

ECONOMIC IMPACT

New Offshore Wind Development

- A study from the European Wind Energy Association finds that for each megawatt of installed wind capacity, 15.5 full-time jobs are created. Offshore wind will have an even greater employment impact.
- The East Coast does not currently have any offshore wind manufacturing and deployment infrastructure in place. Early creation of manufacturing and training facilities could have a major impact on regional employment.
- Development and manufacturing work must be done locally due to the size of the turbine equipment. This will increase opportunities for regional economic development and manufacturing while creating new jobs.
- Developer responses to Maryland's Request for Expressions of Interest indicate that, for even a modest deployment of 200 megawatts, over 3,000 jobs could be created.

