



Proudly Presents

EVOLVE!

Monday, August 31, 2026

Grand Ballroom Foyer

11:00 a.m. **Registration**

Grand Ballroom

1:00 p.m. **Welcome Remarks, Lila A. Jaber, Founder, Florida's Women in Energy Leadership Forum**

1:15 p.m. **Arrow Group Scholarship Award, Presented by: Albert Balido, President, Arrow Group, Rosanna Catalano, Vice President, Arrow Group, and Ronald Brisé, Vice President, Arrow Group & Former Chair, Florida Public Service Commission**

1:30 p.m. **Panel Discussion: Evolution of Natural Gas to Support Economic Development**
Moderator: Carolyn Bermudez, President, Liberty Utilities Georgia
Mike Cassel, SVP of Strategic Development, Chesapeake Utilities
Joseph Dobrowolski, Marketing and Business Development Manager, Clearwater Gas
Purva Ranganathan, Director, FP&A, Risk, and Regulatory, Florida Natural Gas
Kandi Floyd, Director, External Affairs, TECO Peoples Gas
Jorge Herrera, CEO, NoPetro

2:30 p.m. **Siemens Energy Impact Tomorrow College Scholarship**
Madison O'Connor and Florencia Rodriguez Lamas, Siemens Energy

2:45 p.m. **Self-Leadership Training (Siemens Energy, Elite Training & 2Core)**
Elia Gomez, Transformation Project Manager, Siemens Energy
Scott Horton, Principal, Elite Training

4:00 p.m. **Break**

4:20 p.m. **Panel Discussion: Affordability and Promoting Value through Efficiency**
Moderator: Paula Glover, President, Alliance to Save Energy
Dawn Shirreffs, Florida Director, Environmental Defense Fund
Meghan Dewey, SVP Products and Services and Pricing Solutions, Duke Energy
Katie Guice, Senior Director, Corporate Strategy, Tampa Electric
Dawn Nichols, Vice President, Customer Service, Florida Power & Light

5:30 p.m. **Keynote: Evolving Connections: Powering the Future Through People, Technology, and Purpose, Bentina Chisolm Terry**, President and CEO, Southern Linc and Southern Telecom, followed by fireside chat with **Lila Jaber**

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6:30 p.m. **Reception hosted by Gunster**

7:30 p.m. **Dinner (on your own) Please NETWORK**

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7:00 a.m. **Breakfast (on your own) Please NETWORK**

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8:30 a.m. **Safety Moment** offered by **Sharia Davenport-Spells**, Senior Director, Culture & Organizational Effectiveness, Chesapeake Utilities

8:40 a.m. **Keynote: Harry K. Sideris**, President and CEO, Duke Energy immediately followed by fireside chat with **Melissa Seixas**, President, Duke Energy Florida

9:40 a.m. **AABE Florida/Duke Energy Foundation FWELF Scholarship Award, Walette Stanford**, President, AABE Florida with **Loretta Murray**, Foundation Manager, Duke Energy Florida and **Derrick Farfan**, Duke Energy Florida

AABE Florida/Florida Power & Light – NextEra Energy Foundation Scholarship Award, Walette Stanford, President, AABE Florida with Juliet Roulhac, Senior Director, Corporate Philanthropy, Florida Power & Light

9:55 a.m. **Keynote: Rod West**, CEO, Algonquin

10:15 a.m. **Panel Discussion: Energy Evolved to Meet Future Load and Affordability**
Moderator: Ronald Brisé, Vice President, Arrow Group & Former Chair, Florida Public Service Commission
Jeff Householder, President and CEO, Chesapeake Utilities Corporation
Stephanie Badr, CEO, Electric Power Engineers
Curtis Wynn, CEO, SECO Energy
Chip Whitworth, Vice President, Electric Delivery, Tampa Electric

11:10 a.m. **Coffee Break**

11:25 a.m. **The Evolution of Correct Craft: A Story of Finance and Leadership**
Angela Pilkington, Chief Operating Officer, Correct Craft Introduced by **Gregory Cox**, Triad President, SVP Global Commercial Banking, Bank of America Merrill Lynch followed by fireside chat with **Erin Smith**, Senior Vice President, Impact and Strategic Initiatives Manager Community Development Banking, Bank of America

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12:15 p.m. **Lunch Keynote: Stan Connally**, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Southern Company
Florida Natural Gas Scholarship Awards, Kevin Lievsay, Market Manager, Florida Natural Gas

