

RECENT STATE ACTIVITIES RELATED TO OFFSHORE WIND

- *December 2008: Maryland began work on its Coastal Atlas with The Nature Conservancy to compile important ocean data (biological information, wind speed, ocean depth, shipping lanes, human uses, and other ocean-related data)*
- *June 2009: Governor signed an Agreement with the four Mid-Atlantic states to establish the Mid-Atlantic Regional Council on the Ocean to promote sustainable development of offshore renewable energy*
- *Summer 2009: Maryland developed a strategy for development of offshore wind energy*
- *September 2009: Maryland released Request for Expressions of Interest to offshore wind energy developers, asking for input on scope, location, method and timing of deployment*
- *November 2009: Maryland, Virginia, and Delaware signed a Governors' Memorandum of Understanding to work together on common transmission strategies, develop market demand, and strengthen national offshore energy policy*
- *December 2009: Maryland contracted for the purchase of renewable power, including offshore wind*
- *March 2010: Nine companies responded to MEA's Request for Expression of Interest*