

**Memorandum of Understanding
between
Special Initiative on Offshore Wind, University of Delaware
and
Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control
for
Analysis of Options for Procurement of Offshore Wind Power**

I. MISSION

The Special Initiative on Offshore Wind, University of Delaware (“SIOW”) conducts policy analysis, consults with government, creates guidance documents, and writes policy papers related to offshore wind power.

The Delaware Department of National Resources and Environmental Control’s (“DNREC”) strategic priorities include promoting “investing in clean and renewable energy infrastructure.” (<https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/mission/>)

Together, the Parties — SIOW and DNREC — enter into this Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) pursuant to which SIOW will carry out analysis and write a report to inform decisions by the State of Delaware regarding the possible procurement of offshore wind power and related issues, and DNREC will provide input on the analysis and will comment on the report.

Accordingly, SIOW and DNREC, operating under this MOU, agree as follows:

II. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

1. DNREC Secretary Shawn M. Garvin requested that DNREC engage SIOW “to conduct analysis of market conditions and options for developing offshore wind to serve Delaware,” noting that the market had evolved since the state last examined it in 2018 and that a new report, drawing on SIOW’s expertise, would be appropriate. Secretary Garvin also designated Thomas Noyes of the Division of Climate, Coastal & Energy as SIOW’s point of contact for this work. (Letter of April 14, 2021)
2. The chairs and vice chairs of the Senate Environment and Energy Committee and the House Energy Committee of the Delaware General Assembly encouraged SIOW to “conduct a study of potential power solicitation, and options for such a procurement,” including “a deeper look at the current offshore wind market.” (Letter of May 5, 2021)
3. Accordingly, the Parties expect to cooperate in the analysis and the production of a report that will be useful to the State of Delaware in evaluating whether or not to initiate procurement of offshore wind power and analysis of the options for doing so.
4. SIOW will provide objective analysis of current market conditions for offshore wind that may inform the State of Delaware and interested members of the public about the options for the State of Delaware to procure offshore wind and the potential implications of doing so.

5. This is not a contract for services, no funding will be provided by DNREC for any aspect of this MOU, and there will be no transfer of funds between the Parties for the activities of the MOU. SIOW is supported by philanthropy and in some cases by voluntary participation from analysts.

III. RESPONSIBILITIES

The Parties agree to the following responsibilities:

1. SIOW is responsible for the technical analysis of procurement options, and potential cost implications.
2. SIOW is responsible for writing and soliciting technical review of the resulting report.
3. SIOW will provide draft reports to DNREC and to other expert reviewers and will provide a preliminary final report to state energy leadership prior to public release.
4. SIOW may solicit advice, data, and review by other experts in this topic. SIOW will be responsible both for the analysis and for incorporating expert review and comment and will determine the final content of the report based on the best information available and SIOW's best expert judgment.
5. DNREC will comment on SIOW's analysis and, if agreed to by the Parties, will provide data to improve the applicability of the analysis to the State of Delaware.
6. SIOW will provide a final report to DNREC. DNREC will provide the report to the chairs and vice-chairs of the Senate Environment and Energy Committee and the House Energy Committee.
7. DNREC and SIOW will jointly issue a press release about the report. After issuance of the joint press release, DNREC and SIOW will make the report available to the public via their websites or direct distribution.

IV. SCHEDULE

DNREC/SIOW consultations: Ongoing

SIOW provides complete draft report to DNREC: September 30, 2021

SIOW provides revised draft to expert reviewers: October 20, 2021

SIOW provides revised draft to DNREC for review: November 1, 2021

SIOW provides the final report to DNREC: November 2021

DNREC provides the report to the chairs and vice-chairs of the Senate Environment and Energy Committee and the House Energy Committee: November 2021

SIOW and DNREC release final report and issue press release: December 2021

V. CONTACTS FOR EACH PARTY

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VI. TERMS OF UNDERSTANDING

The term of this MOU is for the period from date of signatures below through January 30, 2022 and may be extended upon written mutual agreement. Either organization may terminate this MOU for any reason upon thirty (30) days written notice without penalties or liabilities. The signing of this MOU is not a formal undertaking and does not bind the Parties in any way. Rather, this MOU solely indicates that the Parties will work together to strive to achieve the purpose of this MOU, specifically the preparation of a report, with necessarily underlying analysis, to inform the State of Delaware regarding possible procurement of offshore wind power and related issues.

The undersigned, on behalf of each Party we represent, wish to sign this MOU and contribute to its implementation.

SLOW, University of Delaware


Kris Ohleth, Executive Director, SLOW

9/2/21
Date

Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC)


Shawn M. Garvin, Secretary, DNREC

8/25/21

Date