

# Submitting Public Comments for Using Union Labor for Offshore Wind Project in Carolina Long Bay

## What is this:

Earlier this November, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) opened up public comments for a proposal sale notice on an Offshore Wind Farm Project in the Carolina Long Bay. We are asking union members to submit public comments to require lessees to use union labor for the construction and maintenance for this project by supporting Project Labor Agreements and developing a domestic supply chain.

Atlantic Coastal Offshore wind development is expected to generate \$140 billion in capital investments to create an estimated 85,000 new jobs by 2035. We want to make sure that these jobs in the clean energy sector will be secure and family-sustaining union jobs. **The deadline to submit public comments in January 3rd 2022 11:59pm**

Click Here to Leave a Public Comment:

<https://www.regulations.gov/commenton/BOEM-2021-0078-0001>

## Public Comment Template:

- **We encourage you to use the template below and put down your own union local**
- **We encourage you to add your own beliefs about the importance of unions, project labor agreements, and clean energy for North Carolina**

As a North Carolina union member of **[Union Local #]**, I strongly support development of offshore wind projects in the Carolina Long Bay that employ union labor. I believe the proposed notice of sale for the Carolina Long Bay area is an opportunity to drive the development of clean energy to power our homes and businesses while creating quality and family-sustaining union jobs in North Carolina. We do not have to choose between good jobs and a clean environment -- this project shows that we must and we can do both.

I support BOEM's inclusion of strong labor standards such as project labor agreements, prevailing wage standards, and a multi-factor bidding system to prioritize workforce training and domestic supply chain development. In this time of high workforce shortages, we need high-road labor practices in offshore wind development to make sure we have enough skilled workers in family sustaining jobs to build and maintain offshore wind farms. I urge BOEM to include strong labor standards in future offshore wind lease stipulations so we can create a clean energy economy that puts workers and their families first.

I urge BOEM to be as expeditious as possible in next steps for proposed sale notice and the lease auction to develop offshore wind developments in North Carolina. We do not have time to wait for our families and our climate.