

Solar Proponent LLC - Solar Development Manager

The Company: Solar Proponent LLC

SolarPro's team has quickly ramped up to include the top renewable energy experts, collectively providing over 150 years of experience. Our extraordinary team consists of committed, entrepreneurial, ambitious, and highly motivated individuals.

SolarPro is bringing the scale of traditional energy investment to utility scale solar development. The SolarPro portfolio currently consists of 5GW of solar developments paired with energy storage systems.

Founded in 2020, Solar Proponent LLC is an EnCap Energy Transition Fund portfolio company with co-investments from Yorktown Partners and Mecuria Energy. EnCap Investments is the leading provider of venture capital to independent energy companies (www.encapinvestments.com). Active since 1988, EnCap has raised \$37B in capital commitments for deployment into 240 portfolio companies in the energy and power space.

The Position: ERCOT Development Manager

Reporting to the Director of Development, the Solar Development Manager will be responsible for the completion of all development tasks related greenfield solar projects from real estate to permitting. The Development Manager will organize and drive forward activities performed by our team of supporting specialists (Interconnection, Real Estate, Engineering, Environmental, Financial Modeling).

Responsibilities

- Take over existing lease positions and grow our greenfield pipeline with projects 300 MW and larger
- Build positive and mutually beneficial relationships with landowners and local communities
- Lead negotiations to lease or buy property surface rights, secure permissions from mineral owners, leaseholders and active well operators;
- Identify and resolve title and other real estate right exceptions
- Lead environmental investigation and mitigation of impact to sensitive species or habitat by managing contracted specialists; maintain good working relationships with USFW and TDPW
- Identify utility and infrastructure crossings and negotiate crossing agreements
- Build relationships with local taxing entities and negotiate Tax Abatement Agreements
- Coordinate & negotiate issuance of any required local permitting
- Ensure investable project economics; work with our financial analysts to maintain a financial model for each project and ensure adherence to project investor requirements
- Understand and concisely communicate development risks and schedule dependencies to other development team members and management
- Prepare investment case presentations to support initial or additional investment in specific project assets

Required Skills and Experience:

- Detailed knowledge of the full-cycle of utility-scale solar power development in ERCOT
- 3+ years of experience developing and managing complex renewable power projects in ERCOT
- Strong knowledge of how development decisions impact project financials
- Advanced proficiency in MS Excel and MS Word. Proficient in MS PowerPoint and Google Earth

- Clear past examples of individual entrepreneurial initiative and comfort with high levels of personal autonomy
- Must be living in, or willing to relocate to, Austin, TX
- Must be comfortable with regularly traveling to meet landowners and other project stakeholders throughout Texas

If you are a great candidate for this role, please reach out to Jobs@solarproponent.com