



## **National Offshore Wind Research and Development Consortium Welcomes Hitachi ABB Power Grids to its Board of Directors**

*Board expansion highlights efforts by consortium to strengthen relationships with leading technology and solution suppliers in the offshore wind ecosystem*

**October 5, 2020** - The National Offshore Wind Research and Development Consortium (“the Consortium”) today announced the latest addition to its Board of Directors, Hitachi ABB Power Grids, a global leader and pioneer in power technologies. This appointment highlights the Consortium’s focus on expanding the involvement of key technology providers as part of its broader efforts to identify promising technologies and strategies to advance the development of the offshore wind industry in the U.S.

“On behalf of the Consortium, I am pleased to welcome Hitachi ABB Power Grids to our Board,” **said Carrie Cullen Hitt, Executive Director of the Consortium.** “Introducing innovative new technologies requires industry-wide collaboration, and we look forward to benefiting from the perspectives Hitachi ABB Power Grids can offer through their deep expertise and experience in the generation and transmission of clean, renewable energy and its integration into the grid.”

One of the key goals of the Consortium is to help steer industry research into the most promising opportunities for technology development, with an eye toward the rapid commercialization of solutions that can help accelerate adoption of offshore wind power as an important new power source. The organization’s intent is for the Board to reflect the key stakeholders and contributors to this process.

“We are excited by the opportunity to contribute to the important work of the National Offshore Wind Research and Development Consortium,” **said Fabio Fracaroli, Senior Director, Renewable Segment North America, Hitachi ABB Power Grids.** “While the offshore wind industry is fairly mature in Europe and other parts of the world, there are unique challenges facing developers in the U.S. market that will require local solutions, and the Consortium is playing an important role in bringing together the right parties, and driving investment in directions that can benefit the industry as a whole.”

Over the past twelve months, twenty projects received awards from the Consortium, representing over \$17.3 million in funding. A full listing of the projects, can be found on the Consortium’s [website](#).

The Consortium, a not-for-profit organization, supports cost-effective and responsible development of offshore wind to maximize economic benefits to the United States. The The National Offshore Wind Research and Development Consortium was established in 2018 when the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) was awarded \$18.5 million from the [U.S. Department of Energy](#) (DOE) to

administer a public-private partnership focused on advancing offshore wind technology in the United States. NYSERDA contributed matching funds. The Consortium, a not-for-profit organization, supports cost-effective and responsible development of offshore wind to maximize economic benefit the United States. The Commonwealths of Virginia and Massachusetts and the State of Maryland now also contribute to the Consortium's funding.

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