

Policy Council Meeting Agenda

April Webinar Meeting - 4/14/2021 @ 3:00 PM EDT

I.	Welcome	Karen Wayland, CEO
II.	Antitrust Guidelines	Richie O'Neill, Executive Director
III.	Member Content on Offshore Wind	K. Wayland
IV.	Presentation on Federal and State Offshore Wind Policy	Lesley Jantarasami, Associate Director for Energy and Climate Bipartisan Policy Center Girish Behal, VP Project and Business Development NYPA
V.	Recap and Upcoming Schedule	R. O'Neill



GridWise Alliance Antitrust Compliance Program Guidelines

It is the policy of the GridWise Alliance to comply fully with the antitrust laws. The Sherman Act and other applicable antitrust laws are intended to promote vigorous and fair competition and to combat various restraints of trade.

Each person who participates in GridWise Alliance activities has a responsibility to his/her employers and to the GridWise Alliance to avoid any improper conduct from an antitrust standpoint. The following guidelines will assist in meeting this responsibility:

1. GridWise Alliance meetings and discussions generally cover topics related to the generation, transmission and distribution of electricity. Should related discussions ever have any potential for competitive impact, all due care shall be taken to avoid such discussion between competitors.
2. In view of antitrust considerations and to avoid any possible restraints on competition, the following legally sensitive subjects must be avoided during any discussion between competitors:
 - (a) Future marketing plans of individual competitors should not be discussed between competitors;
 - (b) Any complaints or business plans relating to specific customers, specific suppliers, specific geographic markets or specific products, should not be discussed between competitors;
 - (c) Purchasing plans or bidding plans of companies in competition should not be discussed (except privately between two parties with a vertical commercial relationship such as supplier and customer); and
 - (d) Current and future price information and pricing plans, bidding plans, refund or rebate plans, discount plans, credit plans, specific product costs, profit margin information and terms of sale should not be discussed between competitors. All of the above are elements of competition.
3. Any question regarding the legality of a discussion topic or business practice should be brought to the attention of the GridWise Alliance legal counsel or a company's individual legal counsel for advice.



June 22, 2020

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
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The Honorable Chuck Schumer
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The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
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Dear Leader McConnell, Speaker Pelosi, Minority Leader Schumer and Minority Leader McCarthy:

As members of the Bipartisan Policy Center's Offshore Wind Advisory Group, we are writing to urge Congress to adopt offshore wind policies in potential upcoming legislation in the 116th Congress. In particular, we ask you to support six key policies that will support jobs, encourage economic development, and create new national energy infrastructure.

Offshore wind energy holds enormous potential in several regions of the U.S. and is a rapidly growing industry. Offshore wind projects are important to many domestic job-creating industries, including shipbuilders, manufacturers, ports, offshore services companies, and offshore wind developers, among others. The American Wind Energy Association estimates that by 2025, offshore wind energy could support up to 45,000 jobs, with the potential to reach 83,000 jobs by 2030. Yet, the U.S. offshore wind industry is still in a nascent stage with respect to its supply chain and supporting infrastructure. It is also challenged by a patchwork of federal, state, and local siting and permitting processes, as well as the changing suite of tax credits and other government incentives. In addition, the COVID-19 pandemic is resulting in substantial uncertainty and potential offshore wind project delays given continued disruption to labor markets, supply chains, and construction operations, among other factors.

In the coming months, Congress has the opportunity to address some of these challenges and strengthen the U.S. offshore wind industry while laying the groundwork for significant new investments in American energy infrastructure. Specifically, we recommend the following:

1. **National Defense Authorization Act.** When Congress examines the NDAA, it should increase authorization for the Maritime Administration's America's Marine Highways Program, Port Infrastructure Development Grants Program, and the Small Shipyards Grant Program to modernize and upgrade the nation's ports. Improved ports and other maritime infrastructure will strengthen not only the offshore wind industry supply chain, but other industries and national defense activities that rely on quality, state-of-the-art ports.
2. **Fiscal Year 2021 Department of Interior Appropriations.** As part of FY21 appropriation considerations, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's Office of Renewable Energy

Programs FY 2021 budget should be increased to \$28 million, of which \$3 million should be directed towards competitive lease auctions/sales and \$3 million to the review of site assessment and construction and operations plans. In addition, Congress should require the Director of BOEM to report to Congress annually on the Bureau's progress in completing competitive lease auctions/sales, reviewing and approving site assessment, right-of-way applications and construction and operations plans, and timely permitting. Other recommended report language is provided in an appendix below.

