



Statement by *Offshore Wind California* on Today's Record-breaking Offshore Wind Energy Lease Auction by Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) in the New York Bight

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The record-breaking bids in today's Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) auction of offshore wind leases in the New York Bight – more than \$1.5 billion through the first 21 rounds – are another major milestone for America's offshore wind industry. They are also a sign of the confidence by the world's leading offshore wind developers and a preview of things to come when BOEM holds its expected lease auction for areas off California's Central and North Coast this fall. We are pleased with the progress that California state agencies and BOEM are making to prepare the Golden State for this new, sustainable and job-creating engine for clean economic growth and environmental progress in our state. Offshore wind power has clearly arrived in the U.S., and we're just getting started.

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