

## Investing in Ports, Manufacturing and Training Leading to New Economic Development



Offshore wind power is key to New York's economic revitalization, particularly as we struggle to rebuild following the global pandemic's impact on New Yorkers. Offshore wind represents a once in a lifetime opportunity to stand up a whole new U.S.-based industry.

Investments are being made Downstate and Upstate in the modernization of New York's ports to serve the varied needs of this new industry. These include port improvements to serve as centers for preassembly and load out of massive components to the offshore site, the repurposing of harbor facilities for operations and maintenance activities, manufacturing, and other industrial purposes.



Offshore Wind Farm. Provided by Equinor [v]

New York, with the largest offshore wind pipeline in the United States, intends to build 9,000 megawatts of offshore wind capacity by 2035, or enough to meet about 30 percent of the state's total electricity needs of millions of households. Building 9,000 MW of offshore wind projects takes significant new infrastructure, investments in supply chains and manufacturing bringing new job and economic opportunities

Additionally, in June 2022 the Biden
Administration announced an initiative with 11
East Coast States including New York to ease
the permitting process, grow the OSW supply
chain and accelerate offshore wind farm
construction under a new Federal-State
offshore wind partnership.[i]

The first five offshore wind projects are under active development and will come online before the end of the decade, powering over 2 million homes, generating nearly \$7 billion in economic activity, and creating more than 6,800 family sustaining jobs.

## **Offshore Wind Ports Create Jobs**

Due to the size of offshore wind components (a single rotor blade may be greater than 300 feet long, about the same height as the Statue of Liberty), major components must be delivered by ship and rely heavily on **modern port infrastructure** for their manufacturing, assembly, staging and delivery to a wind farm off New York's coasts. Port facilities also enable crew and service equipment access for operations and maintenance activities over the long-term (i.e., in support of the wind farm's 25-year minimum lifespan).

With \$200 million already committed to rebuilding and revitalizing New York's ports, Governor Kathy Hochul secured another \$500 million of state investment for a current total of \$700 million to upgrade ports and expand manufacturing and supply-chain infrastructure across the state. Every dollar of state funding will leverage another \$3 in private sector and federal funding.

With this private and public spending New



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York is also poised to deliver more **than \$77 million in offshore wind workforce training** in coming years, leading the U.S. This funding and political commitment will support the buildout of the offshore wind industry and fuel New York's economy while meeting ambitious climate goals.



Offshore Wind Workers. Provided by Ørsted [iv]

Paired with private investments, New York has already unlocked more than \$644 million in resilient port facilities and manufacturing, helping to jump start

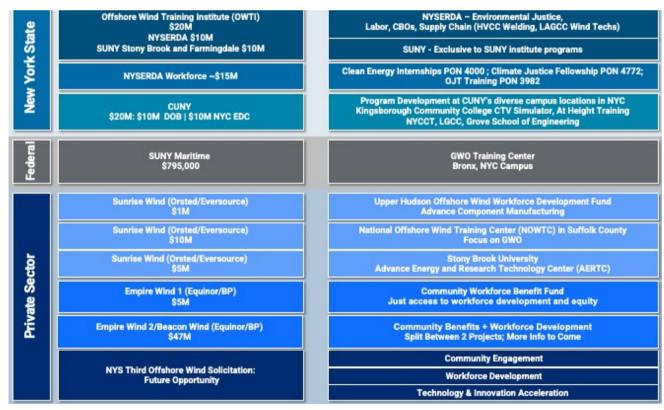
development and drive job growth with the five ports already selected for the first 4,300 MW of offshore wind projects.

The upgrading of the ports, along with the manufacturing of steel and other components will create the need for skilled tradespeople from New York's building and construction trades, including electricians, carpenters, concrete masons, operating engineers, ironworkers, laborers, and others will be mobilized to fabricate the components and assemble them at the ports before transit to the wind site.

Many additional New York opportunities are expected to emerge for local construction support, transportation, facilities, and material supply to support the advanced components development of offshore wind.

## Training New York's Offshore Wind Workforce

Over \$100 Million of Funding



NYSERDA Graphic. 2022. [iii]

<sup>[</sup>i] White House, FACT SHEET: https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/06/23/fact-sheet-biden-administration-launches-new-federal-state-offshore-wind-partnership-to-grow-american-made-clean-energy/

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