

Meet The Leaders



David G. Schieren
CEO

David leads EmPower as its Chief Executive Officer. He co-founded the company in 2003 with the goal of EmPowering people to use clean energy to control costs, clean the air, end oil dependency and dramatically improve the standard of living. David is responsible for leading the company, with a tireless focus on delivering an amazing customer experience from the first call on.

David has testified before the United States Congress Science Committee about the DOE Solar Decathlon competition, solar energy and hydrogen fuel, and has advocated for solar in numerous TV, print, internet, radio, and documentary interviews.

He is a NABCEP Photovoltaic Installer, and has a Master of Science in Energy Management from the New York Institute of Technology, where he received the Faculty Award for outstanding achievement, and co-led the 2005 Solar Decathlon solar-hydrogen zero-energy home project. He has a BA in Economics from the University of Vermont, where he received the Freeman Saltus Award in Economics. David started his career as an Institutional Equity Advisor at Merrill Lynch where he sold Japanese equities to large U.S.-based investors.

David's recent awards include the Long Island Business News 40 Under 40 2012, Vision Long Island Clean Energy Award 2012, and the National Foundation for Human Potential Gala Honoree 2011. He is co-founder and board member of the Solar Decathlon Alumni Association (SDAA) that represents a global alumni community of participants from the U.S. Department of Energy's Solar Decathlon bi-annual competition.

Gregory Sachs
PE, COO

As Chief Operations Officer, Greg is responsible for safe, effective, and efficient operation of the company, ensuring that all EmPower projects are designed and executed fully in accordance with the principles of the EmPowering Way. Greg directly oversees EmPower's Installation & Construction and Engineering & Design departments. As a licensed Professional Engineer, Greg supports EmPower through rendering of electrical and structural professional design services.

For more than five years, Greg served as an elected executive officer, founding member, Secretary, and Chair of the Technical Committee for the Long Island Solar Energy Industries Association (LISEIA). Greg is widely credited with making essential contributions to the Long Island and broader New York solar industry, specifically with regard to technical and incentive policies.

Greg is also a NABCEP Certified and Photovoltaic Installer who frequently lectures on solar and other renewable energy topics. Prior to EmPower, Greg taught engineering at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy and managed its Alternative Power Program.

Greg has a Master of Science in System Engineering and Management at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and attended the Navy Nuclear Power School following graduation from USMMA in 1999.

