

Request for Interest in Renewable Energy Leasing on the Outer Continental Shelf



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What is an RFI?

- A Request for Interest (RFI) is a formal invitation of submissions of interest in obtaining leases or grants from the BOEMRE, authorizing the construction and operation of a renewable energy project on the OCS
- An RFI is published by the BOEMRE in the Federal Register followed by a comment period

Public Comment Period

- The published RFI is accompanied by a public comment period
- The comment period is variable, but will typically be for 60 days
- Only submissions received by the comment period deadline will be considered

Purpose of the RFI

- OCSLA (Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act) requires BOEMRE to award leases competitively, unless BOEMRE makes a determination that there is no competitive interest
- The RFI will assist BOEMRE in determining if competitive interest exists in the described area

Determining Competitive Interest

- Based on the information received in response to RFI, BOEMRE will make a determination of competitive interest
 - Geographic overlap?
 - Intertract competition

Information to be Submitted in Response to a RFI

- Items to be submitted in response to RFI:
 - Site locations
 - Timing and type of proposed activities
 - Infrastructure
 - Environmental and resource data and information
 - Qualifications to hold an OCS lease
- Others?

RFI Elements for Task Force Members' Consideration

- Description of the RFI Area
- Required Indication of Interest Information

Task Force members will have the opportunity to review and comment on the draft RFI prior to its publication in the Federal Register

Questions?
