

# The Offset Procurement Process: Project Developers

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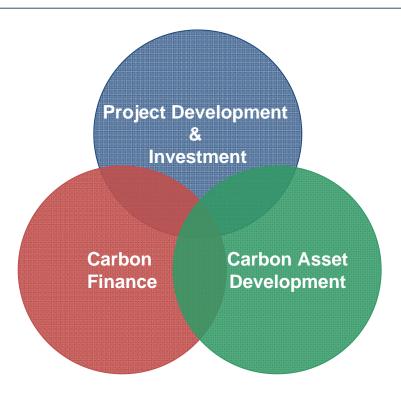
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## Carbon Project Development: An Overview of the Business

Each developer typically provides tailored **offerings**, including project development support, direct project investment, carbon finance, and carbon asset development, to help project sponsors capture the "carbon value" from their energy and carbon-emissions-reduction projects.





## A Brief History of Carbon Project Developers

The First Decade: 1995-2004

CAA amendments as precedent, Kyoto negotiations, corporate positioning, USIJI, carbon industry begins to evolve, ...

Market Launch: 2005-2009

Kyoto enters into force, EU ETS, a price for carbon, market infrastructure growth, capitalizing on complexity, the IPO spring of 2006, all eyes turn east, all eyes turn west, ...

Re-entering the Atmosphere: 2010

The false summit, a hard landing...

Going Forward

**Econergy** 

**Camco** 

**AgCert** 

**Ecosecurities** 

**GE/AES** 

**Tricorona** 

**MGM** 

**Blue Source** 



## An Overview of Typical Carbon Project Development Activities

# Project Development & Investment

- A full range of project development support activities, based on individual project needs
- Funding for early-stage project development activities
- Direct capital investment in projects and assets from the company's own funds, or from funds managed for third parties
- Access to debt financing tailored to energy and carbon-emissionsreduction projects

#### **Carbon Finance**

- Structured carbon credit off-take agreements to provide early-stage project funding
  - Carbon pre-pay and forward purchase agreements
  - Fixed-price carbon purchases with shared upside potential
- Project development support at risk in return for share in the resulting carbon asset

# Carbon Asset Development

- Identification of carbon project opportunities within business operations and investment portfolios
- Quantification of carbon asset generation opportunities and emissions reduction potential
- Qualification of projects to generate the highest-quality carbon assets
- Management and commercialization of asset portfolios to optimize price and terms
- Carbon development and qualification services at risk in return for share in the resulting carbon asset



## Project Development & Investment

Involves the full range of project development activities, based on the individual needs of each project. Project types include low-carbon energy generation, energy efficiency, and GHG emissions reduction.

- Collaborate and co-invest with project hosts, other project developers, technology providers and/or investor groups.
- Provide the management infrastructure, financial structuring, business planning, development support, and project finance to take each project, as required, from early-stage development through to closing.
- Provide direct equity funding to projects on a selective basis.
- Source debt financing tailored for low-carbon energy and GHG emissions reduction projects, if needed.
- Apply carbon market expertise to extract maximum value from the environmental attributes of the projects.



## Carbon Finance

Provide "creative" alternatives for **leveraging carbon assets** to address **early-stage project funding** needs.

- Carbon pre-pay and forward purchase agreements early-stage funding in return for a share of the carbon assets eventually generated by a project.
  - Example: A forward contract could be executed for the purchase of all carbon credits that might be produced by a project, with a negotiated percentage paid up-front to finance early-stage project development.
- Fixed-price purchase agreement with shared upside early-stage funding plus a share in future upside price movements based on certain market conditions and/or price triggers.
  - Example: A forward contract could be executed for the purchase of carbon credits at an agreed price, with a negotiated sharing of revenues if the carbon price subsequently rises a certain amount above the original agreed price.



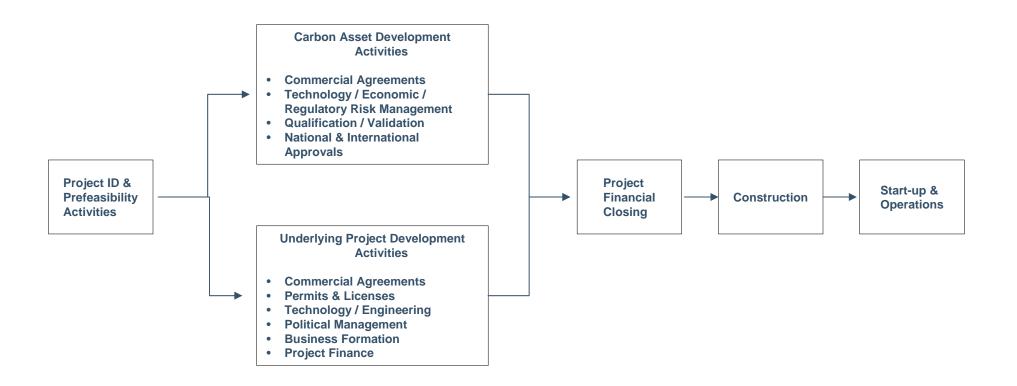
## Carbon Asset Development

Leverage experience and knowledge of **regulatory frameworks**, **technical expertise** and **financial risk management** to qualify the carbon asset in order to achieve its optimal value in a fragmented marketplace.

- Applied to Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) and Joint Implementation (JI) projects in the Kyoto markets.
- Applied to Climate Action Registry (CAR), Gold Standard, Voluntary Carbon Standard (VCS), and other certification standards in the pre-compliance markets.
- Manage the "carbon project cycle" -- project origination through credit commercialization.



# **Carbon Asset Development Activities**





## Carbon Asset Development

Identification & Structuring & Asset
Origination Verification Management

- Project Identification and Origination
  - Audit of existing assets and development of carbon hierarchy
  - Quantification and valuation of identified carbon assets
- Qualification and Generation
  - Selection of appropriate qualification methodology and standard
  - Ensure verification and ongoing monitoring of offsets
- Commercial Structuring and Asset Management
  - Offset sales, typically through structured agreements that extract maximum value from the market
- All along, carbon developers often work at risk in return for share of carbon credits



# Summary Offerings to Support Project Development

### **Project needs**

Project Development & Investment

**Carbon Finance** 

**Carbon Asset Development** 

### **Developer's Offering**

Project finance, carbon market expertise

**Pre-payment and other structured purchases** 

At-risk services to qualify carbon assets

## **Developer's Compensation**

Equity share, dividends, success fees

Share of carbon credits or carbon revenues

**Share of carbon credits** 















