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Day 1 - Wednesday, October 26

2 PM Eastern The View From the C-Suite

3 PM Eastern How MBEs Can Leverage the Trillion-Dollar
Renewable Energy Market – Insights & Perspectives

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Know to Make Government Contracting Part of Your Next Chapter

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Day 1 – Session 2 – 3 pm Eastern

How MBEs Can Leverage the Trillion-Dollar Renewable Energy Market – Insights & Perspectives



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Founder and CEO
VDart Group



SIDD AHMED
CEO, VDART GROUP
MODERATOR

About Sidd

Sidd Ahmed is the Founder and CEO of VDart Group, one of the leading digital talent management, solution and, product companies found in the industry globally. Sidd's vision has always been to build a leading enterprise that would "touch the lives of people, to create success, wealth and quality of life." He was able to orchestrate this goal successfully by navigating a workforce of more than 3500+ people located in 7 different countries, and at the same time increasing those figures year on year. His vision is also the force that drives VDart's CSR program which helped change the lives of children in need, the disabled, and the hundreds of people who were victims of natural disasters.



About V Dart

VDart started out as a technology workforce solutions company in 2007 and since then has become the 42nd largest staffing company in the US (Source: Staffing Industry Analysts). We staff over 3500+ employees globally with presence in three continents, creating over 10,000 + jobs since inception. In 2017, we pivoted into digital engineering solutions/services and product development.

VDart has committed to reducing its environmental impacts and increasing its focus on sustainability in 2021, developing these eco-friendly and sustainable approaches within a company is the first step. This can only be effective when employees across all levels and functions believe in the overall goals. As part of our ongoing efforts to reduce V Dart's environmental footprint, we are planning to work closely with our employees, clients and suppliers to accelerate our journey toward more sustainable operations.



JOSH MILLAR
VICE PRESIDENT, NEXTERA INC.
PANELIST

About Josh

Josh Millar leads technology- and data-focused innovation at NextEra Energy, Inc., a leading clean energy company, as the Vice President of Innovation, Data & Enterprise Architecture. He provides data, analytics, and artificial intelligence leadership to business units across NextEra, leverages digital factories to quickly innovate on new software products, and optimizes NextEra's technology investments through disciplined architecture strategies and digital transformations.

Prior to joining NextEra in 2017, Josh spent 12 years at The Boeing Company in various IT roles and launched their company-wide digital transformation in 2016. He holds a Bachelor's of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of California at Berkeley.



About NextEra

NextEra Energy, Inc. (NYSE: NEE) is a leading clean energy company headquartered in Juno Beach, Florida. NextEra Energy owns Florida Power & Light Company, which is America's largest electric utility that sells more power than any other utility, providing clean, affordable, reliable electricity to approximately 5.8 million customer accounts, or more than 12 million people across Florida.

NextEra Energy also owns a competitive clean energy business, NextEra Energy Resources, LLC, which, together with its affiliated entities, is the world's largest generator of renewable energy from the wind and sun and a world leader in battery storage. Through its subsidiaries, NextEra Energy generates clean, emissions-free electricity from seven commercial nuclear power units in Florida, New Hampshire and Wisconsin. NextEra Energy has been recognized often by third parties for its efforts in sustainability, corporate responsibility, ethics and compliance, and diversity.

NextEra Energy: We are America's leading clean energy company

more than
\$165B
market capitalization*
the largest utility
company in the
world



largest
electric
utility in the
U.S.
by kWh

largest
generator
of wind and
solar energy
in the
world



Josh Millar, VP of Innovation, Data & Enterprise Architecture

- In 2021, our purchase spend:
 - \$750 million with Small Businesses
 - \$500 million with Minority-Owned Businesses
 - \$200 million with Women-Owned Businesses





GILBERT CAMPBELL
CEO, VOLT ENERGY UTILITY
PANELIST

About Gilbert

Gilbert Campbell is the Founder and CEO of Volt Energy Utility, a national renewable energy firm that finances and develops utility-scale solar and energy storage projects for large corporate clients.

Under Gilbert's leadership, Volt Energy Utility executed the first Environmental Justice Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with Microsoft, to supply Microsoft with 250 megawatts (MW) of utility-scale solar energy. This innovative project represents Microsoft's first utility-scale solar power purchase agreement with an African American energy solar development firm.



About Volt Energy Utility

Volt Energy Utility is a national minority-owned solar energy development firm that develops, finances, and operates utility-scale solar projects. Volt Energy is an Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) driven renewable energy company that partners with public and private sector clients to assist with the convergence of carbon goals, diversity, equity and inclusion, and other ESG goals.

Our mission is to provide utility-scale solar projects which power the future clean energy needs and goals of our clients and energize the renewable sector with a pipeline of diverse businesses and workforce talent.

