

Power-first data center intelligence, built for AI agents

How DC Hub compares with datacenterHawk, DatacenterDynamics, Data Center Frontier, Baxtel, and DC Byte, and where it fits beside CBRE, JLL, Structure Research, and 451 Research.

24,800+

distinct facilities

330,000+

infrastructure assets mapped

300+

markets scored daily (DCPI)

92

MCP tools for AI agents

7

live US ISO grid feeds

DC Hub figures: floors at or below `dchub.cloud/api/v1/canon/phrases`, re-checked September 27, 2026 [17].

Why now

AI workloads have made power, not floor space, a central constraint in site selection, so buyers need grid, queue, and fiber data next to facility data. On September 1, 2026, S&P Global completed its acquisition of datacenterHawk, placing it and its FiberLocator platform inside S&P Global Energy alongside 451 Research [1][2]. The deal signals that data center intelligence is a durable business. It also leaves room for an independent platform built for AI agents, with live power data.

At a glance

	 DC Hub	datacenterHawk	DCD DatacenterDynamics	DCF Data Center Frontier	Baxtel	DC Byte
What it is	Data platform: facilities + live grid, fiber, gas	Market and asset intelligence	Media, events, training, intelligence	News and events	Directory, advisory, procurement	Market analytics platform
Primary users	Site selectors, brokers, developers, AI builders	Operators, investors, brokers	Industry readers, vendors, sponsors	Industry readers, advertisers	AI companies, space buyers	Investors, developers, operators
Where it is strong	Live power data, agent access, open licensing	Verified supply and pricing; 2,900+ verified comps	Media and events since 1998; DCD Intelligence	Long-form editorial; DCF Trends Summit	Free directory; site-selection and procurement help	International coverage by field analysts
Live grid and power data	Yes 7 US ISOs + GB, EU, Australia	No Site MW only; grid data sits in S&P Global Energy	No	No	No Site-level MW; no live grid feed	No Power map layers; not a live grid or queue feed
Proprietary index or scoring	Yes DCPI (daily), DCGI	Not observed	No Trackers and forecasts	No	No	Yes Global Index, annual
AI-agent access (MCP / API)	Yes MCP (92 tools) + REST API	Yes Public API docs (OpenAPI)	Not observed	Not observed	Not observed	Partial API via sales; no public docs
Licensing and citation	Open CC BY 4.0 (DCPI, reports); top 10 market scores free	Proprietary	Proprietary	Proprietary	Proprietary	Proprietary
Facilities* vendor's own basis	24,800+ discovery records	10,500+ tracked and verified	N/A	N/A	11,100+ tracked incl. planned	8,500+ projects under review
Free tier	Yes No credit card	Demo-led; free market reports	Free news	Free news	Free directory; full market data gated	Limited Free Map Search account
Data pricing	Public \$10 one-time pack; \$49/mo, \$99/mo; Enterprise from \$12,000/yr	<i>Not publicly disclosed</i>	<i>Not publicly disclosed</i>	N/A; free news	<i>Not publicly disclosed</i>	<i>Not publicly disclosed</i>
Ownership (since)	Independent, founder-led	S&P Global Energy (Sept 2026)	InfraXmedia; Bowmark majority (2026)	EndeavorB2B (2022)	Private; founded 2015	Kester Capital, majority (2022)
Sources	[3]–[6], [8], [17]–[19]	[1], [2], [7]	[9], [10]	[11]	[12], [13]	[14]–[16]

“**Not observed**” means no public evidence found, not a confirmed absence. *Counts use each vendor’s own basis and are not like-for-like. DCPI: Data Center Power Index. DCGI: Data Center Gas Index (withdrawn Aug 8, restored Aug 30; gas-fired \$/MWh republished Sept 27, 2026) [8].

Buy the job, not the brand

FOR CUSTOMERS

DC Hub does not replace DCD, DCF, datacenterHawk, or a broker's market report. It is the live layer you check them against before you act on a number.

"Live" means: ISO demand re-pulled from EIA every 5 minutes (EIA-930 is hourly); queues dated per ISO file; DCPI rescored daily [6][18][19].

- Cross-check a broker or database figure before a site decision.** Queue data shows whether a claimed project is in an ISO queue, its size, and status (not whether it gets built); grid pages show 7-ISO demand and headroom vs. the 24-hour peak [18][19].
- Cross-check a news claim.** Compare the facility, operator, deal, or market it names with DC Hub's data; figures state source, method, and as-of date, and corrections are logged publicly [8].
- Refresh diligence between scheduled report editions.** DCPI rescors 300+ markets daily; a changes feed lists what moved, and saved-site alerts email you when a site's score, grid capacity, or nearby facilities change [3][6].
- Let your agents run the checks.** The same lookups work through the MCP server (92 tools) or REST API (OpenAPI spec), so an agent can pull the cited, dated figure and flag mismatches before it reaches a memo [3][4].

Keep each source for what it does best: DCD or DCF for news and events; datacenterHawk, DC Byte, Baxtel, or 451 Research for facility and market data; CBRE, JLL, or Structure Research for scheduled market reports. Then check them against DC Hub's live data.

A third category: brokerage research and analyst firms

These firms publish on a fixed schedule, drawing on brokerage deal flow or analyst coverage. DC Hub is the live layer between editions.

Firm	Data center research and cadence	Access	Public API docs	Owner
CBRE	Global Data Center Trends, annual (2026 edition June 17); North America Data Center Trends, semiannual (H1 2026, Aug 27) [20]	Free to read online	Not observed	CBRE Group (NYSE: CBRE)
JLL	Global Data Center Outlook, annual (2026 edition Jan 6); North America Data Center Report, semiannual (Midyear 2026, Aug 11) [21]	Free summaries online; PDF via form	Not observed	JLL (NYSE: JLL)
Structure Research	2026 Global Colocation & Interconnection Report (Aug 20); free Market Tiering 2026 (Aug 24); metro and market-share reports [22]	Paid; tiering report free	Not observed	Independent
451 Research	Datacenter KnowledgeBase: 13,000+ facilities in 130 countries, updated quarterly, per S&P's listing [23]	Sold by S&P; price on request	Partial API listed; docs need sign-in	S&P Global Energy, like datacenterHawk [1][23]

FOR ANALYSTS

Three categories, different jobs

DCD combines media, events, training, and DCD Intelligence; DCF runs news and events. datacenterHawk, DC Byte, and Baxtel are data or directory businesses, as is DC Hub, which adds an MCP server and a daily index. CBRE, JLL, and Structure Research publish scheduled research; 451 Research also sells facility data. Ask instead: how current is the number, where does it come from, how may you use it, and does it connect to the power question your decision depends on?

FOR INVESTORS

The category has an M&A signal

S&P Global announced the deal July 28, 2026, and closed it September 1; terms were not disclosed [1]. In the seller's release, datacenterHawk CEO David Liggitt said ARR grew more than 6x since Simplify Compliance and Leeds Equity invested in 2022 [2]. DC Hub offers free and \$10 entry points and Enterprise from \$12,000/yr [4]; its revenue and retention are undisclosed.

“DC Hub is now integral to how we evaluate every site. For so long, we've had to piecemeal information from multiple sources. DC Hub has it all in one place and provides the clearest picture of infrastructure that we've found.”

Rich Bray, Development Manager, LPI Group

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