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Dear Sirs,

Burns & McDonnell have an ambition to support and help develop the long term sustainable industry that is offshore wind. Offshore wind in the US and Massachusetts, in particular, has the potential to achieve many goals and targets, these include: job creation, training / retraining, inward investment, regeneration of deteriorating assets, generation capacity replacement, climate change targets to name but a few.

Further to the recent request for public comment on draft request for proposals for long-term contracts for offshore wind energy projects, I would like to suggest that the following areas should be expanded and developed within the RFP:

1. Local Content – Local content is a key driver for job creation, training & retraining as well as inward investment. However it is unlikely that all States will be able to attract all of the required offshore wind supply chain to their state. Whilst merit is given in the solicitation process to local content; regional and national content should also receive credit as this will start to help states to work together and to eventually, between them all, be able to supply all services and components required within the offshore wind supply chain. Regionalisation and clustering should be encouraged. The State may also wish to consider the development of state grants or credits for companies entering or growing into the sector.
2. Training / re-training / education – Focus needs to be given to the training and retraining of workers entering the industry – including how to attract them and grants / credits given to the companies training them. There should also be education taking place schools and colleges re the benefits of offshore wind.

Should you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards
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