

**Position ID**

E17-11

**Position Title**

Renewable Energy Program Fellow

**Office Name**

Office of Renewable Energy Programs, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

**Portfolio Summary**

**Job Responsibilities:** The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) is responsible for managing energy and mineral resources on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). BOEM's mission seeks to appropriately balance economic development, energy security, and environmental protection. BOEM's Office of Renewable Energy Programs (OREP) is responsible for ensuring that offshore renewable energy development in federal waters is conducted in a responsible and sustainable manner. BOEM currently regulates offshore wind projects in four distinct phases: planning, leasing, site assessment, and construction and operations. This is an exciting time for offshore wind in the United States, BOEM awarded 11 commercial leases for offshore wind development that could support a total of 14.6 gigawatts of capacity, the first project in US waters was completed earlier this year, and significant legislation was passed in Massachusetts securing offtake of offshore wind energy.

As a member of OREP, Fellows will have the unique opportunity to work at the intersection of science, policy and renewable energy development on the OCS. BOEM embraces a science-based decision-making framework fueled by an extensive studies program and engagement with stakeholders; Fellows can expect to play an active role in this process. The Fellow will have an opportunity to work on a variety of tasks, including:

- Assisting with the implementation of long term planning documents; such as the 2016 National Offshore Wind Strategy and the regional Ocean Action Plans.
- Contributing to OREPs Environmental Studies Program which is focused on collecting information on natural, historical and human resources to inform BOEMs decision making processes.
- Assist in the review and/or preparation of NEPA documentation for offshore wind leasing and plan approval.
- Participation in BOEM's renewable energy planning and leasing processes.
- Participation in and coordination of interagency working groups.
- Assisting the Program in responding to internal and external stakeholders issues as they arise.
- Other duties as required.

Ultimately, the position's specific duties will be tailored to the Fellow's expertise and goals. We will provide our Fellow opportunities for training on BOEM related issues and opportunities to attend various stakeholder meetings and conferences on offshore wind and federal ocean resource management issues. The position will be located in BOEM's Sterling, VA office.

**Expertise Desired**

**Mandatory Skills:** While the position is tailored to the strengths and goals of the individual Fellow, the candidate should be self-motivated, able to work in a team environment, and a strong writer.

A solid background/education related to marine policy issues, including issues related to renewable energy development on the OCS. In addition, a Fellow with strong organizational, interpersonal, and communication (both verbal and written) skills is important to the success of the position.

**Travel within DC (days per month)**

4-7

**Travel outside DC (days per month)**

1-7

**Accepts Foreign Nationals**

Yes