



# Blue Wind Collaborative

*Activating the Regional Supply Chain for Floating Offshore Wind*

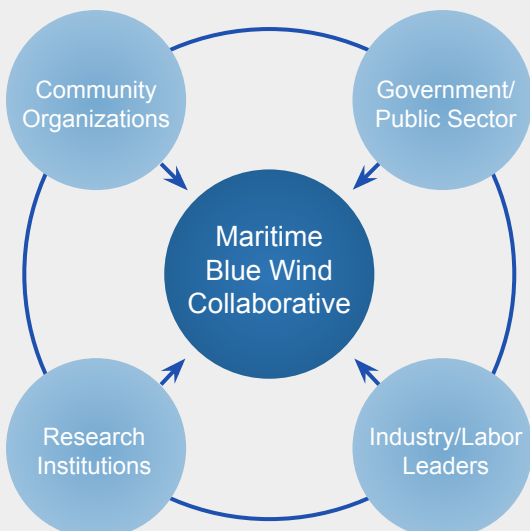
## Mission

The Maritime Blue Wind collaborative is a nonregulatory coalition with a mission to support the strategic development and activation of Washington's participation in the West Coast-wide floating offshore wind supply chain through a collaborative and community benefits approach.

## The State of Offshore Wind (OSW)

The impacts of climate change are being felt across the country and around the world, especially by vulnerable communities. Offshore wind energy generation, alongside other renewable sources, can and must be regarded as an opportunity to avoid the most catastrophic effects of climate change. By identifying and activating **Washington's role in the West Coast offshore wind supply chain**, Maritime Blue Wind aims to mobilize the technical and professional expertise of the region while utilizing the state's strategic geographic location, resources, and sector expertise.

## A Collaborative Partnership



## Objectives at a Glance

- Convene the Cluster of activity, stakeholders, and partners
- Identify and map WA's full value and supply chain available to support floating offshore wind along the West Coast
- Understand the economic, community, and workforce development opportunity for our region through focused convenings and workshops
- Develop a strategy for and activate WA's participation in the West Coast OSW Supply Chain through inclusive workshops, studies, and convenings.

## Ask

The Blue Wind Supply Chain collaborative seeks ongoing funding necessary to effectively understand and activate the state of Washington's engagement in the West Coast floating offshore wind supply chain. Dedicated funding is required for the administration of the program, operations, consulting contracts, and support for the work groups.

Blue Wind requests \$750,000 for the 2024 operating budget to continue to convene Washingtonians on this emerging market opportunity and to conduct the critical studies and assessments to identify the supply chain opportunities.

APRIL 2023  
ESTABLISH

2024  
FACILITATE & EXECUTE

DEC 2023  
CONVENE & ENGAGE

2025  
PUBLISH & ACTIVATE



### Establish, Convene & Engage

Blue Wind will identify and engage the economic, community, and workforce development opportunities from WA's participation in West Coast OSW supply chain development through focused workshops/convenings. Initial focus on informing supply chain work: 1) shipbuilding & vessels, 2) adjacent & existing markets, and 3) final assembly & ports. Blue Wind will facilitate conversations around community benefits of OSW supply chain engagement with tribal, fishing, and coastal communities, following other state and regional efforts which have meaningfully centered the voices of those closest to OSW impacts.

### Facilitate & Execute

Blue Wind aims to fund, commission, and scope executive studies necessary to fill the current information gaps. The Leadership Committee has identified a WA Supply Chain Opportunity and Gap Analysis for West Coast OSW as the highest near-term study, though additional importance has been placed on the role WA has in vessel design and build as well as its naturally deep-water ports. Additionally, the collaborative will engage in delegation trips to learn from regional, national, and global OSW partners as well as partner with other groups across the West Coast to effectively understand and inform the larger regional conversation.

### Publish & Activate

By 2024, Blue Wind will have activated working groups to convene around the needs of OSW while developing a comprehensive strategy for activating WA's short and long-term involvement in a West Coast supply chain. The collaborative will work with regional movements towards an application of these technologies and will continue to support Joint Innovation Projects for the demonstration of OSW technology deployment.

### Leadership Committee



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