



Setting the Scene

Offshore wind projects contend with a hostile marine environment and are more costly to plan, finance, manufacture, install, commission, connect to the grid, operate, and decommission than onshore wind projects. The diffusion of offshore wind from onshore wind is important as the industry's growth is more likely to be affected by different issues and potential supply chain bottlenecks - bottlenecks such as shortages of vessels, trained personnel, and port infrastructure.

A cohesive discussion among the U.S. offshore wind supply chain is needed to focus on identifying the most pressing industry needs, and required responses to ensure the continued growth and positive development of this emerging U.S. offshore wind energy industry.

Objectives

- Identify and discuss important initiatives of the industry to advance the US offshore wind sector and its associated supply chain
- Develop solutions and industry responses to the most pressing industry needs
- Utilize and Review the 2016 National Offshore Wind Strategy and prioritize the initiatives with allocation of actions needed to solidify and to grow the U.S. offshore wind sector
- Set a clear direction for the year with an Annual Work Plan - a course of actions for industry and a subset for the Business Network for Offshore Wind to implement during the calendar year

Attendance

Attendance is open to developers, OEMs and Tier 1 suppliers by invitation, application approval from the Leadership 100 Chair and Committee, or membership in the Business

Network. Attendance at meetings is limited to C-Level and Senior Executives. Leadership 100 is chaired by a Member of the Network Board of Directors and an organizing committee will be comprised of Business Network Members.

Work Scope

1. Assemble the leaders of the offshore wind industry
2. Identify important initiatives of the industry to advance the U.S. offshore wind sector and its associated supply chain
3. Organize and develop an in-person annual meeting agenda, which will drive the annual work plan including "Opportunity & Update", "Market Challenges & Barriers", "Industry Needs & Innovation" by Senior figures in the U.S. Offshore Wind Development
4. Identify most pressing needs of the industry and engage in collaborative discussions of industry related topics
5. Utilize best practices from other industries and invite outside subject experts as guest speakers to explore new approaches
6. Determine sources and levels of funding for any identified actions
7. Prioritize the initiatives with allocation of actions needed to solidify and to grow the U.S. offshore wind sector including appropriate industry strategies and actions, which may also include requests to government, Joint Industry Partnerships with Academia
8. Develop an agreed upon annual work plan including assigning responsibilities within the Leadership 100 and the Business Network for Offshore Wind to implement actions
9. Report results of the actions to the group quarterly (via electronic communication and at the IPF) and in person bi-annual meeting