

MMS Virginia Task Force Meeting

Renewable Energy Uses of the Outer Continental Shelf

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Office of Offshore Alternative Energy Programs
Minerals Management Service

Major Federal Agencies Involved in OCS Activities

- Minerals Management Service
- Department of Defense
- U.S. Coast Guard
- NASA
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Fish and Wildlife Service
- National Marine Fisheries Service
- Army Corps of Engineers
- Federal Aviation Administration



Request for Interest (RFI)

- ❑ Published in the Federal Register
- ❑ Formally invites interested parties to express interest in obtaining commercial leases and solicits comments
- ❑ Followed by a comment period



Purpose of the RFI

- Helps MMS gauge the level of development interest
- Additional comments on environmental concerns

Required Indication of Interest Information



- Description of OCS blocks within RFI area, including buffer
- Schedule of proposed activities
- Available and pertinent data and information regarding renewable energy and environmental conditions
- Qualification documentation
- Other – Need Task Force Input



Evaluation of Response

- 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

Task Force Involvement continues Throughout Leasing Process

Questions?

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