

2026 Power Up Pacific Featured Speakers

We have assembled another powerful lineup of industry experts for this event. Check the website for updates to the agenda and follow Gulf Coast Energy Network on LinkedIn.

Day 1 Monday, May 4

8:30-12:00	Exhibitor Move-In	Tapa Ballroom 1
1:00-2:00	Welcome Remarks & Opening Keynote Mr. Dave Robau , Executive Director, Gulf Coast Energy Network Introductions: TBD Welcome Remarks: Dr. Ravi Chaudhary , former Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Energy, Installations, and the Environment Mr. Matthew “Ziggy” Sigstad , Chief, Operational Energy Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (SAF/IE) The Pentagon Hawai'i State Energy Office Address: Mr. Mark Glick , Chief Energy Officer, Hawai'i State Energy Office	Tapa Ballroom 2
2:00-3:00	Aligning Energy Security with Island Infrastructure in the Indo-Pacific Led by the Hon. Dr. Ravi Chaudhary , former Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Energy, Installations, and the Environment Panelists: Dr. Roger Babcock , PE, Director, Chief Engineer, Hawaii Department of Environmental Services Representatives from NAVFAC Pacific and U.S. Army Pacific pending confirmation	Tapa Ballroom 2
3:00-3:30	Networking Break with Exhibitors	Tapa Ballroom 1
3:30-3:45	The Seven Steps to Building Resilience Ms. Karen Moore , President, Direct Results Consulting	Tapa Ballroom 2
3:45-4:15	Federal Agency Briefings Mr. Drew McDougall (CTR), U.S. Navy Small Business Innovative Research (SBIR) Program Update	Tapa Ballroom 2
4:15-5:00	Fueling the Indo-Pacific: Energy Dominance Through Innovation Moderator: Ms. Emily Carlisle , Environmental Scientist, National Energy USA Mr. Steve Minard , Chief Executive Officer, Odin Energy Group Mr. Ron Heffron , Vice President of Future Fuel, GHD	Tapa Ballroom 2
5:00-5:10	Mr. Dan Miller , President, IMS Consulting	Tapa Ballroom 2
5:10-5:30	Closing Keynote Address Colonel Justin W. Morrison , Commander, Detachment 2, Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, U.S. Air Force (<i>Invited</i>)	Tapa Ballroom 2
5:30-7:30	Evening Reception	Tapa Ballroom 1



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Day 2 Tuesday, May 5

7:30-8:30	Registration/Networking <i>Sponsored by HPS</i>	Tapa Ballroom 1
8:30-9:15	Welcome Remarks and Opening Keynote Address Mr. Dave Robau , Executive Director, Gulf Coast Energy Network Welcome Remarks: TBD Ms. Carrie Ann Williams , CPSM, F.SAME, Vice President, Society of American Military Engineers, Founder/CEO, Andana Consulting LLC	Tapa Ballroom 2
9:15-10:00	Resilience Across the Fence Line: Where Mission Readiness Meets Community Preparedness in Hawai'i Moderator: Ms. Caroline Stillitano , Associate, Converge Strategies, LLC Dr. Chip Fletcher , Dean, School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology at University of Hawai'i, Manoa Speaker TBD (Utility Sector)	Tapa Ballroom 2
10:00-10:30	Morning Networking Break with Exhibitors	Tapa Ballroom 1
10:30-11:30	Deploying Capital at the Edge: AI, Defense, and the Next Wave of Infrastructure Mr. Dave Harden , Managing Partner, Outpost Ventures	Tapa Ballroom 2
11:30-1:00	Networking Lunch <i>Sponsored by National Energy USA</i>	Tapa Ballroom 1 & Ballroom 2
1:00-1:15	SAME Honolulu Post STEM Camp Program Update Ms. Alyssa Agustin , PMP, Senior Coastal Scientist, GHD / National Elected Director, Society of American Military Engineers (SAME)	Tapa Ballroom 2
1:15-2:00	Geothermal Unleashed: The Next Frontier of Energy Security Mr. Troy von Otnott , Chief Executive Officer, HotRox Energy Dr. Hamed Soroush , Chief Executive Officer, Teverra, LLC	Tapa Ballroom 2
2:00-2:45	Integrated by Design: Aligning Planning, Construction for Mission Readiness Mr. Weaver Propser , Vice President of Preconstruction, Miami Federal Major Alex Wright , PE, PMP, Chief, Planning and Integration Branch, PACAF/A4CP, U.S. Air Force	Tapa Ballroom 2
3:00-3:30	1-on-1 Agency Matchmaking	Tapa Ballroom 2
3:30	Closing Remarks/Power Up Pacific Adjourns Mr. Dave Robau , Executive Director, Gulf Coast Energy Network	Tapa Ballroom 2



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