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**New York Offshore Wind Alliance to Honor Doreen Harris, President and CEO of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority**

***NYOWA AND CO-HOST VHB TO HOLD RECEPTION AT INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIP FORUM IN RICHMOND, VA ON AUGUST 25***

*Albany, NY, August 20, 2021* – The New York Offshore Wind Alliance (NYOWA) and engineering consulting firm VHB will host a celebratory reception honoring the appointment of Doreen M. Harris as President and CEO of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) and NYSERDA’s outstanding work making New York a leader in the responsible development of offshore wind and clean energy. The reception will be held in conjunction with the International Partnering Forum (IPF) at the historic Hippodrome Theater in Richmond, Virginia on August 25, from 6-8 p.m.

Doreen M. Harris was named President and CEO of NYSERDA earlier this year after serving in an acting capacity since 2020 and has led New York’s efforts to implement the state’s nation-leading greenhouse gas reduction and renewable energy development goals established in the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA). New York’s commitment to develop 9,000-megawatts of offshore wind by 2035 is the most ambitious in the United States and New York has five, large-scale commercial offshore wind projects in the pipeline toward the active achievement of this goal.

NYSERDA President and CEO Doreen M. Harris said: “I want to sincerely thank the New York Offshore Wind Alliance (NYOWA) for this recognition, and proudly accept this on behalf of the state and all New Yorkers who are taking action each and every day in the fight on climate change to secure a healthier future for generations to come. I also commend NYOWA for the important work they are undertaking to promote the responsible development of offshore wind and thank them for their support as we usher in an exciting future for the offshore wind industry in New York and beyond.”

Joe Martens, NYOWA Director said: “Thanks to Doreen Harris and her outstanding team at NYSERDA New York State is a leader in advancing all renewable technologies, accelerating the transition to clean energy and addressing the climate crisis. Doreen and her talented staff recognized early on the huge role offshore wind energy could play in New York’s energy future. Thanks to NYSERDA, five large-scale offshore wind projects are advancing that will employ

thousands of skilled workers, reinvigorate New York port facilities and inject billions into our economy.”

NYSERDA has led a clean energy revolution in New York and has invested over \$21 billion in 91 large-scale renewable projects, \$6.8 billion to reduce buildings emissions, \$1.8 billion to scale-up solar, more than \$1 billion for clean transportation initiatives, and over \$1.2 billion in NY Green Bank commitments. Combined, these investments are supporting more than 150,000 jobs in New York's clean energy sector in 2019 and have established New York as a national leader in advancing these resources.

Kris Dramby, Vice President, Energy Market Leader at VHB said: “VHB is proud to support NYSERDA’s effort to facilitate New York’s transition to a clean energy future. Doreen Harris is an outstanding leader whose contribution to this effort is unparalleled. We look forward to this opportunity to honor Ms. Harris and NYSERDA’s exceptional efforts.”

The IPF is the largest offshore wind energy conference in North America. Hosted by the Business Network for Offshore Wind, IPF connects global leaders and businesses in the supply chain, offers unparalleled networking opportunities, and delivers the most timely and relevant updates on the industry, from technology and policy, to safety and siting. For more information about the conference go to: <https://www.offshorewindus.org/2021ipf/>.

Liz Burdick, President and CEO of the Business Network for Offshore Wind said: “Doreen’s strong commitment to offshore wind is exhibited every day in exemplary leadership at the NYSERDA helm. Under her leadership, and in collaboration with New York Offshore Wind Alliance, the offshore wind industry in New York continues to shine as a model for incentivizing local supply chain development, creating jobs with sustainable wages, and addressing diversity, equity, and inclusion. I look forward to honoring and giving her the recognition she deserves.”

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**About the New York Offshore Wind Alliance:** The New York Offshore Wind Alliance (NYOWA) is a diverse coalition of organizations with a shared interest in promoting the responsible development of offshore wind power for New York. NYOWA is a new project of the Alliance for Clean Energy New York (ACE NY). [www.aceny.org/NYOWA](http://www.aceny.org/NYOWA)