

# New Jersey Offshore Wind

Public Stakeholder Meeting

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## Fourth Solicitation Draft Guidance Document

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# Agenda

1. Background on New Jersey's Offshore Wind Program
2. Key New Jersey Offshore Wind Activities to Date
3. The Structure of the Draft Guidance Document
4. Key Updates of the Draft Guidance Document
5. Public Comments
6. Next Steps



# Background on New Jersey Offshore Wind

- *NJ Offshore Wind Economic Development Act (2010)*
  - Directs the NJBPU to establish a program for **Offshore Wind Renewable Energy Certificates (ORECs)** to incentivize development of offshore wind facilities
- *Governor Murphy's Executive Offshore Wind Goals*
  - **Executive Order No. 8**, signed on January 31, 2018, sets the goal of 3.5 GW of offshore wind capacity by 2030
  - **Executive Order No. 92**, signed on November 19th, 2019, increases goal to 7.5 GW of offshore wind capacity by 2035
  - **Executive Order No. 307**, signed on September 21, 2022, increases goal to 11 GW of offshore wind capacity by 2040
  - **Executive Order No. 315**, signed on February 15, 2023, increases New Jersey's renewable energy goal to 100 percent clean energy by 2035



*"There is no other renewable energy resource that provides us with either the electric-generation or economic-growth potential of offshore wind... Our offshore wind industry will generate billions of dollars in investments in New Jersey's future, that will, in turn, create thousands of jobs. We have an immense opportunity to maximize our potential and make this region and, specifically New Jersey, the nexus of the global wind industry."*

- Governor Phil Murphy

# Key Activities to Date

## OREC

- The BPU established the Offshore Wind Renewable Energy Credit (OREC) funding mechanism rule

## Strategic Plan

- Developed strategic plan for achieving New Jersey's OSW Goals

## NJ Wind Port

- Development project of over 200-acres with the goal of positioning New Jersey as a hub for U.S. OSW industry
- Purpose Built marshalling and manufacturing space

## Solicitation 1

- BPU awarded in June 2019 the 1,100 MW Ocean Wind Project

## Solicitation 2

- BPU awarded in June 2021 the 1,148 MW Ocean Wind 2 Project and the 1,510 MW Atlantic Shores 1 Project

## State Agreement Approach

- In October 2022, BPU, in coordination with PJM, provided a coordinated transmission solution at a single point of interconnection for future OSW projects at the Larrabee Collector Station

## Solicitation 3

- The BPU awarded in January 2024 the 2,400 MW Leading Light Wind Project and the 1,342 MW Attentive Energy Two Project

## Solicitation 4

- BPU's fourth solicitation, will target capacity of approximately 1,200 to 4,000 MW

# New Jersey Offshore Wind 4th Solicitation Draft Schedule

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Draft for Public Comment</b>	<b>March 6, 2024</b>
<b>Public Comment Deadline</b>	<b>March 27, 2024</b>
<b>Board Consideration of Release of Solicitation</b>	<b>Early Q2 2024</b>
<b>Applications Due</b>	<b>Early Q3 2024</b>
<b>Board Decision</b>	<b>Late Q4 2024</b>

# Overview



## Goals

- Implement Governor Phil Murphy's vision of making New Jersey a leading hub of OSW development and to meet the State's aggressive clean energy goals
- Procure approximately 1,200 MW to 4,000 MW of OSW capacity
- Encourage competition
- Minimize impacts to natural resources

## Layout of the Guidance Document

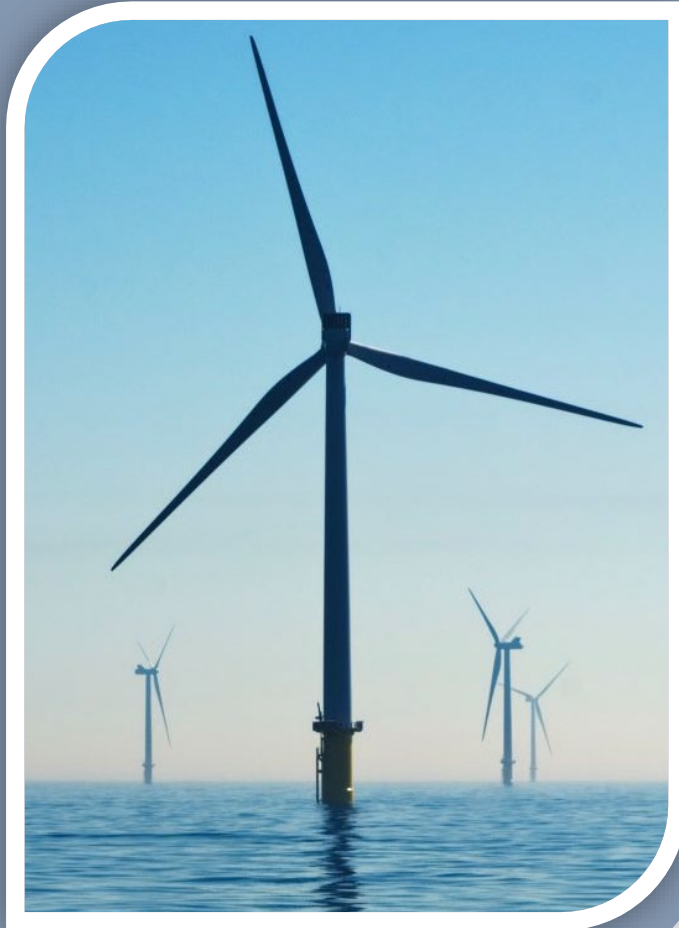
- Timeline and mechanics of the Fourth Solicitation
- Application requirements
- Criteria for evaluating Applications
- Additional information, forms and templates – Attachments



# Required Submittals

- Applicant Information
- Project Descriptions
- Energy Production Estimate
- Financial Analysis
- Project Financing Plan
- Documentation of Financial Incentives
- Project Revenue Plan and Strategy
- Economic Development Plan
- Environmental Protection Plan and Emissions Impacts
- Fisheries Protection Plan
- Project Timeline
- Interconnection Plan
- Permitting Plan
- O&M Plan
- Decommissioning Plan
- Cost-Benefit Analysis
- Application Form

# Evaluation Criteria



<u>Evaluation Factors</u>	<u>Weight</u>
OREC Purchase Price and Ratepayer Impacts	60%
Economic Impacts and Strength of Guarantees for Economic Impacts	20%
Environmental and Fisheries Impacts	10%
Likelihood of Successful Commercial Operation*	10%

\*Aspects of likelihood of successful commercial operation related to feasibility of Project design will also be used to determine whether a Project is eligible to become a Qualified Project.

## Key Updates



- Re-Bid Project guidelines
- Modifications to inflation adjustment mechanism
- Economic development priorities
- Transmission and interconnection options
- Performance guarantee guidelines

# Public Comments

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# Next Steps

- **Written comments due by 5:00 p.m. EST on Wednesday, March 27, 2024**
- Access the Draft Guidance Document [here](#).
- Submit electronically:
  - Using the “Post Comments” button on the Board’s [Public Document Search](#) tool; or
  - Email: [Board.Secretary@bpu.nj.gov](mailto:Board.Secretary@bpu.nj.gov)
    - PDF or Word format
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