

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF DENMARK  
AND  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
TO STRENGTHEN COOPERATION ON OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY**

The Government of the Kingdom of Denmark, represented by the Embassy of Denmark in Washington, D.C., and the Government of the United States of America, represented by the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (hereinafter the Participants"),

Recognizing the common interests in development of offshore wind as a clean and sustainable energy source;

Considering the strategic role of renewable energy in addressing current global, national, regional, and local challenges; energy security; and economic development need;

Recognizing the importance of promoting renewable energy solutions and the urgency of finding cost effective and lasting solutions to energy issues that are compatible with the need for economic growth;

Wishing to promote mutually beneficial cooperation in the development and use of offshore wind energy; and

Bearing in mind that this Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is intended to provide a general framework for cooperation in the field of offshore wind energy,

Have reached the following understandings:

**Section 1 – Objective**

The objective of this MOU is to promote a mutually beneficial relationship between the Participants in the field of offshore wind energy, with a view to sharing knowledge, experiences, data, and best practices relevant to the development of offshore wind energy.

**Section 2 – Priorities of Cooperation**

The following topics have been identified as high priority areas for cooperation between the Participants under this MOU:

1. Promoting information sharing, best practices, and policy initiatives to support development and regulation of offshore wind energy resources;
2. Working to identify and discuss challenges associated with financing and risk management for offshore wind energy facilities;

3. Identifying opportunities for the sharing of best practices, regulatory approaches, and scientific models with regard to protection of the environment, including, but not limited to, the effects of offshore wind energy facilities on marine mammals, migratory birds, and cultural resources;
4. Facilitating technical knowledge transfer related to electrical interconnection and grid integration of electricity generated from offshore wind energy facilities; and
5. Knowledge sharing on a wide range of offshore wind energy issues, including supply chain, offtake, grid integration/interconnection, system planning to optimize offshore wind energy deployment, data on the benefits of offshore wind energy, and strategies for achieving cost reductions.

### **Section 3 – Cooperative Mechanisms**

Cooperative mechanisms to accomplish the goals established by this MOU may include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Exchange of information and documentation;
2. Intergovernmental and international visits involving policymakers, regulators, academic institutions, and businesses; and
3. Joint organization of and participation in seminars, workshops, and meetings to share information and practices, and to educate key stakeholders, including within the supply chain for offshore wind energy.

Each Participant intends to designate a Senior Official as "Coordinator" to supervise and coordinate the planning, performance, evaluation, and approval of cooperative activities carried out under this MOU. The Embassy of Denmark is expected to be the focal point for the contribution of Danish knowledge and experience related to this MOU, including knowledge sharing in connection with bilateral visits between Denmark and the U.S. The Embassy of Denmark will coordinate with regulators and officials in relevant Danish Ministries, agencies, and authorities, including – as agreed by the parties involved – the Danish Ministry of Energy, Utilities and Climate, the Ministry of Environment and Food, the Agency for Culture and Palaces, and the Wind Energy Department at the Consulate General of Denmark in Chicago.

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management within the Department of the Interior is expected to be the focal point for U.S. coordination and engagement related to this MOU, and plans to coordinate with other relevant U.S. government entities and other parties as needed.

### **Section 4 – Encouragement of Participation**

Both Participants intend to encourage, as appropriate, non-governmental organizations, research institutions, businesses, and government institutions to participate in cooperative activities in further support of the objectives of this MOU.

### **Section 5 – Costs**

Nothing in this MOU represents a commitment of funds by either of the Participants.

### **Section 6 – No Implied Liability**

The Participants understand that cooperative efforts and activities under this MOU are considered by the Participants to be facilitated exchange of information only, and not advice or consultancy.

### **Section 7 – Modification Procedure**

This MOU may be modified at any time by the mutual written consent of the Participants.

### **Section 8 – Dispute Resolution**

Any dispute about the interpretation or implementation of the MOU should be resolved through consultations between the Participants.

### **Article 9 – Term**

This MOU is intended to be effective upon signature, and in effect for five years from the date of final execution. Either Participant may discontinue this MOU by means of a written notice to the other Participant. Discontinuation should take effect three months following the date of notification, and should not affect activities already under implementation.

Signed in Washington, D.C. on May 4, 2016, in duplicate, in the English language.

For the Government of the Kingdom of  
Denmark:



For the Government of the United States of  
America;

