New Jersey Wind Works Coalition Lauds Selection of New Offshore Wind Developers

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Members of the New Jersey Wind Works Coalition have issued the following statements lauding Governor Murphy’s administration and the Board of Public Utilities for their continued support of a strong offshore wind industry with the announcement today of a series of project awards from the state’s third round of solicitations.

The coalition believes offshore wind has a bright future in New Jersey, will save lives with cleaner healthier air, and will play a major role in the fight against climate change for decades to come. Projects are in the works that will power more than 700,000 New Jersey homes, generate nearly $2 billion of in-state economic activity, and create thousands of good-paying jobs in New Jersey’s thriving clean energy economy.

“Thanks to the strong leadership of Governor Murphy and the BPU, New Jersey continues to position itself as a leader in our nation’s growing offshore wind industry. The projects announced today don’t just demonstrate continued strong interest from the private sector in wind off the Jersey coast, they also represent a down payment in the fight against climate change and cleaning up our air, improving public health, and creating thousands of local union jobs that will strengthen New Jersey’s economy. We’re excited to stand with the governor and announce that New Jersey remains fully committed to building a 21st century economy powered by clean, responsibly developed offshore wind.”

— Ed Potosnak, Executive Director of the New Jersey League of Conservation Voters

“Today marks a historic milestone for New Jersey’s just transition to clean energy and in advancing our offshore wind goals. The projects in this third solicitation signify that offshore wind development is moving forward and unwavering despite the newfound challenges that occur with any new industry. We are excited to see more turbines on New Jersey’s horizon and look forward to a safer climate future because of it.”

— Anjuli Ramos-Busot, Director, NJ Sierra Club

“We are pleased to see the BPU’s ongoing commitment to the emerging offshore wind sector, which will create many quality jobs for skilled union workers in New Jersey. Our union is prepared to supply our trained union carpenters, commercial divers, pile drivers, and millwrights to build this new energy industry safely and professionally. The EAS Carpenters Union has already made significant investments to ensure New Jersey is the leading destination
for offshore wind training through our expanded Hammonton Training Center and by launching the first union dive school in the country at our Sicklerville location.”

— William C. Sproule, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Eastern Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters

“We are encouraged to see New Jersey continue to make progress towards the goal of 100% clean energy by 2035. This latest and largest installment of wind turbines represents an important milestone on our journey to a clean energy economy. This power source will be an important complement to the solar power that is produced in the Pinelands and elsewhere in New Jersey.”

— Heidi Yeh, Policy Director of Pinelands Preservation Alliance

“Today’s announcement solidifies New Jersey’s commitment to leadership in transitioning away from dirty fossil fuel energy and towards a future thriving on clean, renewable energy. New Jersey residents are experiencing the impacts of the climate crisis more intensely than those in any other state. Responsible offshore wind energy is key to combating climate change.”

— Jennifer M. Coffey, Executive Director Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions (ANJEC)

"This new solicitation for Off Shore Wind proposals is good news for our health, economy and natural ecosystems of New Jersey. More clean, renewable sources of energy will help cut pollution, create thousands of jobs in the state, and avoid some of the costly harm coming our way from Climate Change. We are thrilled with this announcement.”

— Charles Loflin, Executive Director, Unitarian Universalist FaithAction NJ

“We are pleased that the BPU is taking this important step to bring energy justice and good-local jobs to our state by expanding offshore wind solicitations. Clean energy powered by offshore wind will also mean better health outcomes for low income and communities of color that have suffered far too long with asthma, heart attacks, and cancer caused by air pollution from burning fossil fuels. This is a win-win for all the residents of New Jersey, especially the dispossessed.”

— Rev. Ronald Tuff, Field Organizer, Green Faith

“This is continued progress toward sustainability not only for New Jersey, but for our country. It demonstrates that our state values science and technology to address climate change. It means cleaner air, good jobs, and new small business opportunities for all New Jersey residents.”

— Anne Poole, President, New Jersey Environmental Lobby.
“The climate crisis requires us to take strong steps and overcome significant challenges. Today, with this announcement, New Jersey has once again demonstrated that it is a national model, doing what is necessary to actualize its commitment to offshore wind and continuing to make progress. Not only is the governor’s commitment to tackling climate change crystal clear, Governor Murphy is simultaneously investing in future generations who will inevitably reap the benefits of New Jersey’s ambitious clean energy goals through new jobs, a cleaner environment, and a more secure future.”

— Cortney Koenig Worrall, President & CEO of Waterfront Alliance.

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