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Building U.S. Offshore Wind: Advanced Technology Demonstration Projects

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### **Global State of the Offshore** Wind Industry



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#### State of the Industry

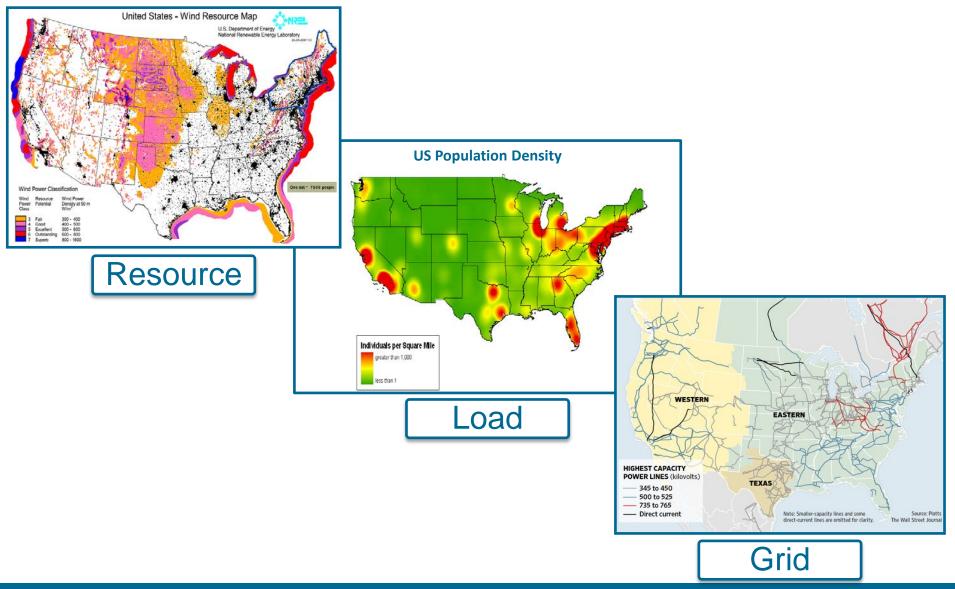
- 80 projects, 6,800MW installed as of the end of 2013
- Development primarily in Europe to date with the UK leading
- China has over 5 GW approved, with 500 MW under construction
- Trend towards larger direct drive generators
- Japan is investing in floating technology development and demonstration



# Why Offshore Wind in the U.S.?



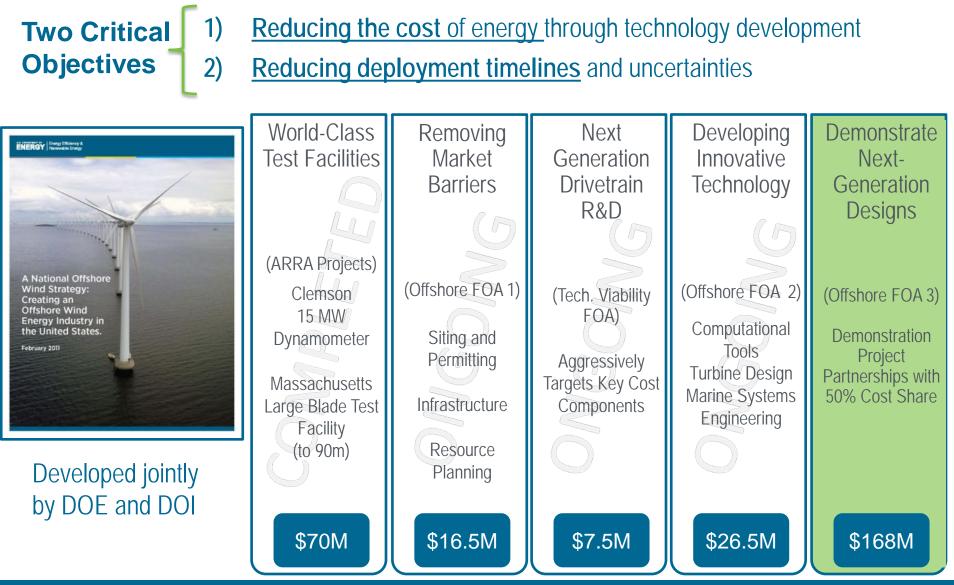
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# **National Offshore Wind Strategy**

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Support the development of a world-leading domestic offshore wind industry that provides clean wind energy to the U.S. and abroad

Establish commercial scale offshore wind demonstrations to validate technology

Establish an infrastructure and supply chain for the domestic offshore wind industry

