

Call for White Papers: Arkansas Environmental Federation's Annual Sustainability Summit

The Arkansas Environmental Federation (AEF), in partnership with the Arkansas State Chamber, invites submissions of white papers for the upcoming Annual Sustainability Summit to take place in March 2025. This summit aims to engage environmental engineers, local business leaders, and sustainability professionals in a collaborative environment where they can explore, discuss, and implement sustainable practices within their organizations.

Event Focus:

- **Sustainable Business Practices:** Exploring practical, cost-effective solutions for companies to incorporate sustainability into their operations.
- **Sustainability Storytelling:** Sharing success stories and strategies from businesses that have successfully integrated sustainability into their practices.
- **Regulatory Updates:** Providing critical insights into current and upcoming regulations related to sustainability, helping businesses stay ahead of compliance requirements.
- **Case Studies:** Real-world examples and lessons learned from implementing sustainable practices in various industries.

Topics of Interest: We seek white papers that address, but are not limited to, the following areas:

- **Sustainable Technology and Innovation:** New technologies that promote environmental sustainability and resource efficiency.
- **Case Studies:** Success stories from companies that have integrated sustainable practices, with a focus on challenges, solutions, and measurable outcomes.
- **Regulatory Compliance:** Upcoming regulations affecting sustainability, and how businesses can prepare.
- **Sustainability Reporting:** Methods and tools for tracking and communicating sustainability efforts and outcomes.
- **Circular Economy Models:** Strategies for reducing waste and maximizing resource efficiency within business operations.
- **Energy Efficiency:** Innovative approaches to reducing energy consumption and improving efficiency.
- **Water and Waste Management:** Best practices in sustainable water usage and waste management in industrial processes.
- **Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR):** The role of CSR in promoting sustainability within the business sector.

Submission Guidelines:

- **Abstract Submission Deadline:** September 23, 2024
- **Full Paper Submission Deadline:** October 18, 2024
- **Sustainability Summit:** March 2025
- **Format:** White papers should be between 2,500 and 5,000 words, formatted according to the provided guidelines.
- **Selection Process:** Papers will be reviewed by a panel of industry experts. Selected papers will be presented at the summit, with opportunities for discussion and networking with fellow professionals.
- **How to Submit:** Please submit your abstract and contact information to AEF Executive Director, Ava Roberts, at aroberts@environmentark.org.

Who Should Submit: This call is open to environmental engineers, sustainability officers, business leaders, researchers, and policy experts. We particularly encourage submissions that offer practical insights, innovative solutions, and real-world case studies that can help businesses in Arkansas adopt and enhance sustainable practices.

Why Participate:

- **Networking:** Connect with industry leaders, policymakers, and fellow professionals committed to sustainability.
- **Visibility:** Showcase your expertise and contribute to the advancement of sustainable practices in Arkansas.
- **Impact:** Influence the sustainability strategies of businesses across the state and help shape the future of our environmental landscape.

For more information about the summit or submission process, please contact Ava Roberts at aroberts@environmentark.org.

We look forward to your contributions to this important discussion on sustainability!