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As a developer and prominent advocate of renewable energy, Mr. Spano strives to maintain the highest quality standards and finds creative solutions to move development forward, from inception through execution and commissioning. Mr. Spano's strong financial background, as well as, his expertise in real estate and land development have given him a perspective that is unique among solar energy developers. Mr. Spano has played a key role in the development of projects totaling over four hundred megawatts in solar generation facilities. Through his leadership, Spano Partners Holdings Companies are now recognized as some of the top privately-owned utility-scale and C&I alternative energy developers and financiers in New Jersey.

Mr. Spano operates several vertical companies involving storage paired with solar both in microgrid applications and Virtual Power Plants (VPPs), as well as C&I and utility-scale solar development. Spano Partners subsidiary companies maintain a rolling pipeline of projects under development at any given time, and has significant other development activities with affiliated and subsidiary companies including:

- AboveGrid Solar, (an aggregator of solar projects for a Fortune 500 utility)
- Green Power Solar (a microgrid asset own/operating company)
- Solar Badger (a utility scale build to transfer solar development company)
- Spano Solar Enterprises (a C&I developer)
- Spano Energy Storage Consolidator, (an energy storage distribution company)
- DIASASP (an management company for a portfolio of solar generation assets)
- Sol-REIT (formerly RadiantREIT, the first solar mortgage REIT in the US)

Mr. Spano is the founder and President of the New Jersey Solar Grid Supply Association (NJSGSA), a Director of the Mid-Atlantic Solar Energy Industries Association (MSSIA), and a Board Member of the International Battery and Energy Storage Alliance (IBESA) and sits on a number of corporate and non profit Boards of Directors. As a leader in the industry and heavily involved in the regulatory market, Mr. Spano is often called upon as an expert voice to represent the industry in both legal proceedings as well as regulatory and legislative issues.



In addition to his work promoting renewable energy, Mr. Spano is a founding member and first president of the Hillsborough Kiwanis Club and former director of the Cerebral Palsy Association of New Jersey. In addition, he is a Director of the Spano Family Foundation, a 501(c) that supports charities in the U.S., Africa, India and Haiti. Among his projects is an over 250kW solar shipment to a hospital in Haiti, which now has the energy it needs to care for a half a million remote villagers. Mr. Spano has also sat on a number of distinguished non-profit boards including Trinitas Regional Medical Center Foundation, Cerebral Palsy Association of New Jersey and Community Options. Mr Spano is married to Sydney Spano and has 7 children, Elanna, James Jr, Kenneth, Kimberly, William, Madeline, and Oliver.