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Wall Street Journal Quotes Jim Grice on AI Data Center Boom

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Critics underestimate the long-term job creation data centers have, according to Akerman Energy and Infrastructure Sector Team Co-Chair Jim Grice. The boom in Artificial Intelligence is fueling a boom in data center development across the nation. Grice tells *The Wall Street Journal* in a recent article that while data centers may employ fewer workers than some manufacturers, they do employ high-skilled and often high-paid operations professionals. He also notes that construction of the data centers can span up to a decade, offering sustained employment opportunities.

Grice also points out the innovative energy solutions being explored, including renewable sources and self-generated power, which are transforming the industry. He views these developments as part of a balancing act between sustainability and reliability, with natural gas currently bridging the gap. Despite challenges, he sees a bright future for data centers as they adapt to AI demands while driving advancements in energy infrastructure.

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