



marine  
renewables  
canada

## Offshore Wind Supply Chain Forum

**August 15, 2024**

**1:00 – 5:00 PM**

**Marriott Harbourfront Hotel | Halifax | Nova Scotia**

With Atlantic Canada in the early phases of establishing an offshore wind industry, it is the optimal time to focus on building a strong and competitive supply chain to support industry needs. Achieving our offshore wind ambitions will require a concerted and collaborative effort amongst many entities. Canada has the advantage of many experienced suppliers that have worked in offshore and marine industries for decades, with some already actively working in the international offshore wind market.

It's time to capitalize on our collective strengths and establish a path forward to growing a sustainable offshore wind industry. Marine Renewables Canada's Offshore Wind Supply Chain Forum is aimed at supporting businesses, organizations, and communities with interests in participating in the offshore wind market in Canada and abroad.

Is your company interested in participating in the offshore wind supply chain, but need some basic information to get started? Already active in offshore wind, but want to learn more about the growing opportunity in Canada? This forum will cover those key questions and more.

### AGENDA

- |                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| <b>1:00 – 1:05 pm</b> | <b>Welcome &amp; Land Acknowledgement</b>  |
| <b>1:05 – 1:15 pm</b> | <b>Opening Remarks from Presenting Sponsor, Waterford Energy Services Inc.</b>   |
| <b>1:15 – 1:45 pm</b> | <b>Setting the Stage: The Offshore Wind Supply Chain</b><br>A strong, local supply chain is critical to the successful development of the offshore wind sector. The offshore wind supply chain encompasses the skills, services, supplies, technologies and infrastructure required to support the entire lifecycle of an offshore wind project – from the planning stage through to decommissioning. Speakers will provide insights on what exactly comprises the offshore wind supply chain, types of suppliers, and what local suppliers should be thinking about in terms of contracting and partnership strategies. |
| <b>1:45 – 2:15 PM</b> | <b>Fixed vs. Floating Offshore Wind: What does it mean for the supply chain?</b><br>The differences between fixed and floating offshore wind technologies present both opportunities and challenges for the supply chain. Establishing a strong  |

understanding of those differences early on can help suppliers and those managing infrastructure, develop strategies to ensure they are ready to maximize their participation in the offshore wind sector. Speakers will provide insight on requirements for infrastructure, components, and supply chain inputs overall.

**2:15 – 2:45 PM**

**Local Context for Supply Chain Development**

Nova Scotia has made an initial commitment to lease 5 GW of offshore wind projects by 2030, which creates major opportunities for local suppliers and services. Learn more about strategies, policies and initiatives underway to support supply chain development in Nova Scotia and Atlantic Canada.

**2:45 – 3:15 PM**

**Break**

**3:15 – 4:15 PM**

**Maximizing Local and Indigenous Participation in the Supply Chain**

Ensuring that the offshore wind supply chain is inclusive, diverse and equitable is important to the success of the offshore wind sector as a whole. Speakers will discuss approaches to local content and benefits strategies drawing from international best practices and experience developing projects in the region. Insight will be offered on how to foster strong Indigenous participation and involvement in projects, from the very beginning as the sector takes shape.

**4:15 – 5:00 PM**

**Developing your business strategy – Advice from the experts**

As Canada embarks on building on offshore wind sector, now is the time for suppliers to gather market intelligence, develop strategies to engage, and build new relationships that can lead to long-term business opportunities. Speakers will offer advice on what's needed to develop a successful business strategy in offshore wind, what has worked well in international markets, and what opportunities and challenges to be aware of.

**5:00 PM**

**Closing**