

BOEM Request for Interest as Stakeholder Engagement Opportunity

Task Force Meeting Working Session

Purpose of a RFI:

1. Provides description of proposed project on the OCS for the public
2. Provide interested parties the opportunity to express interest in competing for an OCS lease in the proposed area described in the RFI
3. Parties other than those interested in obtaining a commercial lease are welcome to submit comments in response to the RFI

Sections of a Request for Interest:

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 - Background
 - Determination of Competitive Interest Process
 - Description of the Proposed Lease Area/Map
 - Department of Defense Activities and Stipulations
 - Required Indication of Interest Information
 - Requested Information from Interested or Affected Parties
 - Protection of Privileged or Confidential Information

Requested Information from Interested & Affected Parties

BOEM also requests from the public and other interested or affected parties specific and detailed comments regarding, and not limited to:

1. Geological and geophysical conditions
2. Historic properties
3. Multiple Uses of the area
4. Relevant environmental information
5. Socioeconomic information

Submission Procedures

You may submit an indication of interest, comments and information by one of three methods:

1. *Electronically:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. In the entry titled “Enter Keyword or ID,” enter the assigned Docket number, then click search. Follow the instructions to submit public comments and view supporting and related materials available
2. – Or – through the BOEM website: www.boem.gov
3. *By Mail:* Interest, comments, and information may be mailed to BOEM Pacific Region office address included in the RFI



Smart from the Start -- BOEM will hold the first auctions for offshore commercial wind development in the Atlantic this year. Learn more...

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Hurricane Sandy response: BOEM has reached out to states and is prepared to work with partners at all levels of government to restore coast and wetlands devastated by Hurricane Sandy. In almost 20 years, the BOEM Marine Minerals Program has completed 38 projects and conveyed more than 73 million cubic yards of sand and gravel to replenish more than 202 miles of coastline in five states.

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2012 - 2017 Five Year Program: Visit this page to find details of the proposed final and regionally tailored program for oil and gas lease sales. The program consists of a schedule, indicating the size, timing, and location of proposed leasing activity that the Secretary of the Interior determines will best meet national energy needs.

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Public Engagement Opportunities

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) sees public input as a critical component of the safe and responsible exploration and development of offshore resources. Public engagement and comment is solicited in our environmental review and regulatory programs for both oil and gas, and renewable energy proposals.

In addition to accepting public comments online, BOEM interacts with stakeholders and partners in state, local and tribal governments through task force meetings and small community meetings on specific issues. We also publish an online newsletter and informative notes for stakeholders.

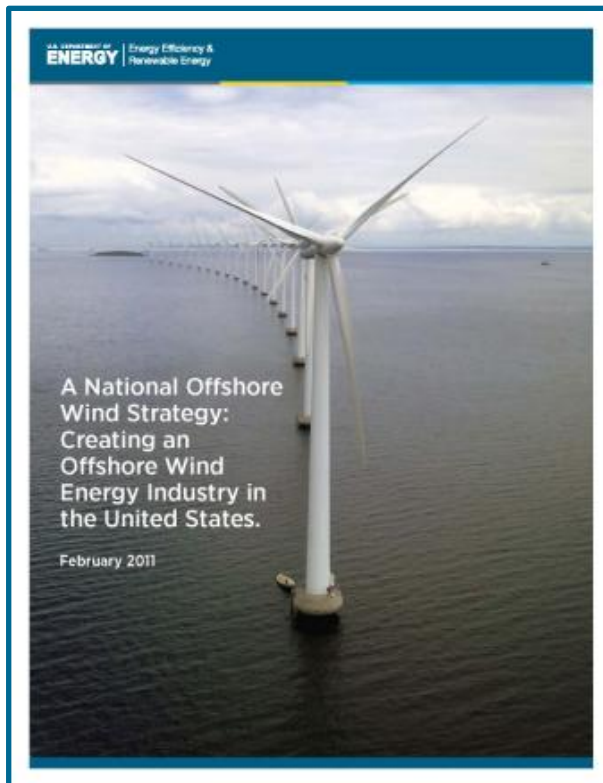
Visit the following links to find out how BOEM serves the public with outreach and tools for public engagement.

