

What should I do if an EPC is not 'best for project'?

It is a dynamic market and traditional models (e.g. wrapped EPC) may not be 'best for project'. Ensure tender flexibility for adjustments and if the scope is split, map OEM-BOP interactions for risk mitigation. Align internal approval timing with connection progress and commitments for pricing and manufacturing slots with OEM and BOP contractor.

How can you navigate battery energy storage systems challenges?

We discuss how you can navigate battery energy storage systems challenges with insights on procurement, risk mitigation, and project optimisation for successful delivery. Optimise market engagement and procurement efficiency by tendering based on a combination of OEM and owner/financier terms.

Are battery energy storage systems being affected by fires?

Battery energy storage systems (BESS) have been in the news after being affected by a series of high-profile fires.

Is BESS a good investment for battery energy storage risks?

As a lead underwriter in both London and New York of battery energy storage risks we have a strong appetite for BESS and it is an important part of our renewable energy insurance portfolio.

Why are large-scale battery energy storage systems important?

As the energy and renewables sector evolves, large-scale battery energy storage systems (BESS) are becoming increasingly critical and prevalent. BESS projects bring a range of legal, commercial and technical challenges.

What is a wrapped EPC?

For most projects, the wrapped EPC has long been the preferred delivery model for owners (and financiers), because it provides the owner with a turnkey product and a single point of accountability in the case of defects and performance issues.

Community Risk Analysis. A Community Risk Analysis (CRA) is crucial to determining whether a battery project is safe, especially regarding fire risks. With increasing media attention, public interest in battery storage is growing at the planning stage. They educate stakeholders about the project's safety risk level and fire hazards.

This Insight is an update to our previous Insight Key Considerations for Utility-Scale Energy Storage Procurements (Mar. 8, 2023).. See Southern California's Natural Gas Plants to Stay Open Through 2026, Cal Matters (Aug. ...

Tamarindo's Energy Storage Report convenes expert panel to analyse construction risks in battery projects;

BESS construction disputes have increased in the last 12 to 18 ...

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Storm and flood risks, relative humidity, seismic considerations and prevalence of salt within coastal air are among the environmental factors that can affect how the site will be designed and operated. ... Ben Echeverria, ...

The negotiation of an engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) agreement for a battery energy storage systems (BESS) project typically surfaces many of the same contractual risk allocation issues that one ...

In the first three quarters of 2024, the bidding volumes for battery systems, energy storage systems, and EPC projects all exceeded the same period of 2023 in terms of energy capacity. Among these, EPC bidding ...

In the rapidly growing but still relatively new battery energy storage sector, equipment procurement and integration for large projects presents numerous risks. Jared Spence of IHI Terrasun explores some steps ...

The shift towards split contracting models for BESS and other renewable energy projects will continue as contractors in the Australian market are increasingly unwilling to accept the risks associated with EPC contracts, and as developers ...

Utility project managers and teams developing, planning, or considering battery energy storage system (BESS) projects. ... where utilities will have to manage risks in a relatively immature product environment. Additional, detailed resources on specific topics in this handbook that can be accessed via annotated and digitally linked references.

Renewable generation and distributed energy resources are creating a need for greater energy storage capabilities for all power producers. ... (EPC) contractor, deploying our vertical, in-house team to execute the engineering, environmental, procurement and direct-hire construction of energy storage and substation interconnection projects ...

Technology Risk. Certain types of energy storage technology are well developed (such as pumped hydro storage, which basically involves pumping water up a hill), while others are on the cutting edge (many types of batteries and flywheels). ... but the project owner will bear additional EPC risk if there are delays in deliveries or issues are ...

Key risks of BESS for renewable energy projects. 14/04/2025. Explore key risks of Battery Energy Storage Systems in renewable energy projects, including thermal runaway, operational exposures, and insurance ...

Why EPC is Crucial for Solar and Battery Projects. EPC integrates planning, technology, and execution to

overcome challenges in renewable energy projects. We mitigate risks like cost overruns and project delays while ...

While the energy storage market continues to rapidly expand, fueled by record-low battery costs and robust policy support, challenges still loom on the horizon--tariffs, shifting ...

Intelligent Power and Energy. As a battery energy storage system (BESS) systems integrator and EPC solutions provider, we combine the latest global Tier 1 battery and inverter technology to engineer a comprehensive ...

Explore key risks of Battery Energy Storage Systems in renewable energy projects, including thermal runaway, operational exposures, and insurance insights.

Developers of battery energy storage system, or BESS, projects are using a multi-contractor, split-scope contracting structure instead of the more traditional single-contractor, turnkey approach. ... Suppliers will often attempt to structure agreements to pass risk to the developer. Some suppliers may separate projects into individual orders to ...

Grid-scale battery energy storage systems (BESS) are becoming an increasingly common feature in renewable-site design, grid planning and energy policy. We have seen the rate of commercial deployment of BESS rapidly increase, but ...

The future of EPC in the energy sector appears promising. EPC will play a pivotal role in developing large-scale solar, wind, and hydroelectric projects as the world embraces renewable energy sources. Furthermore, with the rise of smart grids and energy storage solutions, EPC contractors will be at the forefront of creating innovative and ...

Splitting the equipment procurement and construction work on a battery energy storage project (BESS) among multiple contractors is a complicated process that can be done, but that carries risk. The most common split is having different contracts to procure the DC block, AC block and energy management system of the battery separately, instead of ...

Energy storage EPC encompasses the engineering, procurement, and construction processes involved in creating energy storage systems. ... However, each phase of EPC also carries inherent risks that can impact budgets and schedules. For example, changes in regulatory environments or unforeseen technical challenges can lead to construction delays ...

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The last few years have seen a move away from the traditional engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) "wrap", where battery energy storage system (BESS) project developers and owners would contract with ...

EPC Contracts do not eliminate or mitigate against all risks; however, when drafted correctly they can ensure performance, timely delivery and rectification within agreed parameters or up to agreed caps. For this reason, we recommend advice on a project-by-project, contract-by-contract basis. Before examining EPC Contracts in detail, it is ...

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Fire incidents in battery energy storage systems (BESS) are rare but receive significant public and regulatory ...

Both the US and global energy storage markets have experienced rapid growth over the last year and are expected to continue expanding. An estimated 650 gigawatts (GW) (or 1,877 gigawatt-hours) of new energy ...

The continued development of BESS will be at the centre stage of a clean and secure energy future. Providing effective risk solutions will go hand in hand with the future development of this sector. Although there are risks and ...

With over 9GWh of operational grid-scale BESS (battery energy storage system) capacity in the UK - and a strong pipeline - it's worth identifying the regional hotspots and how the landscape may evolve in the future. News. ...

Australia runs a great risk of failing to meet its ambitious but achievable renewable energy goals, writes Stephanie Bashir, CEO of Nexa Advisory, who explains why utility-scale energy storage is among the crucial ...

Vistra's Moss Landing battery storage site (Source: Vistra Energy). Pricing: How much is enough? A further complication for developers and utilities to consider is how to value any revenues the project might generate after the ...

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