



MEET THE TEAM

JON CRANE

President and Founder



Jon Crane is President and Founder of Bluestem Energy Solutions. As president, he is responsible for providing the leadership, support, and resources that his team needs to be successful. As Bluestem has grown in experience and expertise, his vision for the company is to grow Bluestem's mission nationwide.

Jon has over 30 years of experience in creating, building, and managing customer-centric business models. He has contributed to over 750 MWs of active and late-stage Bluestem developments. He also serves as CEO of his EPC company, Boyd Jones Construction, where he built his extensive experience in contract negotiations, financial analysis, procurement, and construction.

Education

JD, George Washington University | B.A. Economics, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

MATT ROBINETTE

Vice President of Operations

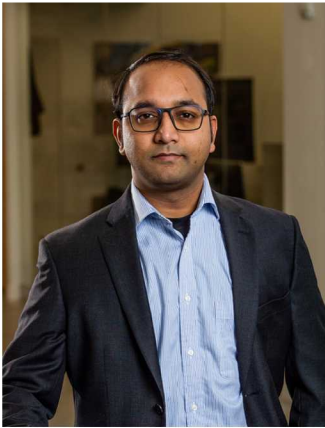


Matt Robinette is Vice President of Development for Bluestem Energy Solutions. He heads the team of project developers who manage the development schedule, scope, and budget of projects, while ensuring timely project completion.

Matt has over 20 years of experience managing teams and facilitating advancement. During that time, he has been directly involved in the siting, land acquisition, zoning, permitting, load analysis, and interconnection approval process on over 700 MWs of energy projects.

DR. SRIKANTH MADALA

Director of Research and Development



Srikanth Madala leads Research and Development activities at Bluestem Energy Solutions. Dr. Madala supports the development of renewable energy projects and provides customized energy solutions by conducting in-depth research and analysis. He serves as Bluestem's technology, system design, and policy expert on solar energy generation, distributed energy generation, and battery energy storage.

Dr. Madala has over a decade of extensive research experience in the design of solar and other renewable power systems. He has worked on various renewable energy and energy efficiency projects with reputed organizations such as the Florida Department of Transportation, BLM & Public Lands Institute, Pulte Homes, Center for Energy Research (UNLV), Masur HVAC Laboratory (University of Florida), and the U.S. Navy.

Education

PhD Mechanical Engineering, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
MS Mechanical Engineering, University of Florida.

JAMIE CRANE

Director of Finance and Compliance



Jamie Crane is the Director of Finance and Compliance for Bluestem Energy Solutions. He is responsible for the accounting, investments, and risk analysis of the company. He assists Bluestem in adapting to the impacts of regulatory requirements, federal and state incentives, tax credits, and accounting changes to help bring renewable energy projects to fruition.

Jamie has over 20 years of experience in finance and risk analysis, serving in various roles across several industries including renewable energy, development, and real estate.

Education

MBA, University of Phoenix | B.S. Accounting and Finance, University of Kansas.

JIM CHURCH

Controller



Jim Church is the Controller of Bluestem Energy Solutions. He is responsible for accounting controls and audits, financial reporting, and budgeting. He proactively researches and adapts to the impacts of regulatory requirements, federal and state incentives, tax credits, and accounting changes in order to help bring renewable energy projects to fruition.

Jim has over 35 years in various financial leadership roles. He has directed accounting teams, prepared financial reports, crafted financial plans, and interfaced with key clients. He is a member of the Nebraska Society of CPAs and the American Institute of CPAs.

Education

BS Business Administration, Midland University

MITCH HYDE

Director of Operations



Mitch Hyde is the Director of Operations for Bluestem Energy Solutions. He is responsible for supporting the construction, operation, and long-term maintenance of distribution energy generation projects. He has over a decade of experience in the electric utility industry, constructing and maintaining both distribution and sub-transmission electric systems.

With over a decade of experience, Mitch has the expertise to develop and design electricity-generating projects. He has served on multiple industry committees including safety, equipment, and employee-focused committees. Mitch is also an adjunct instructor at Metropolitan Community College, where he uses his expertise to prepare students to enter careers in the electric utility industry.

Education

Professional apprenticeship; B.A.S Utility Line Technician, Metropolitan Community College

WILL CRANE

Director of Product Management



Will Crane is the Director of Product Management for Bluestem Energy Solutions. He oversees the Origination and Marketing department and collaborates on PPA negotiation, land acquisition, and project finance. Along with providing battery energy storage expertise, Will focuses on new market opportunities and assisting the development team through the development process.

Will has several years of experience in the development of wind, solar PV, and battery energy storage systems. He has contributed to over 550 MWs worth of developments, including the first distribution-utility-scale solar and storage project in Nebraska.

Education

BA Communication and Media Studies, University of Kansas

CARLOS MENDOZA

Research and Development Engineer



Carlos Mendoza is the Research and Development Engineer for Bluestem Energy Solutions. He is responsible for supporting the Research and Development team on projects of varying technologies, from solar PV and battery energy storage to wind turbine sizing.

Carlos has over five years of experience in power system planning, operation, optimization, and protection. In the energy sector, he has participated in projects related to power generator testing, power transmission expansion planning, protection system commissioning, and incorporation of hydro and solar generators to power grids.

Education

MS Electrical Engineering, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
BS Electrical Engineering, Universidad Nacional de Colombia

JOHN WAGNER

Development Project Manager



John Wagner is a Development Project Manager for Bluestem Energy Solutions. He specializes in feasibility analyses, project reviews, site design and rendering, and sourcing creative solutions.

John has several years of experience with geographic information systems as a land project planner, with prior experience in both public and private planning. He has led many projects through feasibility and jurisdiction approval and has managed dozens of development projects over his career.

Education

BA Urban and Regional Planning, Eastern Washington University

KYLE ALPERS

Development Project Manager



Kyle Alpers is a Development Project Manager for Bluestem Energy Solutions. He is responsible for taking renewable energy projects from early stage feasibility to start-of-construction.

Previously as a landman in the oil and gas industry, Kyle gained experience in negotiating lease and purchase agreements and in customer relations with landowners. He recently earned his bachelor's degree in Business Administration, focusing on Finance and Energy Management.

Education

BBA Finance & Energy Management, University of Oklahoma

