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BRISTOL COMMUNITY COLLEGE SIGNS MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH BAY STATE WIND

Bristol Community College announced today that Bay State Wind has committed \$1 million to fund the college's first endowed faculty position as part of a signed memorandum of agreement, which was submitted as part of a bid proposal to the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities for Long-Term Contracts for Offshore Wind Energy Projects.

The agreement celebrates a long-term shared commitment by both organizations to develop the workforce requirements and effective training models needed to create a vibrant and sustainable offshore wind industry. It also explores a collaboration with BCC and other industry stakeholders to develop an offshore wind training center in New Bedford. BCC currently has a concentration and certificate program in relation to the offshore wind power industry. This agreement enhances the programs offered and supports outreach initiatives in the STEM fields as well as other educational opportunities at BCC.

"We are extremely grateful to Bay State Wind for recognizing the important role that BCC plays in the future of wind energy education. This partnership solidifies BCC's commitment to offshore wind training and the creation of jobs. It also ensures that we will be able to support the offshore wind industry in New Bedford with highly-skilled faculty and programs, well into the future," said Laura Douglas, Ph.D., President, Bristol Community College.

On December 20, 2017, Bay State Wind intends to submit a bid in response to the Request for Proposals for Long-Term Contracts for Offshore Wind Energy Projects. In the event that Bay State Wind receives final, non-appealable approval by the

Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities of one or more power purchase agreements pursuant to the 83C RFP, the organization will make a financial contribution of \$1 million to BCC to create the college's first endowed faculty position in support of offshore wind energy education.

"Today marks the beginning of an important partnership that will help ensure Massachusetts' position as the national leader in offshore wind," Thomas Brostrøm, President, Ørsted North America. "Bristol Community College will be an integral part in the training and educating of the workforce that will be part of this new industry. Bay State Wind and its parent companies, Ørsted and Eversource, are pleased to support BCC in establishing the curriculum and support services that will create hundreds of new jobs for the entire South Coast region."

"We are so pleased to be part of this effort to bring clean, safe and affordable energy to Massachusetts," said Mike Auseré, Vice President of Business Development, Eversource. "Eversource has served Greater New Bedford for more than 100 years, and we have always been committed to supporting the economic well-being of the community, its residents and businesses. We applaud BCC for the great work they do in educating tomorrow's workforce and are excited about our future role in that effort."

"Bay State Wind's seed investment in industry training based at BCC's New Bedford campus will help to advance our goal of becoming the East Coast hub of the offshore wind industry in the years ahead, and it underscores the confidence that Ørsted and Eversource have in our workforce," said New Bedford Mayor Jon Mitchell.

In addition to the \$1 million endowed faculty position, the memorandum of agreement also includes that Bay State Wind will:

- Explore a collaboration with BCC and other industry stakeholders to develop an offshore wind training center in New Bedford, Massachusetts.
- Participate in the BCC "Women in STEM" series.
- Provide a representative to serve on the BCC STEM Advisory Board.
- Participate in BCC's K-12 initiative to train middle school and high school science teachers how to deliver a unit of instruction specifically about wind energy.
- Sponsor a one-day workshop at BCC for K-12 science teachers.
- Support BCC's "lending library" of teaching kits that includes a 20-inch turbine and tower.
- Host, or cause its affiliates to host, BCC student interns.
- Collaborate with BCC to assist BCC in accessing funding from the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center to financially support student interns.
- Provide a company representative as a guest lecturer in BCC's offshore wind power courses.

Bristol Community College is currently offering an Engineering Technology/Offshore Wind Power Technology concentration of its Associate in Science in Engineering

Technology (Offshore Wind Power Technology), as well as a Certificate of Recognition in Offshore Wind Power Technician. Both programs prepare students to work as technicians for the offshore wind power industry.

Students learn aspects of engineering technology such as electrical machinery, fluid systems, materials science and strength of materials, and gain hands-on experience with assembly, installation, operation and maintenance of wind power systems.

About Bristol Community College

Bristol Community College is a leading resource for education and workforce development in Southeastern Massachusetts. BCC has locations in Fall River, Attleboro, New Bedford, and Taunton, along with flexible online offerings that lead to an associate degree, a career-ready certificate, or the ability to seamlessly transfer to baccalaureate colleges throughout the state and country.

The College's Center for Workforce and Community Education provides customized training for businesses and the community including healthcare, workforce and sustainable initiatives, corporate services, and Kids College.

The BCC Foundation, a non-profit organization utilizing community donations and partnerships, supports the College's mission to meet the lifelong educational needs of the community. For more information, visit <http://www.bristolcc.edu/aboutbcc/>.