



# Business Network for Offshore Wind State Supply Chain & Workforce Advisory Board

## Setting the Scene

The U.S. offshore wind industry is currently on track to develop approximately 30 GWs of projects. However, the current development of the offshore wind industry in the United States is limited, in part, by the lack of a robust domestic supply chain. The Network was recently awarded a grant by the National Offshore Wind Research and Development Consortium (NOWRDC) to develop a supply chain roadmap. Under the grant titled “30GW by 2035: Supply Chain Roadmap for Offshore Wind in the U.S.,” the Network will collect data to expand its [Supply Chain Connect](#) to provide an up-to-date and highly detailed perspective on the manufacturing and workforce capacity of existing businesses that can contribute to the offshore wind industry. The project builds on the critical need within the industry for a roadmap that identifies strengths and weaknesses of existing suppliers, quantifies the impact of supply chain solutions on project development, and provides insight on local supply chain development. The Network’s [Supply Chain Connect](#) database and the supply chain roadmap address these needs.

The Advisory Board, comprised of state representatives will provide feedback on the roadmap. The Advisory Board is designed to be a venue for sharing ongoing offshore wind workforce and supply chain development research, activities, and information. Meetings with this group will be conducted on a quarterly basis.

## Objectives

- Share ongoing workforce and supply chain development research, activities and information
- Receive advise on data collection, organization and analysis
- Utilize and review state economic and workforce data to connect with businesses with capabilities to perform work in offshore wind supply chain
- Provide feedback to the Network on an offshore wind supply chain roadmap
- Foster cooperation among workforce and supply chain development activities
- Provide a forum for state representatives to connect on supply chain and workforce development opportunities and challenges
- Serve as a sounding board for ideas relating to supply chain and workforce development

## Attendance

Attendance is open to state officials from energy, labor and economic development agencies. Attendance at meetings is limited to senior agency staff and, preferably, one representative per state. Network staff will serve as facilitators of the Advisory Board meetings.

## Work Scope

1. Assemble state representatives to provide feedback on supply chain hierarchy and a U.S. -based supply chain road map for an offshore wind industry that can supply 30GWs by 2035
2. Assess information collected and the process the Network used to collect data about businesses capable of performing work in offshore wind
3. Assess points where federal government action is needed to advance the supply chain
4. Assist the Network in connecting with state trade, industry, business, and other associations to aid in outreach for data collection

## Invitees

- Maine
- New Hampshire
- Massachusetts
- Rhode Island
- Connecticut
- New York
- New Jersey
- Maryland
- Virginia
- North Carolina
- California
- Oregon
- Washington
- Additional states may be added in the future.