

## Stakeholder Experiences: CREATING LOCAL JOBS

One of the key ways EDP Renewables North America (EDPR NA) supports a project community is through local job creation. It takes hundreds of people to build a wind farm or solar park, and once operational, many people work to ensure the project generates power for years to come. In fact, wind turbine technician is the second fastest growing job in the United States.<sup>1</sup>

We support hundreds of stable, family-wage jobs throughout rural communities, with no plans to slow down any time soon. So far, EDPR NA has created 7,900 full-time equivalent construction jobs and employs more than 700 people across the continent.<sup>2</sup>



“We hire contractors to mow the grass and wash the panels and more specialized contractors to help with troubleshooting. We create a lot of jobs in the surrounding communities.

As we’ve seen with our wind farms, this is great because

**it provides a stimulus to the local economy of small towns, where most of our projects are located.”**

- Fred Kelo, Associate Director of Operations  
Western Region & Solar  
Portland, Oregon



“As someone who grew up here and knows just about everyone, I take great pleasure and pride in what our company has created.

**My favorite thing about working in wind power is knowing we are making a difference.**

As a mom, knowing wind power is taking us toward making the world a better place for future generations is just awesome.”

- Erika Nelson, Senior Operations Manager  
Jericho Rise and Marble River Wind Farms  
Churubusco, New York





"For me, wind energy was a way to have a stable career and stay near home.

**With a high school diploma and a willingness to learn, you can have a good paying job in a rural area.**

Now, wind technician is one of the fastest-growing jobs in the country."

- Brodie Dockendorf, Operations Manager  
Quilt Block Wind Farm  
Darlington, Wisconsin



**"If someone asked me about a career in solar, I would tell them to do it – 100 percent.**

In the military, you have a lot of big, important equipment to maintain. That responsibility translated directly into renewable energy.

I love what I do.

I'm excited about the future of solar because the industry is growing."

- Joshua Francis, Solar Field Technician  
Cameron Solar Park  
Orangeburg, South Carolina



"I love the work-life balance that EDP Renewables offers. I was in the oil & gas sector for 12 years before I started working at EDP Renewables and now I get to spend way more time with my family.

Wind power is beneficial and has very minimal impact to our environment.

**I love that this is a company that is making a better world for my kids."**

- Norma Rodriguez, Operations Administrator  
Los Mirasoles Wind Farm  
McCook, Texas



"At the beginning, we did the septic system at the new office facility, and then on the Timber Road Wind Farm III project we'd done all the tile repair.

The project probably had four guys busy for... How long? A year. Four guys full-time for eight months. And good wages for the guys.

**There's always more work down the road. There's more work, more stone hauling, more everything, and not just for us either."**

- Jay & Jason Dangler, owners of Dangler Excavating  
Paulding, Ohio

<sup>1</sup>U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics. Ten Fastest Growing Occupations, Projected 2018-2028. 2019.

<sup>2</sup>Data last updated June 2020.

Some quotes included have been edited for clarity and length.

