



**Statement by *Offshore Wind California* on First Lease Auction for California Offshore Wind Energy
by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM)**

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California will be the big winner in this first lease sale for the state's multi-gigawatt (GW) floating offshore wind resource. Today's [auction](#) is great news for California's offshore wind industry, workers, and electricity ratepayers. It's the most consequential milestone yet for the Golden State's efforts to make offshore wind a key part of its diverse clean energy future, and realize its ambitious [planning goals](#) to generate up to 5 GW by 2030 and a nation-leading 25 GW by 2045.

California, and the U.S. as a whole, have a remarkable opportunity to establish global leadership by going big on floating offshore wind. BOEM's initial [lease auction](#) for the Morro Bay and Humboldt Wind Energy Areas is an important step to make that a reality. It demonstrates the willingness of industry to make the big investments necessary to realize offshore wind's very substantial climate, clean energy, and jobs benefits.

California has committed to responsibly developing offshore wind at speed and scale. The [Biden Administration](#) has given the state a huge boost by setting a national floating offshore wind goal to bring down costs and generate 15 GW by 2035. Looking ahead, we need to keep our focus on the essential [next steps](#) to bring California offshore wind online, which include investments in transmission and port infrastructure, a clear roadmap on permitting, procurement, a robust supply chain, workforce training, and more call areas to reach the state's 25 GW goal.

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For more information, see OWC's [California Offshore Wind Industry Report – November 2022](#)