



## Key Differences Between Leases for Wind, Solar and Energy Storage Projects

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## Real estate agreements in renewable energy development

What is the purpose? Obtaining site control – ensuring the developer has the appropriate legal rights to use the land.

Wind: requires large acreage, typically signing real estate agreements with a multitude of landowners

Solar: usually a smaller footprint, which translates to agreements with fewer landowners

Storage: typically the smallest footprint, making purchase option more attractive





## ROAD MAP

What are the major components of a typical long term renewable energy lease that are expected the change for wind vs. solar vs. storage projects?



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2. How much with the developer pay for those rights, and under what payment structure?
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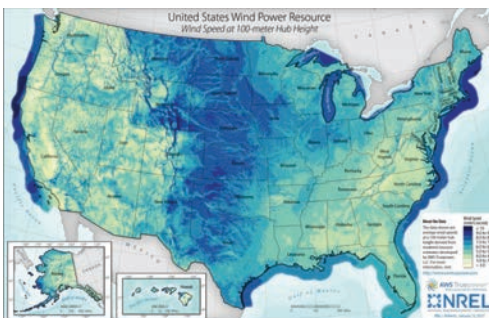
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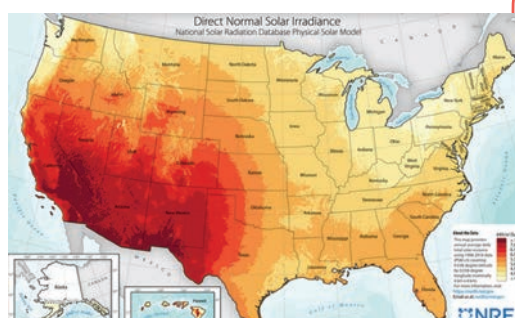
## DEVELOPER'S RIGHTS - GENERAL

- Type of agreement – option vs. lease vs. easement, what are the differences?
  - **Option:** grants developer an initial period to determine suitability of property for development.

US Wind Speed (100m hub height)



US Solar Irradiance (kWh/m2/day)



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