BOEM Renewable Energy Leasing:
From a Call to Auction

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Renewable Energy Process: From Leasing to Operations

- Initiate Leasing Process (RFI/Call)
- Area Identification
  - Wind Energy Areas
- Publish Leasing Notices
- Lease Granted
- Submit SAP
- Site Assessment & Surveys
  - Pre-survey Meetings/Plan
  - (maximum timeframe)
- BOEM Deems COP Complete & Sufficient
- BOEM Approves COP
- NEPA/Environmental Reviews
- Auction
- BOEM Reviews & Approves SAP
- Submit COP
- Submit Design & Installation Plans
Renewable Energy Process: From Call to Auction

Call for Information and Nominations

YOU ARE HERE

Call

Area Identification
Wind Energy Areas

Area ID

Environmental Assessment Process & Public Involvement

Public Comment

Public Comment

Proposed Sale Notice

Final Sale Notice

Leasing Document Development

Auction

45 days

60 days

Potential Task Force Meetings/Webinars

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Renewable Energy Process: Call for Information & Nominations

What is a Call?

- The **start** of the leasing process
- Identifies the area from which Wind Energy Areas will be identified
- Requests comments on specific area of OCS being considered for leasing
- Nominations inform competitive interest
Renewable Energy Process: Comment Period

After the Call is published in the Federal Register, a 45 day comment period will open

- What do we do with the information we receive?
  - Used to inform Area ID
    - Deconflict competing uses
    - Evaluate industry nominations and process qualifications
  - Comments posted to Regulations.gov
Renewable Energy Process: Call for Information & Nominations

Required Nomination Information

• Where?
• How much?
  ▪ **Reasonable sizes**, e.g. 80,000 acres, which can support 800 MW
  ▪ Unreasonable nominations, e.g. the entire Call Area, may not be accepted

• Why?
• Known site details
• Qualification Information
Where are the Draft Call Areas?
How were they chosen?

- NY State input and Area for Consideration
- Regional Task Force and public input
- Unsolicited lease request
Renewable Energy Process: Area Identification

What is Area ID?

- The process used to identify wind energy areas for environmental analysis and consideration for leasing
- Information considered
- Stakeholder outreach
Renewable Energy Process: Environmental Assessment

BOEM’s NEPA Process

- Environmental Assessment
- Finding of No Significant Impact or Environmental Impact Statement
- Comment periods, opportunities for stakeholder involvement
Renewable Energy Process: Stakeholder Outreach Events

- **Briefing at Fisheries Management Council Meetings**
  - New England – *Dec. 5*
  - Mid-Atlantic – *Dec. 13*

- **NY Bight Task Force Engagement**

- **NEPA Public Scoping**

- **Harbor Port Committee Meetings**

- **Recommendations?**

**Proposed Sale Notice**

- Area for leasing
- Fiscal terms
- Auction details and format
- Proposed lease terms

Final Sale Notice

Auction

- Targeted end of 2019
Questions?

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