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Grants &
Government Contracts
Capabilities

**Statement of
Qualification**

Delivering value to clients from project concept to completion



Project Development Solutions

- **Founded:** 2019
- **Business Units** – Technical Consulting, Development, and Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (EPC), **Grants & Government Contracts**
- **Licenses:** Licensed Class A Contractor # 1108886
- **Industry Expertise:** Energy (Solar, BESS, CSP), Microgrids, Oil & Gas, Commercial
- **In-House Capabilities:** Engineering (Mechanical, Process, Electrical, Civil), Electrical Design, Construction, **Grants Development and Administration, Community Benefit Plans, and Project Management**

Core Services:

- Engineering, Procurement, Construction, and Management (EPCM)
- Turnkey construction (Major Expense Projects)
- Technical Consulting
- Facilities Design
- **Grant Development, writing & Administration**

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Leadership Team



Tunde Deru
President & CEO

*Leadership roles in
Berry Petroleum and
GlassPoint
Managed projects
> \$500 million in the
energy sector*



Ben Okoro
EPC Manager

*Former Chevron
Senior Mgr., with
three decades of
Major Capital
Projects experience,
in the US and
Overseas*



Jess Benardo
Construction Mgr.

*30 years
construction
experience in
industrial,
commercial, public
and energy sectors
in the US and
Overseas*



Blair Pruett
Bus. Dev.

*40 years business
development
experience in
construction and
energy industries*

Grant Capabilities

Grant Application Development	Research & Match Funding	Community Engagement
Concept Paper Technical Development Narratives Budget Justification Form Teaming Documents Federal Forms (SF-424, SOPO, PMP)	Funding Opportunity Scanning Eligibility & Compliance Analysis Match Funding Strategy Grant Calendar Development	Expertise with Underserved, Low-Income & Disinvested Communities Community and Labor Engagement Planning
Post-Award Support		Administrative Services
Grant Negotiations Post Selections Project Kickoff & Scope Alignment Administrations & Reporting Subrecipient Oversight		Subrecipient Agreements & Compliance Tracking Drafting & Reviewing Subcontracts and MOUs File Structuring, Version Control, Cloud Organization Invoicing & Budget Tracking Scheduling & Internal Coordination Compliance & Reporting

Since 2022, Project Development Solutions (PDS) has leveraged its deep expertise in project development and management to deliver high-impact services in grant research, writing, administration, and Community Benefits Plan (CBP) development and execution. Our work is rooted in the clean and conventional energy sectors and closely aligned with economic, workforce, and community development initiatives—particularly in Kern County and other underserved regions.



Grants Team



Tunde Deru
President & CEO

Serves as the chief grant developer and framework strategist for state and federal clean energy funding opportunities—specializing in concept paper development, budget formulation, and strategic narrative alignment. Brings expertise in post-award negotiations and compliance support. Has contributed to the award of an estimated \$700 million in grant applications across solar, geothermal, DAC, and infrastructure & demonstration projects.



Blair Pruett
Bus. Dev.

Blair Pruett brings over 30 years of experience in microgrid development, structural steel design, and energy infrastructure. He has led workforce development initiatives and serves on advisory boards at Bakersfield College and CSU Bakersfield, supporting grant-driven education and training programs.



Kristen Krafthefer
PM, Special Projects

Experienced in managing federal and state clean energy grant applications and awards, specializing in grant administration, budget justifications, cost share tracking, timeline development, procurement coordination, and ensuring compliance with financial reporting requirements.



Christian Cuevas
Technical Content Creator

Experienced in managing federal and state clean energy project grant applications, including solar, geothermal, and carbon management—specializing in concept paper development, grant development, community engagement, stakeholder coordination, grant administration, and multilingual outreach to ensure inclusive and compliant submissions.



Vincent Oragwam
Advisor/Consultant

Worked 25 years in grant management at California State University, Bakersfield (Former Director of Grants & Contracts & Director of Grant Management Operations)—specializing in federal and state grants from NSF, DOE, DOD, USDA, and CDFR, with expertise in compliance, budgeting, and reporting for large-scale research and infrastructure initiatives.

Key Awarded Grants

Project Title	Role	Project Summary	Award Amount
Combined Wellbore Construction High Temperature Tools and Reservoir Thermal Energy Storage (RTES)	Prime	This project involves the construction of a demonstration-scale Reservoir Thermal Energy Storage (RTES) system to assess its commercial viability. The project will collect operational data over a one-year period. It also includes a comprehensive Community Benefits Plan featuring student internships, collaborative research projects, and a Techno-Economic Impact Study.	\$7,990,000
Regional Direct Air Capture Hub (T2)	Contributor/ Sub-recipient	This project involves the Front-End Engineering Design (FEED) of a Regional Direct Air Capture (DAC) Hub, along with the implementation of a comprehensive Community Benefits Plan.	\$11,829,634
Decarbonization and Emissions Reductions Project	Contributor/CBP Developer	The project involves the retrofit to decarbonize a cement employer in Kern County. It will reduce emissions by replacing fossil fuels with local agricultural biomass, producing low-carbon cement (LC3) using calcined clay, and capturing up to 950,000 metric tons of CO ₂ annually. The project also includes a Community Workforce Plan to ensure local job creation and skills development.	\$5,000,000
Enhanced Geothermal Systems (EGS) Pilot Demonstrations	Administrator/Project Management	The project intends to demonstrate the first Superhot Rock (SHR) Enhanced Geothermal System (EGS) on the western flank of Newberry Volcano in Central Oregon. Supported by a Department of Energy award under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the project aims to prove the feasibility of developing a commercially viable geothermal reservoir in superhot rock formations.	\$19,998,085
CarbonSafe Validation and Testing (EHStore)	Contributor/CBP Developer/Project Management	A project in Kern County, California, aims to accelerate the characterization, permitting, and development of secure transport and storage for over 50 million metric tons of CO ₂ over 30 years in repurposed depleted oil and gas reservoirs at the Elk Hills Oil Field. The team will collect data to support future UIC Class VI permits and risk assessments, share findings to advance carbon capture and storage, and implement a Community Benefits Plan to ensure local engagement and equitable outcomes.	\$26,984,027
Qualifying Advanced Energy Project Credit (48C) Program	Application Developer	The project involves the retrofit to decarbonize the last coal-powered mining operation in California by using industrial process heat (IPH) generated through a photovoltaic trough system. It also includes the implementation of a Community Benefits Plan to ensure equitable community engagement and local impact.	\$167,774,414
Total Federal Share			\$245,490,174

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