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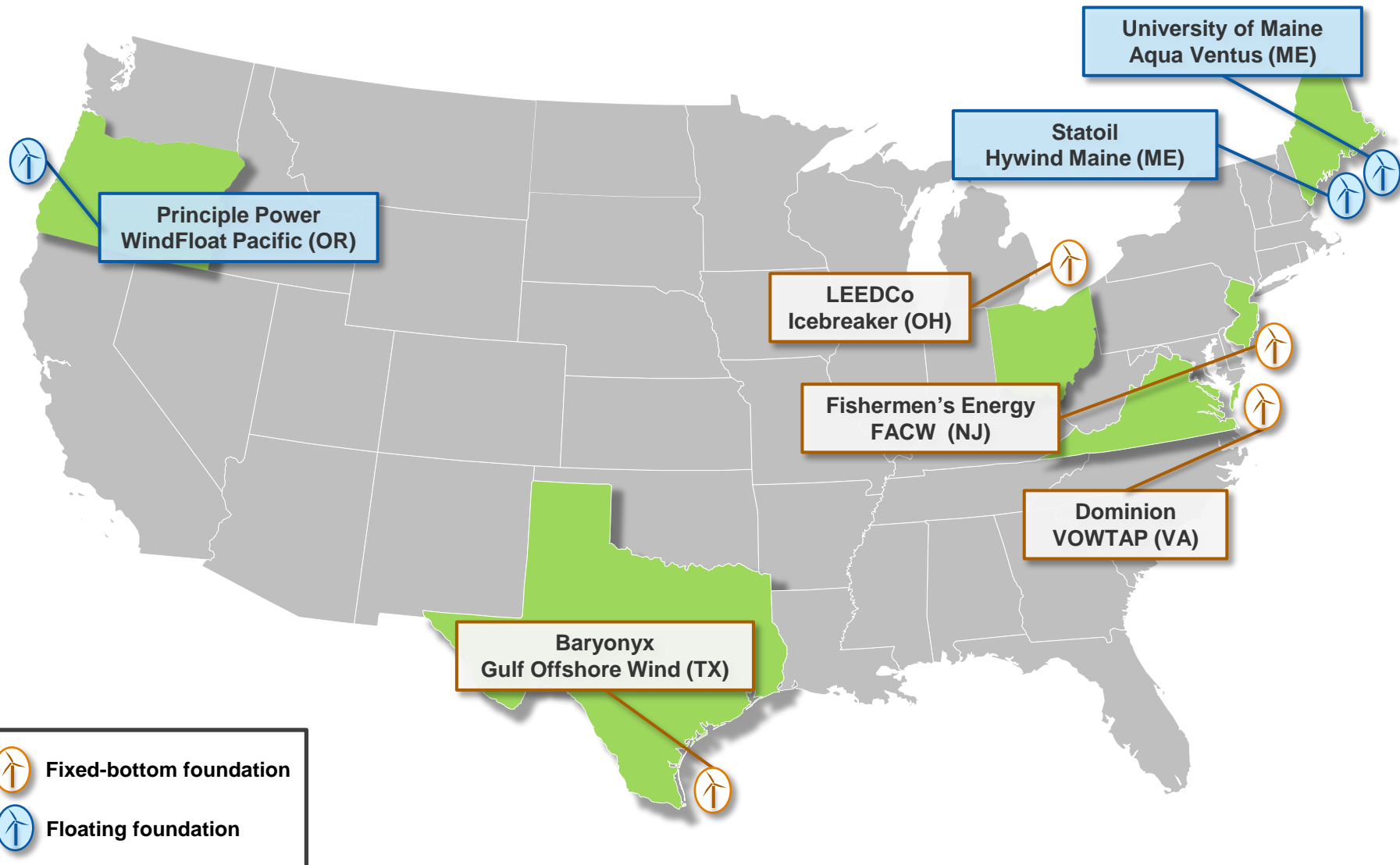
Two Critical Objectives:

- 1) Reducing the cost of energy through technology development
- 2) Reducing deployment timelines and uncertainties



