U.S. Outer Continental Shelf
Renewable Energy: Overview of Leasing Process

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OCS Renewable Energy Authorization Process

Planning & Analysis

Leasing

Site Assessment

Construction & Operations

2 Years

1-2 Years

5 Years

2 Years (+25)
Renewable Energy Process: From RFI/Call to Operation

[ Planning & Analysis ]
- Initiate Leasing Process (RFI/Call)
- Area Identification
- Wind Energy Areas
- Publish Leasing Notices
- 0 ~ 1/2
- 0 < 1 1/2
- NEPA/Environmental Reviews
- Auction

[ Leasing ]
- Lease Granted
- Submit SAP
- Pre-Survey Meetings/Plan
- Site Assessment & Surveys (maximum timeframe)
- BOEM Reviews & Approves SAP

[ Site Assessment ]
- BOEM Deems COP Complete & Sufficient
- BOEM Environmental & Technical Reviews
- BOEM Approves COP
- Submission COP (with Project Design Envelope – optional)
- Submit Design & Installation Plans

[ Construction & Operations ]
Request for Interest to Lease Sale

- Request for Interest
- Call for Information and Nominations
- Area Identification
- Leasing Document Development
- Auction

Potential Task Force Meetings / Webinars

Request for Interest
Call
Area Identification
Proposed Sale Notice
Final Sale Notice
• High-level screening

• Initial identification of areas that may be suitable for potential offshore wind development
Request for Interest (RFI) Area

- Collect information to determine the level of interest in offshore wind leasing
- Shed more light on suitability of area for wind development
Request comments on:

- Areas for special consideration and analysis
- Conditions in the Call Area
- Areas to be considered for leasing

Call for Information and Nominations - Area

Planning Area

RFI Area

Call Area

Optional  Required
Wind Energy Area

• A portion of the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) identified by BOEM for NEPA analysis (Environmental Assessment)

• The basis for a Lease Area
• Wind Energy Areas have the potential for further division into Lease Areas
How is Input Collected?

[ Planning & Analysis ]

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[ Leasing ]

- Lease Granted
- Submit SAP

[ Site Assessment ]

- Site Assessment & Surveys (maximum timeframe)
- Consultations

[ Construction & Operations ]

- BOEM Deems COP Complete & Sufficient
- Comment Periods & Meetings
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Comment Periods & Meetings

Auction

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Installation