

Black & Veatch's Phil Fischer to host Travis Wright of QTS in an AI Data Center discussion at AI Energy Conference 3

PITTSBURGH, PA, UNITED STATES, April 14, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The [AI Energy Conference 3](#) has finalized the roster of speakers for their one-day AI Energy Program, scheduled for May 14 at the Hilton Garden Inn Southpointe, Pittsburgh. Joining the event will be Phil Fischer, an executive for the data center and mission critical segment at [Black & Veatch](#). Fischer will be discussing the challenges of an [AI Data Center](#) Developer with Travis Wright of QTS.

Fischer has a long history of collaborating with hyperscale, colocation and developer clients to help solve their most pressing data center infrastructure needs. He has more than 25 years of experience and he brings a thorough and holistic understanding of development, design, construction, and operation of data center and mission critical facilities; to include site due diligence and selection, master planning, permitting, data center design, power generation (thermal, renewables, and nuclear), power transmission and distribution, electrical substations, water and cooling, and fiber planning.

The Appalachian Basin location with its abundant, affordable natural gas and water coupled with a more straightforward permitting environment make it an ideal venue for many AI data center owners and developers. The basin could also capitalize on the use of carbon capture and sequestration (CCS), the process of storing carbon deep underground, which can help reduce the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere from burning gas to produce electricity.

The AI Energy Conference 3 is the premiere program for leading minds in the AI data center ecosystem to make strides toward innovation. The event will bring together key stakeholders and organizations with unique backgrounds and experiences to gather to create unified action toward building sustainable data center developments.

To learn more about the conference, keynotes and other speakers, and how to register, visit <https://appaaenergy.com/>

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