

## News release from Vestas-American Wind Technology

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## Vestas is readying New York for offshore wind and moves forward conditional agreement for the Empire Wind 1 project

After Equinor's successful rebid into New York's fourth offshore wind solicitation (NY4) and with a current conditional order in place for the 810 MW Empire Wind 1 project, Vestas is pleased to see the project moving one step closer to realization and looks forward to providing its industry-leading, type-certified V236-15.0 MW offshore wind turbines.

Vestas' flagship offshore wind turbine, the V236-15.0 MW is built on proven, world-class technology and received its type certification late last year ensuring safety and quality. The V236-15 MW prototype turbine was installed in December 2022 and is currently undergoing the final verification campaign before we begin serial production and installation of the first offshore projects.

"Ensuring the long-term viability and sustainability of the U.S. offshore market relies heavily on the safe, timely and successful execution of the first wave of projects and this landmark project is a crucial step towards putting turbines in the water," said Josh Irwin, Senior Vice President Offshore Sales, Vestas North America. "We look forward to delivering an existing, reliable product and partnering with Equinor to help New York achieve its ambitious offshore wind energy goals and provide resilient wind energy to its communities."

Vestas also signed its first major subcontract for the Empire Wind 1 project with global leader in crane services and engineered transport, Sarens. The multi-million dollar lifting services agreement will prepare the project for execution and begin setting up the supply chain for sustainable success. Housed at the South Brooklyn Marine Terminal (SBMT) in Sunset Park, NY, which is set to become one of the nation's largest dedicated port facilities for offshore wind, the SGC-140 ring crane with lifting capacity of 3,200 tons and auxiliary cranes, equipment and labor provided by Sarens will perform load-in, load-out, and transport of wind turbine components, tools and containers at the SBMT.

"This major subcontract with Sarens will play a pivotal role in the continued transformation of the SBMT as it prepares to become a world-class hub for offshore wind," said Amy McGinty, VP Offshore Construction, Vestas North America. "We remain acutely focused on preparing the U.S. offshore industry for sustainable success and this is one of the first tangible steps in ensuring that New York is progressing towards that goal."

"We express our gratitude to Vestas for placing trust in Sarens with this significant contract in New York - empowering us to contribute to the acceleration of the U.S. energy transition and jointly forge a sustainable legacy in the offshore wind sector, particularly on the SBMT," Carl Sarens, Director Technical Solutions, Projects & Engineering, Sarens. "We are looking forward to a fruitful collaboration with Vestas in this milestone project, deploying one of the world's largest land-based cranes, the SGC-140, 'Big Benny XL' in the 'Big Apple."

Vestas has a long history of establishing sustainable, local partnerships and supply chains to serve regional markets. With over 1,000 suppliers in the U.S. currently supporting the onshore business, Vestas is well poised to establish a sustainable supply chain to meet the unique needs of the U.S. offshore market and efficiently deliver existing and reliable technology.



If and when the agreement with Empire Wind 1 materializes in a firm and unconditional order for Vestas, the company will send out a new press release to this effect.

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Vestas is the energy industry's global partner on sustainable energy solutions. We design, manufacture, install, and service onshore and offshore wind turbines across the globe, and with more than 177 GW of wind turbines in 88 countries, we have installed more wind power than anyone else. Through our industry-leading smart data capabilities and unparalleled more than 152 GW of wind turbines under service, we use data to interpret, forecast, and exploit wind resources and deliver best-in-class wind power solutions. Together with our customers, Vestas' more than 30,000 employees are bringing the world sustainable energy solutions to power a bright future.

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