DATA CENTER DEVELOPMENT



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Babst Calland's multidisciplinary team of attorneys offers a one-stop-shop for supporting regional data center projects and related economic development opportunities. We support smart grid, energy storage and data center projects, and clients participating in such projects that span a wide range of Sectors, including energy producers, stranded asset companies, technology companies, construction companies and their supply chains, manufacturers and distributors of relevant products and services.



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Babst Calland assists companies in navigating the opportunities and challenges related to data center development financing, project siting, land use and zoning, construction, regulatory compliance, and other matters, including:

- Guide large-scale site selection, water access, energy access, and infrastructure alignment, with a focus on regulatory compliance and risk analysis.
- Advise on development of co-located energy infrastructure, including gas pipelines, electric transmission, power generation, solar and battery storage.
- Navigate environmental, utility, and development permitting at federal, state, and local levels.
- Advise on zoning, variances, use permits, and public hearings for new or expanding data center sites.
- Structure and review leasing agreements and colocation agreements covering power, connectivity, space allocation, and shared services.
- Advise on Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC), design-build, and architectural service contracts tailored to mission-critical infrastructure.
- Support operation and maintenance (OM) matters, including negotiating OM contracts related to power supply and cooling systems, and addressing uptime, preventative maintenance, and vendor oversight.
- Negotiate and draft enterprise service agreements (SaaS, IaaS), SLAs, and licensing terms for virtualized infrastructure and cloud-based platforms.
- Structure public, private, and hybrid cloud solutions with attention to data privacy and cross-border compliance.
- Advise on joint ventures, M&A activities, financing, and anchor tenancy for small-scale and large-scale data center builds.
- Provide employment law guidance, workforce compliance, and skilled labor sourcing for data center projects.
- Develop frameworks for data access, retention, AI transparency, and data security and privacy regulatory compliance.
- Litigation in disputes related to data center projects, including commercial disputes, zoning disputes and cybersecurity and privacy-related incidents.

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