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## **NYSERDA Offshore Wind 2020 Solicitation Update**

Offshore Wind Stakeholders,

The NYSERDA team has carefully reviewed the feedback received in response to our April 2, 2020 webinar and request for information. That feedback, along with subsequent communications from developers, investors, and other interested stakeholders, confirms that the COVID-19 crisis has acutely affected New York's clean energy industry from a human resource, project development, and financial perspective.

Today, in response to a Petition filed by NYSERDA in January 2020, the [New York State Public Service Commission granted authority](#) for NYSERDA to issue a 2020 solicitation for at least 1,000 megawatts of offshore wind. While NYSERDA fully supports and is poised to execute on this authorization, given the current circumstances, we feel issuing a near-term solicitation would not be responsible nor advisable.

As discussed in recent weeks, NYSERDA is considering options to issue the State's second offshore wind solicitation in coordination with a \$200 million solicitation to upgrade New York's

ports, at a date that is sensitive to the significant and difficult challenges currently facing private industries and New Yorkers. Given the dynamic nature of the situation, NYSERDA is closely monitoring the crisis and stands ready to launch the solicitations when the associated activities can responsibly begin. We are committed to providing regular communications to keep all interested parties abreast as circumstances evolve. [Sign up for future updates.](#)

NYSERDA remains steadfast in working with the clean energy sector to address the current challenges, and to assist impacted businesses and workers with any resources we may have available. We understand this situation is rapidly changing, and our team is here to assist you in the navigation of our programs and related changes during this unprecedented time. Please visit [nysERDA.ny.gov/ny/COVID-19-Response](https://nysERDA.ny.gov/ny/COVID-19-Response) for the latest information on our COVID-19 response.

We look forward to launching this year's solicitations and supporting you through the rebuilding process. In the meantime, we hope that you and your families remain safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

The NYSERDA Offshore Wind Team

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NYSERDA, a public benefit corporation, offers objective information and analysis, innovative programs, technical expertise, and support to help New Yorkers increase energy efficiency, save money, use renewable energy, and reduce reliance on fossil fuels. NYSERDA professionals work to protect the environment and create clean energy jobs. NYSERDA has been developing partnerships to advance innovative energy solutions in New York State since 1975. To learn more about NYSERDA's programs, visit [nysERDA.ny.gov](https://nysERDA.ny.gov) or follow us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#), or [Instagram](#).

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