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**The Offshore World Is Coming to Princeton**

**For the Fifth Annual International Offshore Wind Partnering Forum (IPF)**

***N.J. Gov. Phil Murphy, Industry Leaders From Europe & All Over U.S. To Attend***

Princeton, NJ—The **International Offshore Wind Partnering Forum (IPF),** thenumber-one technical conference for offshore wind energy in the United States, is coming to Princeton, N.J. this April, and so are impressive delegations from all over northern Europe, including Denmark, England, Norway, France, Germany and Belgium. New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy will also attend. These offshore wind industry leaders are traveling to New Jersey because of the tremendous business opportunities they see off the U.S. Atlantic Coast, from Cape Hatteras, NC to Cape Cod, MA.

The IPF conference, which is sponsored by the Business Network for Offshore Wind (the Network), is taking place at just the right time and in the perfect location. The host state, New Jersey, under the leadership of the newly-elected Gov. Murphy, just confirmed the state’s commitment to generating 3500 megawatts (MW) of offshore wind energy by 2030, the highest in the U.S. New Jersey First Lady Tammy Murphy has been invited as well because of her strong interest and expertise in energy and the environment.

On the other side of the Atlantic, the Europeans are showing the U.S. market what its offshore wind marketplace could look like in ten to 15 years. Starting from 15 gigawatts (GW) of wind farms in 2016, Europe is projected to take the world market to 30 GW by 2020 and 70 MW by 2025, with new players like China, France and California in the U.S. joining the party.

“The IPF has always served as a meeting place that brings together the expertise and investment dollars of northern Europe with the manufacturing and systems excellence of American companies,” said Liz Burdock, Executive Director of the Network. ”This year, because of rapid market expansion and incredible cost reductions in Europe, and major new commitments to offshore wind energy in Massachusetts, New York and Maryland, more than 800 attendees are expected, a record number for us and an indication of the incredible interest around this event.”

In addition to the international delegations, the forum will feature the latest technology and presentations from all of the industry VIPs from Europe and the U.S., including representatives from Orsted, Statoil, Deepwater Wind, DNV GL, Siemens Gamesa, WSP, LM Wind Power, U.S. Departments of Energy and Interior, the Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters, and many others.

For more information on the IPF conference, go to [www.2018ipf.com](http://www.2018ipf.com).

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**About the Business Network for Offshore Wind**

The Business Network for Offshore Wind is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to establishing an offshore wind supply chain in the United States. The Network is focused on delivering education, creating partnerships and advancing the industry. All membership and event proceeds are invested back into supporting the industry by helping the Network continue programmatic education and develop the tools and networks necessary to create a U.S. offshore wind supply chain. The Network hosts the annual International Offshore Wind Partnering Forum (IPF) ([www.2018ipf.com](http://www.2018ipf.com)), the leading technical conference for offshore wind in the United States dedicated to moving the industry forward.