Breakout Session Palm Ballroom

2:00 p.m. **Panel Discussion: Girls with Energy & Youth Energy Academy**
Moderator: The Honorable Ana Ortega, Commissioner, Florida Public Service Commission
Florencia Rodriguez Lamas, Talent and Leadership Development Manager, Siemens Energy
Walette Stanford, Ethics Officer, JEA & President, AABE Florida
Jasmine Govan, Senior Community Relations Specialist, Florida Power & Light
Mikle Gordon, Manager Products & Services, Duke Energy Florida

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2:00 p.m. **Panel Discussion: New Considerations in an Evolving Workforce**
Moderator: Joy Ditto, Founder & CEO, Joy Ditto Consulting
Amy Goodwin, Senior Director, Florida Renewable Partners and Distributed Technologies
Sandra Guerra, Head of HR, North America, Siemens Energy
Lea Ann Bowers, AVP, HR, Chesapeake Utilities Corporation
Quynh Dang, Director of Experiential Learning, UCF
Arshia Khan, Vice President, HR Business Partner, WSP USA Inc.

3:00 p.m. **Networking Break**

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3:30 p.m. **Fireside Chat: EVOLVE: Powering Today, Building Tomorrow**
Scott Bores, President and CEO, Florida Power & Light
Brian Bolster, President and CEO, NextEra Energy Resources
Facilitated by **Pam Rauch**, Vice President, External Affairs and Economic Development, Florida Power & Light

4:30 p.m. **Panel Discussion: Fighting Fire with Fire**
Moderator: Annie Gilleo, VP, The Ad Hoc Group
Jennifer Chaney, VP, Operations, NextEra Energy Transmission
Indran "Indy" Ratnathicam, Chief Growth Officer, Technosylva
John Higgins, CEO, Resilient Structures
Lauren Bevington, Director, Solutions Consulting, Pano AI

5:30 p.m. **Fireside Chat: Evolution to the Utility C-Suite as a Non-Engineer: Leadership Lessons**
Helen Wesley, President and CEO, TECO Peoples Gas
Shannon Pierce, President and CEO, Virginia Natural Gas
Facilitated by: Lila A. Jaber, Founder, Florida's Women in Energy Leadership Forum

6:20 p.m. Presentation of WEN Florida Chapter Student Scholarships presented by **Claire Marzak**, WEN FL President and **Chelsea Novotny**, WEN FL President-Elect

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7:00 p.m. ***FWELF Dinner***

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7:00 a.m. ***Breakfast***

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8:30 a.m. ***Keynote: The Honorable David A. Wright, Commissioner, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission***

9:00 a.m. ***Panel Discussion: The Role of Advanced Nuclear and SMRs in the Evolution of Energy***
Moderator: Amanda (Mandy) Olson, PE, MBA, Burns & McDonnell
Gene Morgan, VP, Nuclear Service, America & Canada, Siemens Energy
Lauren Lathem, Advanced Nuclear Program Manager, Southern Company
Ariel Coreth, PMP, Nuclear Development Project Manager, WSP USA Inc.
Gina Fernandez, VP, Renewable & Nuclear Department Manager, AECOM Energy

10:00 a.m. ***Panel Discussion: Battery Storage: Bridging Reliability, Renewables, and Resilience***
Moderator: The Honorable Bobby Payne, Commissioner, Florida Public Service Commission
Michael Benitez, VP of Engineering, Moss
Gretchen Dolson, SVP, Global Renewables Practice Lead, HDR
Hans Jacob, Director of Renewable Engineering, Duke Energy Florida

10:45 a.m. ***Panel Discussion: Evolution of Customer Experience (Digitization and Use of AI and Other Innovations)***
Moderator: Sandra Ericson, Executive Vice President, Partner, rbb Communications
Michael Doughty, EVP, Allconnect
Jenise Osani, VP, Customer Experience & Sales, OUC
Abhijit Bhatwadekar, SVP and Chief Technology and Administration Officer, Chesapeake Utilities
Karen Sparkman, VP, Customer Experience, Tampa Electric
Hudson Hollister, Founder and CEO, HData

11:45 a.m. ***Fireside Chat: Planning a Member Power Supply Portfolio to Meet Evolving Demand and Resiliency***
Jacob Williams, General Manager and CEO, Florida Municipal Power Agency
Lisa Johnson, CEO and General Manager, Seminole Electric Cooperative
Facilitated by: The Honorable Gary Clark, Commissioner, Florida Public Service Commission

12:30 p.m. ***Closing Remarks and Adjourn***