3. **Fiscal Year 2021 Department of Transportation Appropriations.** As part of FY21 appropriation deliberations, Congress should increase funding for BUILD grants (Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development) to support port modernization projects. Under the predecessor TIGER discretionary grants program, 14 port-related projects received capital construction grant funds. Specialized upgrades to U.S. ports for offshore wind installations—including heavy-duty cranes, turbine assembly areas, lay-down yards, deep draft berth, and multi-modal transport connections (e.g., to rail spurs and highway networks)—will also drive near-term economic development in coastal communities.
4. **Fiscal Year 2021 Department of Energy Appropriations.** During consideration of the appropriations bills, we ask for increased funding to DOE programs that fund research, development, and early deployment projects related to offshore wind energy. For example, ARPA-E's ATLANTIS program funds projects on floating offshore wind turbines with a particular emphasis on new designs, computer tools, and experiments. DOE's Offshore Wind Advanced Technology Demonstration Projects supports a portfolio of advanced wind energy technology demonstration projects across the country. DOE's National Offshore Wind R&D Consortium issues grants to address technological barriers and lower the costs and risks of offshore wind development in the United States. The DOE Loan Programs Office's resources should be expanded to support design and implementation of a planned offshore wind transmission grid, as well as supporting construction of Jones Act-compliant installation vessels by U.S. shipbuilders.
5. **Production & Investment Tax Credits.** We ask that you extend the wind production tax credit and investment tax credit for two years and revise the continuity safe harbor provision for energy projects qualifying for the PTC/ITC.
 - Project finance and supply chain development in a slowing economy is a challenge. A limited two-year extension of tax credits will reduce overall project costs and facilitate the advancement of commercial-scale clean energy projects across the United States. Successful completion of early offshore wind projects drives learning curves and efficiencies across the industry and within the federal and state regulatory system, which will help reduce costs for future projects.
 - The IRS safe harbor guidance, even with recent revisions, does not take into account the unique challenges facing the offshore wind industry. In the uncertain environment of the ongoing pandemic, it is impossible to predict what additional disruptions might occur that would impact project delivery. In addition, as a relatively young industry, offshore wind technology advancements are occurring rapidly (e.g., longer turbine blades, floating foundations). Current IRS guidance creates an overemphasis on up-front project spending and fixed construction windows, which hampers efficient procurement, local supply chain

development, and disadvantages the offshore wind industry for circumstances outside of its control. We request that you extend the continuity safe harbor by a total of three years, in addition to the standard four-year period, and that the Congress act to revise the continuity safe harbor provision to create more procurement and construction flexibility for offshore wind projects.

6. **Manufacturing Tax Credit.** We request that Congress reinstate the 48C Advanced Energy Manufacturing Tax Credit program to help spur development of a robust U.S. manufacturing capacity for American-made offshore wind turbines, nacelles, blades, subsea cables, and other parts and equipment. U.S. workers should be supplying domestic offshore wind projects, as well as supporting development of U.S. exports as the global market for offshore wind energy continues to grow.

We believe these six targeted recommendations could leverage near-term legislative opportunities and provide some of the institutional, financial, and R&D support that offshore wind needs to continue making progress in the United States. Greater federal support for the U.S. offshore wind industry would contribute to economic recovery and improved international technological leadership.

