

Stockton University to Host Forum on Offshore Wind Energy in New Jersey March 29

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Galloway, NJ – Stockton University will host a forum to discuss New Jersey's potential to harbor an offshore wind energy industry on **Tuesday, March 29, 2016**.

At the end of last year, the U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Ocean Energy Management sold two leases of nearly 344,000 acres for offshore wind energy development in New Jersey waters to RES America Developments Inc. and U.S. Wind Inc. This area, if fully developed, could support about 3,400 megawatts of commercial wind generation, which is enough to power about 1.2 million homes, according to the National Renewable Energy Laboratory.

Fishermen's Energy continues its efforts to develop a five-turbine wind farm off the coast of Atlantic City.

During the forum, the development plans for the lease sales will be discussed as well as opportunities for young professionals to enter the offshore wind energy field, New Jersey's potential to become a leader in offshore wind energy and the economic market created for this industry through the introduction of an offshore wind renewable energy credit (OREC) system.

Walter Cruickshank, deputy director of the U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, is the keynote speaker. The panel includes representatives from the U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), RES Americas, U.S. Wind Inc., Fishermen's Energy and New Jersey's 2nd Legislative District.

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Senator Jim Whelan will look at the economic impact of offshore wind on South Jersey, and Assemblyman Vince Mazzeo will discuss the environmental benefits and the opportunities for Atlantic City tourism.

A series of question and answer sessions will be offered.

The event, which will be held 4:30-7 p.m. in the Campus Center Theatre on the main Galloway campus, is free and open to the public. RSVP at www.njoswforum.eventbrite.com. Light refreshments will be served at the forum's conclusion.

The forum is sponsored by Stockton's Sustainability Trust, Environment New Jersey and Business Network for Offshore Wind. See the program [here](#).

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