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Energy Industry Veterans Kevin Knobloch, Soam Goel, and Jonathan Elkind Launch Acceleration Energy, an Independent Project Development and Advisory Company

New company guides mission-driven companies, investors, and government agencies in advancing complex clean energy projects across the U.S. and internationally

BOSTON, May 18, 2026 – Three seasoned energy industry leaders have launched Acceleration Energy, an independent project development and advisory firm specializing in accelerating the development of energy infrastructure and technology projects, including clean energy, water, and critical minerals.

The firm works with energy infrastructure developers, investors, corporates, utilities, early-stage innovation companies, government agencies, and non-profit organizations by delivering hands-on project development and strategic advisory services that overcome real-world implementation barriers.

Founding principals Kevin Knobloch, Soam Goel, and Jonathan Elkind bring decades of combined experience across industry, government, and NGO sectors. Their expertise spans transaction management, technology assessment, investment strategy, startup acceleration, international market development, infrastructure development, data center integration, and navigating government policy and funding.

The launch of Acceleration Energy addresses a critical market need as private-sector companies and public-sector organizations worldwide seek to advance infrastructure development and deployment but face increasingly complex technical, regulatory, and financial challenges. With explosive growth in data center demand driving unprecedented pressure on the electrical grid, for example, the firm's comprehensive service offering ranges from data center energy integration and utility-scale infrastructure development to early-stage startup acceleration. Acceleration Energy is positioned to serve clients across the entire energy economy, in the U.S. and internationally.

"The ongoing energy transition requires sophisticated, battle-tested approaches to overcome high hurdles," said Founding Principal Kevin Knobloch. "We've designed Acceleration Energy to combine deep industry knowledge with pragmatic problem-solving and an extensive network of decision-makers, experts, and investors to deliver projects that get built in a timely way."

Acceleration Energy's service portfolio encompasses infrastructure and technology development, project management and bidding, global market assessment and government policy, and financing and growth management.

The firm differentiates itself through its principals' firsthand experience in originating and developing utility-scale infrastructure projects, a deep understanding of international energy trade and investment policies, and a proven track record in helping early- to mid-stage companies move toward commercialization. Acceleration Energy also maintains strong relationships with OEMs, developers, supply chain companies, and key global energy policymakers.

"We're entering a period where the energy transition is accelerating, but so is the complexity and uncertainty," noted Soam Goel, founding principal with extensive utility-scale development and project finance experience. "Having originated and led investments in utility-scale transmission and battery storage projects, I've seen firsthand how effective commercial, project, and risk management strategy can turn ambitious business goals into reality. Our clients get direct access to that proven track record and value from the very first conversation with us."

"The global nature of today's energy challenges requires advisors who understand both domestic opportunities and international market dynamics," added Jonathan Elkind, founding principal and former Assistant Secretary for International Affairs at the U.S. Department of Energy. "Our team brings deep experience leading U.S. energy and climate programs, in addition to developing commercial projects in the United States and around the globe. This translates into a strategic advantage for clients navigating cross-border investments, policy frameworks, and emerging market opportunities."

The firm is already working with clients across multiple sectors and geographies, providing support for everything from competitive bid packages for RFPs to comprehensive investment due diligence and portfolio company coaching.

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About Acceleration Energy

Acceleration Energy is an independent project development and advisory company helping companies (from strategics and utilities to early-stage start-ups), investors, government agencies, and non-profit organizations effectively advance energy infrastructure and technology projects. The firm designs pragmatic approaches to client challenges and leverages an extensive network of decision-makers, industry leaders, experts, and investors in the U.S. and globally to deliver solutions.

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