

Request for Interest (RFI) Renewable Energy Leasing

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What is an RFI?

- ❑ An RFI is published in the Federal Register
 - ❑ A formal notice inviting interested parties to provide submissions of interest in obtaining one or more commercial leases from MMS authorizing the construction and operation of a renewable energy project on the OCS
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Purpose of the RFI

- ❑ OCSLA requires MMS to award leases competitively, unless MMS makes a determination that there is no competitive interest
 - ❑ The RFI will assist MMS in determining if competitive interest exists in the described area
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Public Comment Period

- ❑ The published RFI is accompanied by a public comment period
 - ❑ The comment period is variable, but typically no less than 60 days
 - ❑ Only submissions received by the comment period deadline will be considered
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RFI Elements for Task Force 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

Evaluation Factors to Determine Competitive Interest

- Some factors MMS could consider:
 - Site locations
 - Timing and type of proposed activities
 - Infrastructure
 - Anticipated power production and likely purchasers
 - Environmental and resource data and information
 - Qualifications to hold an OCS lease
 - Others?
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Determining Competitive Interest

- Once MMS has reviewed information submitted, MMS will make a determination of competitive interest
 - Geographic overlap?
 - Inter-tract competition
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Questions?
