

Press Release

For the third consecutive year

Empower Announces Diamond Sponsorship of the International District Energy Association (IDEA) Conferences and Exhibitions 2026

Dubai, UAE, 9 December 2025: Emirates Central Cooling Systems Corporation PJSC (Empower), the world's largest district cooling services provider, has announced its Diamond Sponsorship of the International District Energy Association (IDEA) conferences and exhibitions throughout 2026, including IDEA Campus Energy 2026 and IDEA 2026, among others, as part of IDEA's Annual Sustaining Sponsor programme. Empower's sponsorship of these events for the third consecutive year underscores its leading position in the global district cooling sector and its pivotal role in advancing the industry and fostering communication and collaboration among key players in the energy and cooling sectors.

These events bring together utility sector leaders, energy experts, decision-makers and technology innovators from around the world to explore the latest solutions in district cooling, heating, and sustainable energy infrastructure. The events represent a leading global forum for sharing best practices that support the advancement of the district energy sector and strengthen its future worldwide.

IDEA events also provide numerous opportunities for various entities and organisations to showcase their practices and innovations, driving resilience and sustainability in district cooling systems across cities, university campuses, and communities worldwide. Empower's ongoing participation reinforces the UAE's leadership in sustainable urban development and underscores its commitment to global knowledge sharing for the advancement of the sector.

"Empower's Diamond Sponsorship of the International District Energy Association (IDEA) 2026 events is an extension of our firm commitment to supporting the global development of the district cooling sector and consolidating the UAE's pioneering position in energy efficiency initiatives. At Empower, we believe that the future of district cooling depends on integrating innovation and collaboration. Therefore, we are keen to actively participate in international platforms that bring together experts and decision-makers to exchange experiences and formulate solutions that contribute to building more resilient and sustainable cooling systems. Our participation for the third year in a row reaffirms Empower's pivotal role in driving the transformation toward more sustainable cities and strengthening our ability to share our advanced expertise and enrich the global dialogue on the future of district cooling," said **Ahmad Bin Shafar, CEO of Empower**.

"Empower's continued sponsorship of IDEA's events demonstrates its strong leadership and longstanding commitment to supporting the development of the district energy sector on a

global scale. We highly appreciate their contribution and look forward to productive discussions at the upcoming 2026 events and to building on the advancements achieved in previous years to strengthen the sector's future further," said **Rob Thornton, President and CEO of IDEA**.

Empower stated that its sponsorship of IDEA's events serves as a strategic platform for the company to showcase its advanced achievements in the district cooling sector. It enables Empower to highlight its pioneering experience in developing urban cooling infrastructure and implementing cutting-edge global technologies in energy efficiency and sustainability. This sponsorship also provides the company with an opportunity to present its major projects that have reinforced its position as the world's largest district cooling services provider, in addition to showcasing its innovative models in smart operations and integrating cooling systems with digital transformation concepts. This, in turn, strengthens the company's presence on international platforms and underscores its leadership in shaping the future of the industry.

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