





What to expect at the largest offshore renewable energy conference in the Americas

The 2025 International Partnering Forum (IPF), hosted by Oceanic Network, is the largest offshore renewable energy conference in the Americas. Taking place from April 28th to May 1st in Virginia Beach, Virginia, this premier event will unite industry leaders from around the world to drive innovation and collaboration in offshore wind and ocean renewables. 2025 IPF is proudly supported by host sponsors: the City of Virginia Beach, Dominion Energy, LS GreenLink, and RWE.

Why Virginia Beach?

Virginia has quickly become a major hub in the offshore wind industry. The region is witnessing a surge of offshore wind companies establishing operations, with existing suppliers expanding to support local projects.

The Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind (CVOW) project, one of the world's largest, began construction off the coast of Virginia Beach last year. When complete, this 2.6 GW project will consist of 176 monopiles, towers, and nacelles, generating substantial installation, operations, and maintenance activities, and the jobs to support them.

The area will soon host the nation's first American-flagged Wind Turbine Installation Vessel (WTIV), Charybdis. 2025 IPF will take place with these developments in its backyard, with local tours to give attendees an up-close view.

Event highlights

The 2025 IPF agenda is rich with new programming, networking events, startup presentations, and insights from global partners. Attendees can look forward to a comprehensive week of activities designed to address the dynamic nature of the US offshore wind industry, with content crafted to meet the current moment.

This year's IPF will also feature the inaugural Ocean Renewables Summit, a Central Atlantic Supplier Fair, the prestigious Ventus Gala, and more.

Key summits and sessions

Ocean Renewables Summit

This inaugural forum will bring together offshore wind industry stakeholders and other ocean-based energy technology providers. The goal is to explore supply chain and policy synergies while driving innovation across the ocean renewables industry.

US Offshore Wind Workforce Summit

This annual convention will gather key groups to discuss workforce development in the offshore wind sector. Topics will include training programs, job creation, and strategies to meet the industry's growing demand for skilled professionals.

Central Atlantic Supplier Fair

The Central Atlantic Supplier Fair at 2025 IPF is a critical offshore wind supply chain event designed to foster strong business-to-business connections by bringing attendees together with regional developers, tier 1 suppliers, and OEMs. Attendees will learn about the procurement process, receive advice on pursuing contracts in offshore renewable energy, and network with key players in the industry.

Workshop Sessions

The forum's workshops are meticulously curated to address the dynamic challenges and opportunities within the offshore wind sector. The sessions, created by industry experts and the Oceanic team, promise to deliver valuable insights from industry experts. Workshop tracks encompass a range of pertinent topics, including:

Project Installation, Operations and Maintenance Track

This track will feature workshops from experts with experience building and operating

offshore wind farms. The 'Installing America's Largest Offshore Wind Project: A Blueprint for the U.S. Project Pipeline,' workshop features experts from Dominion Energy and other companies involved with the Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind project. They will share their installation and construction experience with the project and the lessons they've learned along the way.

Policy and Regulatory Track

This workshop track will focus on the legal aspects of offshore wind development. The track will feature 'Navigating State Procurement Amid the Rising Tide of Energy Demand,' where government, industry, and supply chain professionals will share perspectives on developing a collaborative and sustainable path forward for offshore wind, focusing on how states craft their procurements.

Scientific and Technical Track

These workshops will go in-depth on technical topics like turbine design, construction and installations, and more. The 'Turbine Design Methods for Withstanding Tropical Cyclones' workshop will cover the latest designs and techniques that are contributing to more robust offshore wind turbines.

Grid and Transmission Track

This track will cover the development of transmission infrastructure for offshore energy projects. It will include workshops like

'Navigating the Future: Insights from New England's Long-Term Transmission Planning,' where experts involved in New England's long-term transmission planning process will provide critical lessons and advice that other organizations can employ as they navigate a changing regulatory landscape.

Exclusive tours

IPF 2025 features exclusive tours that showcase the burgeoning offshore wind supply chain in Coastal Virginia. These tours offer participants a unique opportunity to witness industry operations firsthand and gain insights into the region's infrastructure and projects.

Attendees will even have a chance to visit the Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind Pilot project to see offshore wind turbines in action. Due to limited availability, early registration is recommended to secure a spot.

Additional programming

Ventus Gala

The Ventus Awards are Oceanic Network's highest level of professional recognition, celebrating the trailblazing people, companies, organizations, and work worldwide ushering in the global adoption of offshore wind and other ocean renewables. Ventus Award recipients will be honored at the Ventus Gala, taking place at IPF for the first time in 2025.



Attendees at 2024 IPF tour Port Fourchon in Louisiana



Attendees walk the floor of the Exhibit Hall at 2024 IPF

Startup Alley

In collaboration with SeaAhead, Oceanic Network presents Startup Alley at 2025 IPF. This platform offers startups the opportunity to pitch their innovative solutions directly to industry stakeholders, fostering new partnerships and investments. While applications for Startup Alley have closed, the event promises to showcase cutting-edge technologies and ideas poised to shape the future of offshore renewables.

Networking opportunities

Networking is a cornerstone of the IPF experience. The conference offers numerous opportunities for attendees to connect, including workshops, business matching services, and social gatherings. One notable feature is WindMatch™, IPF's exclusive networking service designed to facilitate one-on-one meetings and help participants establish valuable connections. WindMatch™ is scheduled to open in late March 2025, allowing attendees to plan their meetings before the conference.

Exhibition and sponsorship

For businesses seeking to enhance their visibility, exhibiting at 2025 IPF provides an

unparalleled opportunity. As the largest offshore wind and ocean renewables conference in the Americas, IPF connects thousands of global leaders looking for partners in the supply chain. More than 200 exhibitors will have the opportunity to showcase their products and services to a targeted audience, fostering potential collaborations and business growth.

Registration details

Registration for 2025 IPF is currently open. Registration includes access to workshops, programming, focused summits, business matching services, startup support, networking opportunities, and social events.

Participants are encouraged to register promptly to take full advantage of these offerings and to secure accommodations in the designated hotel blocks, which provide convenient shuttle service to the Virginia Beach Convention Center.

Accommodation and travel

Oceanic Network has arranged a block of rooms at hotels near the Virginia Beach Convention Center to ensure attendees have convenient lodging options. Booking

within the official IPF room block guarantees discounted rates and includes access to complimentary shuttle services between the hotels and the convention center. Hotel reservations are open and attendees are encouraged to secure their accommodation early to benefit from these arrangements.

The 2025 International Partnering Forum stands as a pivotal event for professionals in the offshore wind and ocean renewables sectors. With its comprehensive agenda, strategic location in Virginia Beach, and a multitude of networking and learning opportunities, IPF 2025 is set to drive the industry forward.

Attendees will gain invaluable insights, forge meaningful connections, and contribute to the ongoing momentum of the US and global offshore wind industry. Don't miss this opportunity to be part of a transformative event that is powering ahead, creating good-paying jobs, building strong communities, and mitigating the impacts of climate change. Together, we power on.

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