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EXPERIENCE

Director of Project Development, Apex Clean Energy Lake Elmo, Minnesota 2018 - Present

• Oversee the development of wind energy projects in Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, and South Dakota.

Senior Development Manager, Apex Clean Energy

2014-2017

- Developed and delivered the 100MW Hoopeston Wind, LLC project to IKEA Energy US, LLC.
- Managed the local, state, and federal permitting of wind energy projects in the MISO and PJM regions (Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Michigan, Illinois, and Indiana).
- Identified an Iowa greenfield project, Upland Prairie Wind, LLC, spring 2015, managed the development process, and sold a fully developed site to an off-taker in the fall of 2017. Expected NTP spring 2018.
- Experienced in negotiating Purchase and Sale Agreements for wind energy projects.
- Development activities included: working closely with other team members to obtain site control (i.e. from legal documents to a title policy), environmental studies and surveys, meteorological data collection, public relations (political and social media), transmission and interconnection, engineering & design, GIS map creation, turbine siting (setbacks, sound & shadow flicker obligations), budgets and schedules, and project closing activities.

Development Manager, Apex Clean Energy

2012 - 2014

- Worked on the development of wind farms located in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Indiana, and Illinios by securing leases from farm-land owners, applying for permits (federal, state, and local), tracking the MISO interconnection process, facilitating project team meetings, and updating and reviewing project budgets and schedules.
- Prepared bids to utilities in response to their requests to purchase power from wind energy projects.
- Managed consultants that were hired to complete environmental and engineering services during the development process.
- Worked closely with public relations firms to educate and drive support for wind energy projects within the communities.

Project Manager, EDP Renewables North America LLC Minneapolis, Minnesota 2008 - 2011

- Managed the development of the Lost Lakes Wind Farm LLC (IA, '08-09), including but not limited to: site control, permits, environmental studies, and support of the interconnection process. Construction of the wind farm began less than 15 months (certain transmission exceptions excluded) from the initiation of the development process. Lost Lakes Wind Farm was commissioned December 2009.
 - Provided development support throughout the construction of the Lost Lakes Wind Farm by establishing relationships with the construction team and their consultants. A firm understanding of the construction process was established.
 - Coordinated with local officials, construction, civil engineering, electrical engineering, wind assessment, operations, and various consultants who performed a variety of studies for the project (i.e. sound, shadow flicker, electrical, and environmental).
 - Supervised Project Developers and Land Specialists (i.e. approved expense reports, assisted with goal setting, and completed employee reviews).
 - Managed the development of two other wind energy projects during this same period.

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Project Coordinator, Horizon Wind Energy,

2006 - 2008

- Assisted in the development of the Prairie Star Wind Farm (MN, '06- '07) and the Pioneer Prairie Wind Farm (IA, '07- '08).
- Designed and implemented an Access database utilized by developers and operations personnel to organize landowners by parcel, signed agreements, and payments.
- Hired and trained administrative support positions and other Project Coordinators.
- Assisted with the Legal Department in the preparation of land documents and processed all executed agreements.
- Supervised various office activities: office maintenance, handled difficult situations, formed relationships with other departments within Horizon, and encouraged the understanding of and compliance with policies and procedures.

EDUCATION

Project Management Institute
Achieved all requirements and received the approval to take the PMP Certification Exam 2011Mini MBA
University of St. Thomas 2010Minneapolis, MinnesotaMaster of Art in Counseling and Psychological Services
St. Mary's University 2002-2005Minneapolis, MinnesotaBachelor of Art in Psychology and Family ResourcesMinneapolis, Minnesota

St. Olaf College1992-1996

Northfield, Minnesota

Grand Meadow, Minnesota