

# MMS Massachusetts Task Force Meeting

## *Renewable Energy Uses of the Outer Continental Shelf*

Buzzards Bay, Massachusetts

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Office of Offshore Alternative Energy Programs  
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# Overview

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- Summary of November 19 Task Force meeting
- Presentation of Draft RFI
- Discussion of Draft RFI
- Action Items and Next Steps

# November 19 Summary



- Introduction and purpose of the Task Force
- MMS renewable energy leasing process
- MMS environmental review process
- Draft Task Force Charter
- Introduction of the Request for Interest (RFI)

# Request for Interest (RFI)



- A formal invitation of 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
- Published by MMS in the *Federal Register* followed by a public comment period

# Purpose of the RFI



- Gauge specific interest in the commercial development of OCS renewable energy resources
- Assist MMS in determining if competitive interest exists in the described area

# Publication of the RFI



- MMS evaluates submissions indicating particular areas of interest and makes a determination of competitive interest
- Geographic overlap or intertract competition
- Competitive Process
- Noncompetitive Process



# Competitive Process



- Call for Information and Nominations
- Area Identification
- Proposed Sale Notice
- Final Sale Notice
- Bid Evaluation
- Issuance of a Lease
- Applicant submits Site Assessment Plan within 6-months

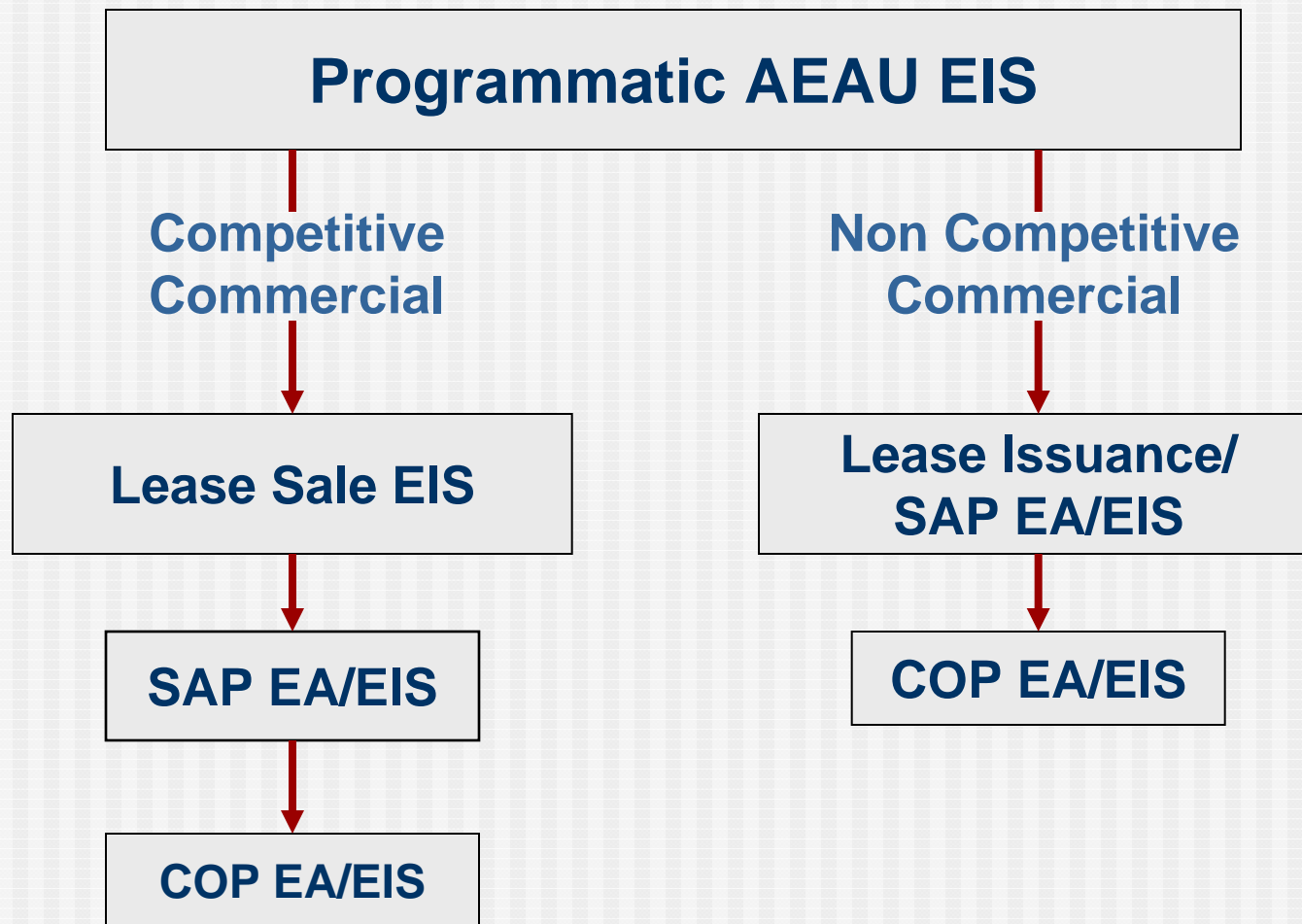
# Noncompetitive Process



- Publish notice of proposed lease
- Publish determination of no competitive interest
- Applicant submits Site Assessment Plan within 60-days



# NEPA Review



# Required Indication of Interest Information



- Description of OCS blocks within RFI area, including buffer
- Description of plans for transmission\*
- Schedule of proposed activities
- Available and pertinent data and information regarding renewable energy and environmental conditions
- Qualification documentation

# Questions?

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