

Comparison of Automated Procurement Contracts for Energy Storage Containers and Batteries





Overview

What are the different types of procurement contracts?

There are three key types of procurement contracts—power purchase agreements (PPAs) or energy storage services agreements; engineering, procurement, and construction (EPC) agreements; and build-transfer agreements (BTAs)—and several key risks that must be allocated between the parties.

What are the challenges of procurement for utility-side storage & solar-plus projects?

The challenges of procurement for utility-side storage and solar-plus projects center largely on early-stage decisions: defining the top-priority use case, but also exploring ways to get more value out of the project and to prepare for market changes over its life.

How can electricity be procured via PPA?

Electricity procurement via PPAs Electricity for the operation of the EL, HCU and BESS can be procured via as-produced-PPA contracts x p with renewable energy power plants for a specified capacity power generation. We bound the number of available PPA contracts in order to avoid the procurement of low-volume contracts or excessive overcapacity.

Should you buy a battery optimisation company?

While initially, many players preferred in-house capabilities to save cost, as battery complexity increases, more players are opting for third-party or acquiring optimisation companies. In this model, depending on the contract terms, the owner and optimisation company will share the project's revenue or profit.



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High-Level Guidance on the Framework
Your Needs for Knowledge Differ Based On Check Contracts and Policies First
What We See in Trending Use Cases
Storage in Different Locations and at Different Scales Can Work Together
Transmission-connected storage may provide:
Distribution-connected storage may provide:
Customer-connected storage (not the focus of this brief) may provide:
Questions and Answers
SPECs Early-Stage Decision (ESD) Model:
Practical Guidance in the ESD User's Manual
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Modeling Is a Big Part of the Process
Introduction to the ESD Model
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Clarification
Outsourcing: What, Why & When? Asset acquisition or third-party model (RFO)? ? Broad financing decisions? Optional utility contributions (pros and cons)
Sample Schedule
Sample Contents for an RFO (Notes on Following Slide)
More Lessons Learned
Example from a Co-op RFP
Getting to "Go"
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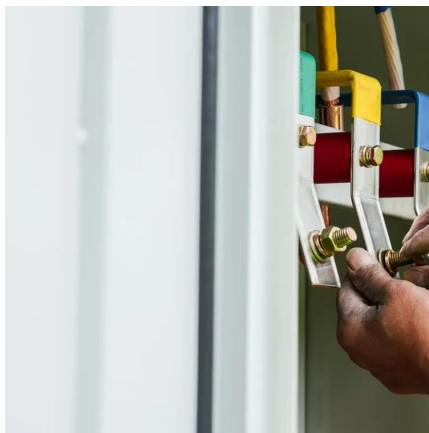
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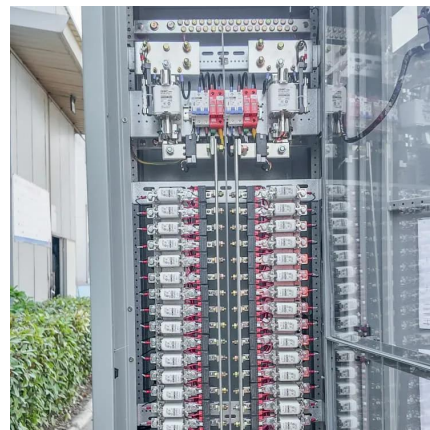


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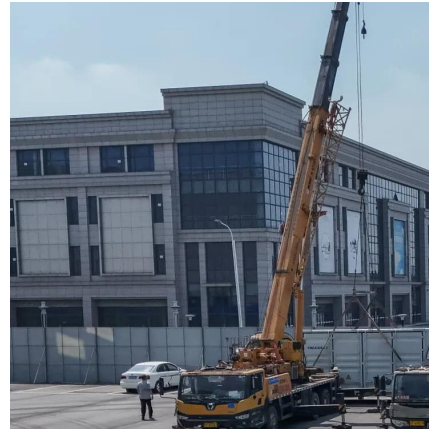
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