee or other initiative focused efforts to have a deeper impact on the direction of the organization and what is important for development of innovation on the regional energy grid.

Email Bryce (bryce@gridforward.org) to find out about openings and seat terms.

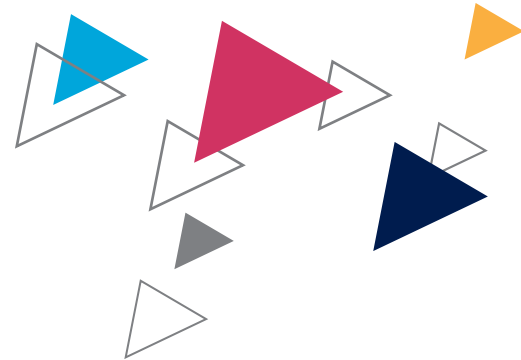
Annual Meeting

All members have free attendance to our Annual Meeting, during which we review our achievements, discuss continued improvements to our services, and highlight contributions within our community. [Our 2020 meeting will be a virtual event.](#)

E-mail Sam (sam@gridforward.org) if you would like to attend.

Staying Engaged

We often check in with our members for feedback on the direction of the organization. From surveys about overall organizational efforts, to one-on-one catch up conversations, [to monthly member-only emails](#) we want to hear from you on what is important to accelerate grid modernization and innovation.



GRID FORWARD VIRTUAL EVENTS IN 2020

Monthly Utility Roundtables

We are currently gathering utility members in a small group roundtable peer discussion covering current issues and topics. The meeting is once a month for 60-90 minutes and may resume in person in 2021 for longer workshops.

Monthly Lunch Socials

We are typically hosting three virtual lunch sessions each month for up to 10 people to join casual discussions with fellow members that focus on a topic but also foster relationship building.

Occasional Forward Focus Town Hall Meetings

We are hosting occasional meeting from among the entire membership covering updates on in-motion efforts from the industry.

Annual Meeting

At our Annual Meeting, members come together to conduct our business as a non-profit, hear a compelling panel and enjoy each other's company. We have delayed our first virtual Annual Meeting until August. Details will be shared directly with members.

GridFWD 2020 Conference

Grid Forward is the region's premier conference on grid modernization in our region. We are exploring options for this fall event including a virtual format that will probably spread out over a few weeks. Stay tuned for further details.

Want to get more involved?

Contact Executive Director
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