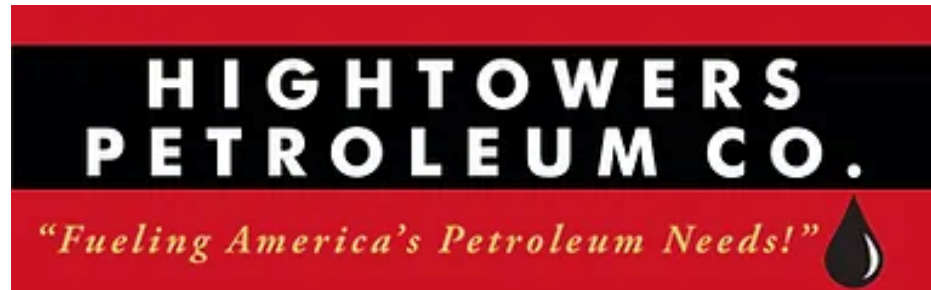


STEPHEN L. HIGHTOWER
CEO, HIGHTOWERS PETROLEUM
PANELIST

About Stephen

Stephen L. Hightower (Steve) is the Founder, President, and CEO of Hightowers Petroleum Company (HPC), a \$500+ million USD a year business enterprise, headquartered in Ohio, USA, which has delivered more than 1.7 billion USD of fuel in the last 4 years. Founded in 1982, it spans the entire energy value chain, from petroleum supply to power production.

Hightowers Petroleum Co. through the leadership of Mr. Stephen Hightower, continues to provide its customers with unique processes and has built a supply chain that “Exceeds Expectations” while “Fueling Global Energy Needs” one customer at a time!



About Hightower Petroleum

One of the premier wholesale distributors in the petroleum industry, **Hightowers Petroleum Co.** continues to outperform the industry with technology, ISO quality standard, a national distribution supply chain to include Mexico and Canada. And most importantly satisfied blue chip fortune 100 customers throughout the USA.

Hightower EV Solutions is a national developer, technology integrator, and design builder of turnkey EV charging infrastructure projects. With the ability to execute projects throughout the United States, we can provide enterprise-level, comprehensive solutions. Our technology partners include a broad range of EV charging station manufacturers, allowing us to deliver systems fully customized for every need, scale, and budget.



ANTHONY TOMCZAK
VICE PRESIDENT, DTE ENERGY
PANELIST

About Anthony

Tony Tomczak is the vice president of Electric Sales and Marketing for DTE Energy. Tomczak is responsible for executing high-level marketing programs and key customer service initiatives for Community Lighting and Joint Use Margin, while reducing MPSC complaints.

Tomczak joined DTE Energy in 2006. He most recently served as vice president of Corporate Services and chief procurement officer where he was responsible for strategic management of the company's procurement, supplier performance management, warehousing, fleet, facilities, and real estate organizations.



DTE



We improve lives with our energy

- 2.3 million electric customers
- 1.3 million natural gas customers
- Net zero carbon emissions by 2050

Wind & Solar

- Michigan's largest producer of and investor in renewable energy
- 18 wind parks, 33 solar parks
- \$3 billion investment since 2009
- \$2.8 billion investment by 2025

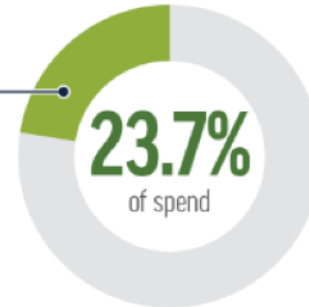
MIGreenPower

- More than 70,500 customers enrolled
- 500 new customers added weekly

A national leader in Supplier Diversity

Championing supplier
diversity since
1982

\$747 million
diverse spending in 2021,
a **288%**
increase since 2010



152 certified diverse
suppliers



42 supplier diversity
awards earned
since 2018



PAUL DOUGLAS
PRESIDENT, JPI GROUP
PANELIST

About Paul

- JPI Group President
- Workforce planning & Workforce Development Expert
- 2x MBE Advocate of the Year
- Local & National MBEIC Board Member
- Keynote Speaker & Consultant on Renewable Energy Workforce Development



About JPI Group

- NMSDC Supplier of the Year | 2x EMSDC Supplier of the Year
- Workforce Development Assessment & Implementation
- Workforce Planning & Implementation
- MWBE Turnkey Business Support
- Technology Solutions (Workforce Planning & Workforce Development)
- Include clients at the bottom: (use clients on Bio sheet)
- Share Mission at top of slide:
- Success of JPI will allow us to bridge the wealth gap within our communities we serve by helping hire under-represented talent into to STEM industries as well as providing resources to small, minority & women owned businesses to help them grow & scale.