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Who's in the mix for Perry's chief of staff?

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Former Energy Department staffers and Rick Perry loyalists are rumored to be in the running for chief of staff. Photo by Gage Skidmore, courtesy of Flickr.

Former Energy Department officials and Rick Perry aides are among those rumored to be in the running to become Perry's top staffer at DOE.

Dan Brouillette, a senior executive at the Texas-based financial services company United Services Automobile Association, is among those considered to be a contender for the job, according to a source close to the Trump administration. Brouillette may also be a contender for deputy secretary at the department, that person said ([Greenwire](#), Jan. 16).

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Brouillette was previously vice president at Ford Motor Co. and staff director on the House Energy and Commerce Committee for then-Chairman Billy Tauzin (R-La.). During the George W. Bush administration, he was assistant secretary of energy for the Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs.

Another rumored contender to be Perry's chief of staff is wind power advocate Jimmy Glotfelty, according to a source close to DOE.

Glotfelty is a founder of Clean Line Energy, a firm that's developing transmission lines to deliver wind power to consumers.

Clean Line is currently taking part in a first-of-its-kind partnership with DOE to develop a \$2.5 billion wind energy superhighway from the Oklahoma Panhandle to the southeastern United States ([Energywire](#), March 28, 2016).

Glotfelty was previously vice president of energy markets at ICF International and worked in the George W. Bush administration's DOE as the first director of the Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability.

Two other potential contenders are Perry allies Jeff Miller and Rob Johnson, said the source close to DOE.

Perry adviser Miller was credited with the former Texas governor's "political rehabilitation," *The Texas Tribune* [reported](#) in 2014. Miller was previously a California lobbyist and an adviser to former California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger (R).

Johnson was Perry's 2012 presidential campaign manager and a strategist for Perry's 2016 bid.

The agency in recent months has brought on a number of political hires, including former Trump campaign directors and analysts from conservative and free-market think tanks ([E&E News PM](#), Jan. 31).

One such add is Jacob McCurdy, a former staff assistant for Sen. Jeff Sessions (R-Ala.), President Trump's pick for attorney general.

Yet another is Dan Wilmot, who worked on Perry's past presidential bids and held a number of posts within Perry's administration when he was governor of Texas.

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