

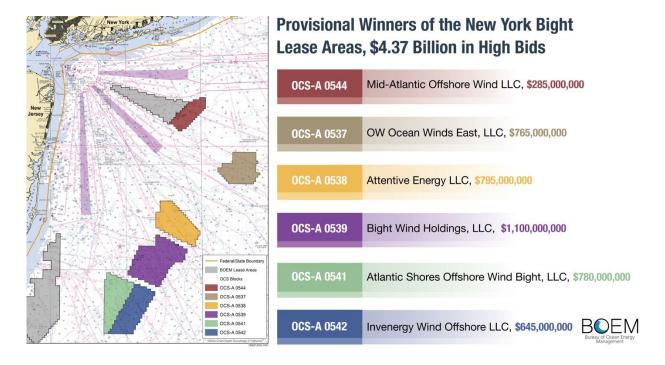
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Statement from NYOWA on the Award of Six New Lease Areas Off the New York Coast

ALBANY, March 1, 2022 — The New York Offshore Wind Alliance (NYOWA) announced and the Alliance for Clean Energy New York (ACE NY) issued the following statements in response to the outcome of the largest-ever auction of offshore wind development rights, concluded on February 25, 2022.

Fred Zalcman, Director of the New York Offshore Wind Alliance stated, "The U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's (BOEM) award of six new lease areas offshore New York and New Jersey, within an area known as the New York Bight, sets the stage for a multi-billion dollar investment in renewable energy projects, domestic supply chain, and regional ports and harbors, creating tens of thousands of good family-sustaining jobs while addressing the climate crisis."

Mr. Zalcman continued, "The addition of several new and experienced players is a testament to the attractiveness of the U.S. market, thanks to policies put in place by the Biden-Harris Administration and state policy makers in New York. This lease sale is an important harbinger of the significant economic development and environmental improvements these policies will yield."



Anne Reynolds, Director of the Alliance for Clean Energy New York stated, "With six new leases near New York, more companies will compete for contracts with New York to build offshore wind power

facilities. This competition will reduce costs and allow New York to achieve our ambitious goals for port development, job creation, and clean power."

Ms. Reynolds continued, "We want to especially congratulate the members of ACE NY for their successful participation in the lease auction and welcome them to New York's offshore wind energy sector, such as EnBW, RWE, EDPR, National Grid Ventures, and Invenergy." Provisional winners include: Mid-Atlantic Offshore Wind LLC; OW Ocean Winds East, LLC; Attentive Energy LLC; Bight Wind Holdings, LLC; Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind Bight, LLC; and Invenergy Wind Offshore LLC.

This lease sale marks the culmination of years of analysis; engagement with maritime industries and commercial fisheries; and State and Federal collaboration to maximize the responsible development of offshore wind energy in the New York Bight while protecting current and future uses of the ocean environment. BOEM incorporated stakeholder input and reduced the initial 2018 Call Area's 1.7 million acres by 72 percent to approximately 488,000 acres.

The lease areas sold last Friday can accommodate at least 7 gigawatts of clean wind energy, enough to power over 2 million homes. This sale represents a significant step forward in fulfillment of the Biden-Harris Administration's pledge of achieving 30 GW of offshore wind development by 2030, while simultaneously facilitating achievement of New York's nation-leading mandate of 9 GW offshore wind by 2035.

<u>The New York Offshore Wind Alliance (NYOWA)</u> 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 project of the Alliance for Clean Energy New York (ACE NY).

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