Prepared under DOI/DOE MOU
Announced 2011 by
Secretaries Salazar and Chu

Advanced Technology Demonstration Project Locations



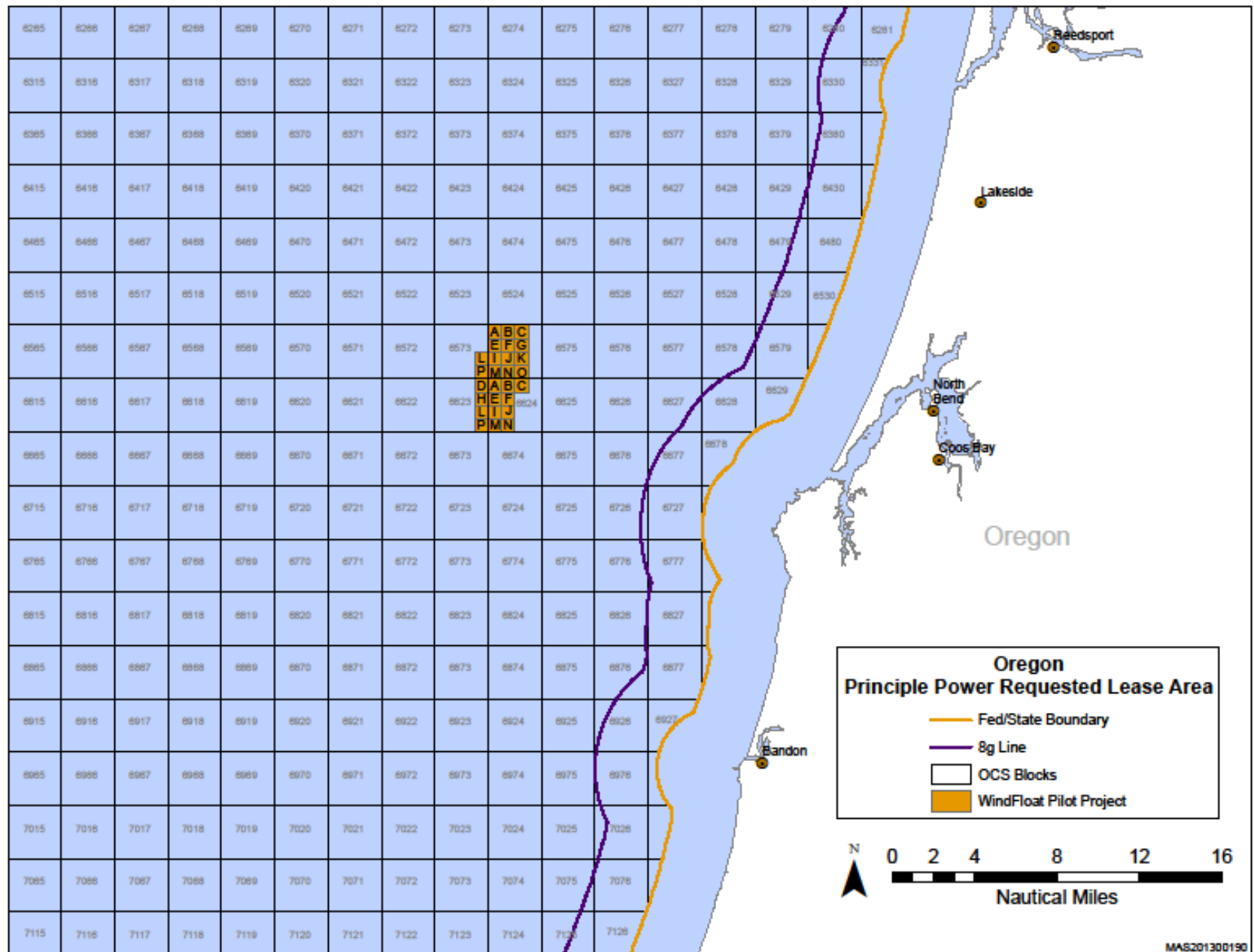
Determination of Competitive Interest and leasing process:

Competitive

- ▶ BOEM prepares & publishes a Call for Information (CALL)
- ▶ Proposed Sale Notice
- ▶ Final Sale Notice
- ▶ Lease Sale / Auction
- ▶ Lease award

Non-competitive

- ▶ BOEM prepares & publishes a Determination of No Competitive Interest (DNCI)
- ▶ Proposed applicant may submit plans to BOEM for the project



DoD Activities & Stipulations:

- ▶ **Site specific stipulations:**

Wind projects in certain areas may have impact on military activities and DoD may request that BOEM add stipulations to the lease agreement to mitigate impacts; e.g., a requirement for the developer to coordinate major construction activities with DoD to avoid conflicting use during large fleet training exercises.

Indications of Interest:

- ▶ Response procedure described in 30 CFR 585.213
- ▶ Potential applicants submit an application to BOEM as described in the RFI
 - (1) Statement of interest in proposed lease area
 - (2) Description of project and facilities
 - (3) General schedule of activities leading to commercial development
 - (4) Information & data on renewable energy resources and environmental conditions in the area
 - (5) Demonstration of legal qualifications
 - (6) technical and financial capability

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Protection of Privileged or Confidential Information:

- ▶ Freedom of Information Act
 - Exemption 4 of FOIA applies to trade secrets and commercial or financial information that is privileged or confidential
- ▶ National Historic Preservation Act
 - Section 304
 - BOEM will withhold the location, character and ownership of historic resources may cause any harm

What will BOEM do with information provided from a RFI?

- Determine if competitive interest exists
- Further identify and refine the lease area
- Develop options for environmental analysis
- Solicit public input on potential environmental consequences
- Prepare for future National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis
- Share the comments and information with the Task Force

Thank You!!