

BOEMRE Massachusetts Renewable Energy Task Force



Revised draft Massachusetts Request for Interest

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Request for Interest (RFI)



- Invites submissions of interest in obtaining one or more commercial leases from BOEMRE for the construction and operation of a renewable energy project on the OCS
- Invites comments and information to be submitted from interested and affected parties that will be useful in consideration of the RFI area for commercial renewable energy development

Contents of the RFI



- Agency, Action, and Summary, Submission Procedures, Response Date, Contact Information
- Supplementary Information
 - Purpose of the RFI
 - Background
 - Determination of Competition
 - Competitive and Noncompetitive Process
 - Environmental Review Process
 - Description of the Area
 - Required Indication of Interest Information
 - Protection of Privileged or Confidential Information

Contents of the RFI



- Purpose of the RFI
 - Gauge specific interest in commercial development of wind energy resources
 - Assist BOEMRE in determining if competitive interest exists
- Background

Contents of the RFI



- Determination of Competitive Interest
 - Evaluate submissions or nominations received in response to the RFI
- Determination of Competitive Interest
 - Geographic Overlap
 - Intertract

Competitive Process



- Call for Information and Nominations (45 days), BOEMRE begins **NEPA review** on lease sale and lease issuance
- Area Identification
- Proposed Sale Notice (60 days)
- Final Sale Notice (30 days before sale)
- Lease sale, Bid Evaluation
- Issuance of a Lease

After Competitive Process?



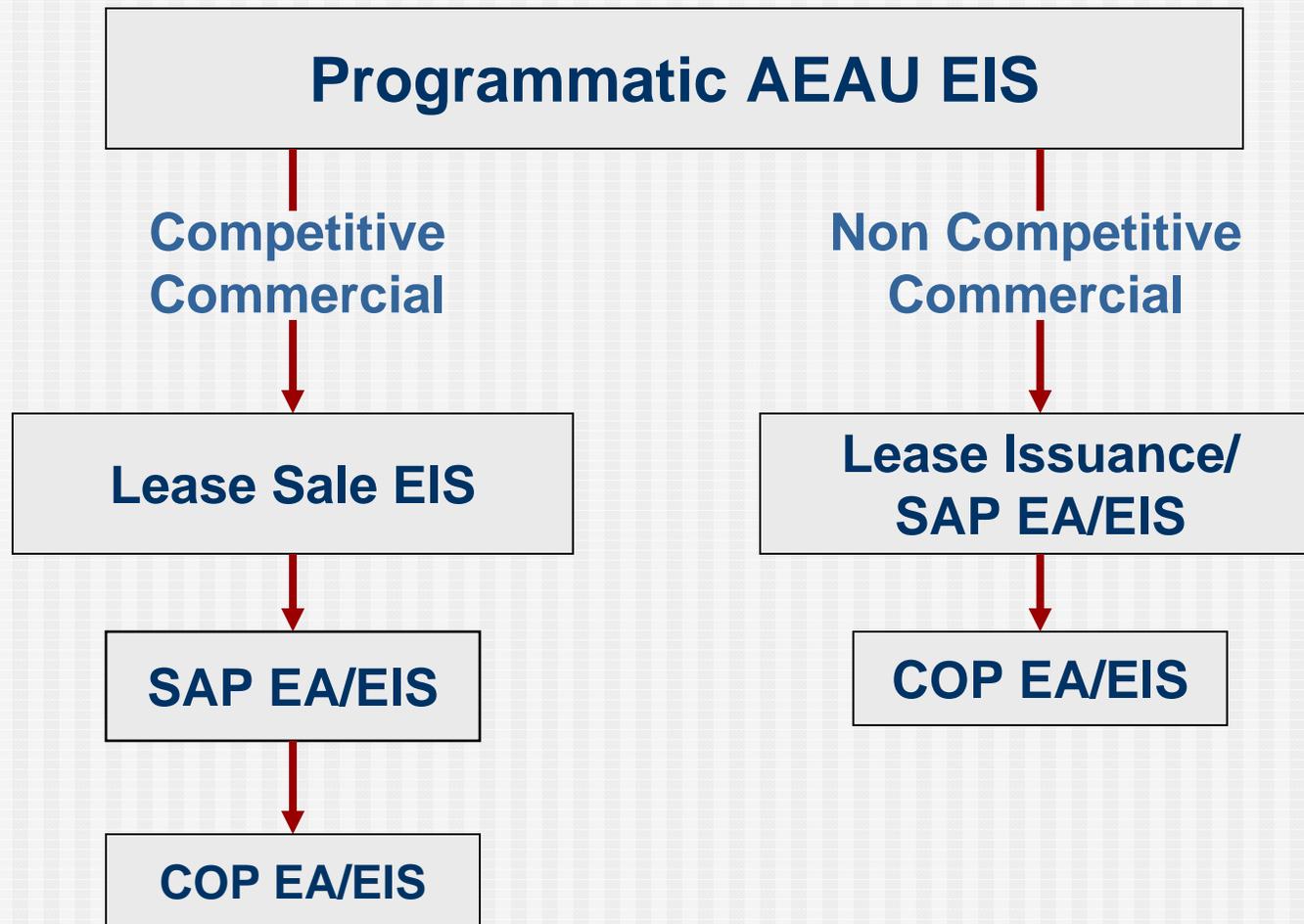
- Applicant submits **Site Assessment Plan** within 6 months of lease issuance
- BOEMRE conducts **NEPA review** on SAP activities not covered in Lease Sale EIS
 - 5 year site assessment term
- Lessee submits **Construction and Operations Plan**
- BOEMRE conducts **NEPA review** on COP approval
 - 25 year construction and operations term
- Safety management system, facility design report, fabrication and installation report

Noncompetitive Process



- Determination of no competitive interest
- Applicant submits **SAP** within 60 days
- BOEMRE conducts **NEPA review** on both the Lease issuance and SAP approval
 - 5 year site assessment term
- Lessee submits **COP**, BOEMRE conducts **NEPA review** on COP approval
 - 25 year construction and operations term
- Safety management system, facility design report, fabrication and installation report

Environmental Review Process



Description of the Area



- Location off coast of MA beginning approximately 12 nm south of Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket and extending approximately 23 nm south to the 60 meter depth contour, then east approximately 75 nm, then north approximately 44 nm
- 375 whole OCS blocks, 2,522 nm²

Required Indication of Interest Information



- Description of OCS blocks within RFI area, including buffer
- Description of objectives and facilities
- Description of plans for transmission*
- Schedule of proposed activities
- Available and pertinent data and information regarding renewable energy and environmental conditions
- Qualification documentation

Protection of Privileged or Confidential Information



- Identifies certain information BOEMRE required to protect under Exemption 4 of FOIA
- Identifies certain information that BOEMRE will not treat as confidential

Questions?

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