

## ■ David Schieren

EmPower Solar

EmPower Solar Chief Executive Officer David Schieren became passionate about clean energy while working as an institutional equity adviser at Merrill Lynch a decade ago.

"I was exposed to the damage caused by volatile energy prices on companies and entire economies, and simultaneously was working with high tech companies working on alternative energy," he said.

In 2003, Schieren co-founded EmPower Solar, a solar engineering and installation company serving Long Island's residential and commercial markets.

"My proudest professional achievement is working with my business partner and our chief operating officer, Greg Sachs, to grow EmPower to a high impact solar energy company," Schieren said.

Since its inception, EmPower has installed more than 350 residential, commercial and non-profit solar power systems in the tri-state area.

"I believe solar and wind energy will lead to declining and predictable energy prices, which will significantly improve the economy and contribute to stable growth across the world," Schieren said. "Cleaner air and water

will lead to healthier and more satisfying lives. I decided to make advancing clean energy my life's mission because I firmly believe that renewable energy will lead to a more prosperous, healthy and civil world."

Committed to expanding solar power across the nation, Schieren and his team have consulted on many clean energy projects throughout the country. He also participates in several organizations to help advance renewable energy in the region, including the Long Island Solar Energy Industry Association.

Schieren earned a master's degree in energy management from New York Institute of Technology and a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Vermont.

He co-founded the Solar Decathlon Alumni Association that is building an alumni community and advocacy group from the participants in the United States Department of Energy's Solar Decathlon bi-annual competition.

An expert in the field, Schieren has testified before the U.S. Congress Science Committee about the Solar Decathlon, solar energy and hydrogen fuel. He has also been interviewed on TV, print, Internet and radio.