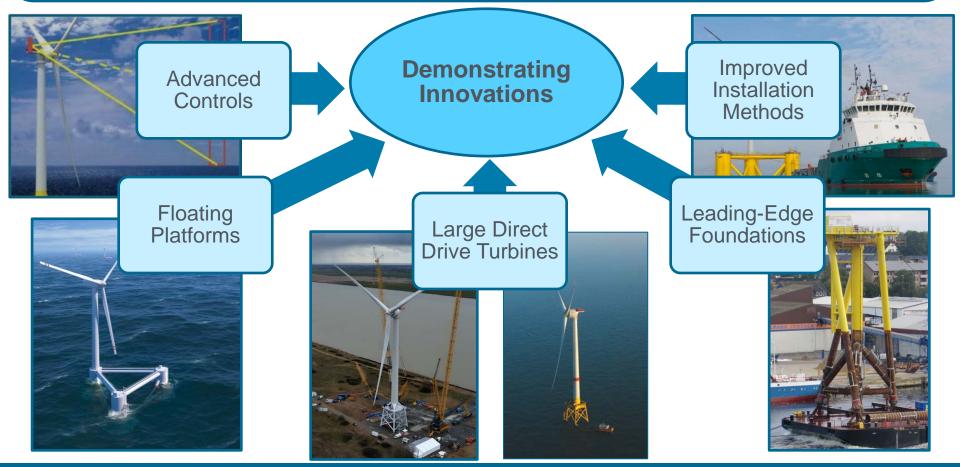
Facilitate development of the regulatory framework for domestic offshore wind installations

Installed, Commissioned and Grid Connection by the end of 2017

### **OSW Demonstration Project Goals**



- Install innovative offshore wind systems in U.S. waters, rapidly and responsibly
- Drive down the cost of offshore wind with demonstration project innovations



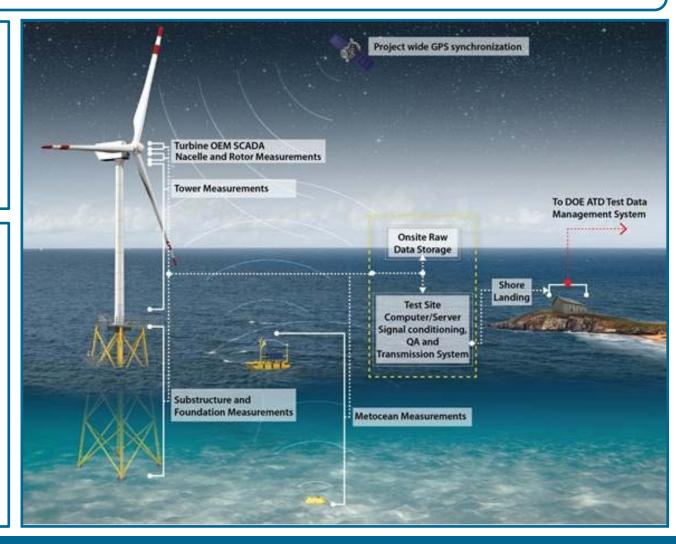


#### Projects to be well instrumented and collect data for 5 years after installation

#### **Measurements**

- Metocean Conditions
- Turbine Performance
- Structural Response
- Environmental Impacts

Data will inform future technology development, standards development, environmental and wildlife protection measures, and NEPA and permitting processes, helping promote responsible commercial deployment.



### **OSW Demonstration Project Goals**



- Evaluating current siting and approval processes and identifying opportunities for improvement
- Address public concerns associated with the concept of offshore wind
- Reduce environmental uncertainties by creating an opportunity for learning







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## Dominion (Virginia Power) VOWTAP Project

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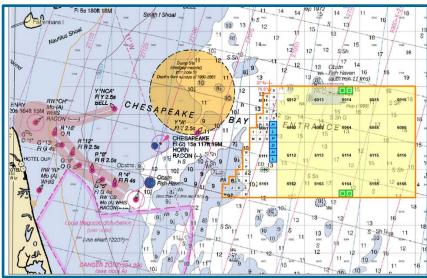
### **Project Highlights**

- •23 nm off Virginia in 25 m of water
- Two 6-MW Alstom direct drive wind turbines
- IBGS foundation
- Advanced feed-forward controls and health monitoring
- •Hurricane ride through capabilities
- Adjacent to BOEM Wind Energy Area

#### Project Partners

Alstom, Keystone Engineering, KBR, NREL, Newport News Shipbuilding and VA DMME





#### **DOE NEPA Process**

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- BOEM is lead NEPA agency
  - DOE is a Cooperating Agency
  - Efficient use of resources and streamlines the process
  - Enhances agencies ability to adopt environmental documents
- DOE will conduct independent review of EA
  - If DOE concludes its NEPA requirements, comments and suggestions have been satisfied, DOE can adopt the document
  - DOE will issue its own decision document
- DOE/EERE NEPA documents are posted at: http://www.eere.energy.gov/golden/Reading\_Room.aspx





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