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Appendix:

Fiscal Year 2021 Interior Appropriations Report language request: *The Committee finds that offshore energy development creates jobs, stimulates investment and grows manufacturing, all while strengthening America's energy security. The Committee encourages the Department to pursue additional benefits from offshore energy production, including from wind resources on the U.S. Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). Further, the committee is encouraged by the engagement, consultation and cooperation among stakeholders that will benefit from and/or be impacted by offshore wind energy development. The Committee is concerned that frequent delays in permitting schedules have created uncertainty for the entire offshore industry about the feasibility of getting through the relevant permitting processes. In order to mitigate these concerns, the Secretary shall ensure timely permitting, reliable access, and a predictable regulatory environment throughout the American energy sector in order to provide reliable schedules, which are critical to attracting investment, securing supply chain commitments, and addressing workforce development needs in the offshore industry.*



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Analyses of the U.S. offshore wind industry related to economic impact, jobs, supply chain development and transmission grid planning and development

Note: The following reports are listed from most recent and working backward in time.

ECONOMIC IMPACT AND JOBS

California Offshore Wind: Winding Up for Economic Growth & Environmental Equity

December 2020

Brightline Defense; authors Eddie Ahn, Tanya Hanson, Dilini Lankachandra and Daniela Cortes

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5d87dc688ef6cb38a6767f97/t/5fe2852b3413e87e00fd1c105/1608680754294/Brightline-OffshoreWind-Report-12-6-2020.pdf>

Potential Impact of the Development of the Offshore Wind Energy Industry On Hampton Roads and Virginia

September 2020

Magnum Economics; authors David Zorn, Nick Norboge, A. Fletcher Magnum, and Alexander Nikolov

<https://hamptonroadsalliance.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Offshore-Wind-Economic-Impact-Report-092820.pdf>

Economic Impact Study of New Offshore Wind Lease Auctions by BOEM

August 2020

Prepared for National Ocean Industries Association by Wood MacKenzie; authors Feng Zhang, Maxwell Cohen and Aaron Barr

<https://www.noia.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Offshore-wind-economic-impact-analysis-white-paper-final-1.pdf>

2020 U.S. Energy and Employment Report

National Association of State Energy Officials and Energy Futures Initiative; lead author, David Foster

May 2020

<https://www.usenergyjobs.org/>

Energy Transitions

2020

AFL-CIO and Energy Futures Initiative

See Element No. 9, page 22: An analysis of the offshore wind supply chain, including its raw material requirements, manufacturing technologies, and geographical differences between the East Coast, West Coast, and Great Lakes.

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/58ec123cb3db2bd94e057628/t/6011a8b83d1c6a79cf0b27fe/1611770049298/Energy+Transitions.pdf>

U.S. Offshore Wind Economic Impact Assessment

March 2020

American Wind Energy Association; authors John Hensley and Celeste Wanner, Research and Analytics Manager

https://supportoffshorewind.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/6/2020/03/AWEA_Offshore-Wind-Economic-ImpactsV3.pdf

California Offshore Wind: Workforce Impacts and Grid Integration

September 2019

Authors Robert Collier, Sanderson Hull, Oluwafemi Sawyer, Shenshen Li, [Manohar Mogadali](#), [Dan Mullen](#), and [Arne Olson](#)

<https://laborcenter.berkeley.edu/pdf/2019/CA-Offshore-Wind-Workforce-Impacts-and-Grid-Integration.pdf>

The Economic Value of Offshore Wind Power in California

August 2019

Prepared for Castle Wind by Energy and Environmental Economics

http://castlewind.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/2019-08-08_E3-CastleWind-OffshoreWindValueReport_compressed.pdf

An Analysis of the Economic Impact of the Proposed 1,200MW Expansion of Maryland's Offshore Wind Program

March 2019

Prepared by the Sage Policy Group for the Blue Green Alliance

<https://www.bluegreenalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/The-Economic-Impact-of-the-Proposed-1200MW-Expansion-of-Maryland%E2%80%99s-Offshore-Wind-Program.pdf>

The California Offshore Wind Project: A Vision for Industry Growth

February 2019

American Jobs Project

<http://americanjobsproject.us/wp/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/The-California-Offshore-Wind-Project.pdf>

Vision for Virginia Offshore Wind

September 2018

Prepared for the Sierra Club by BVG Associates

<https://vasierra.club/virginia.offshore-wind.vaoswvision.pdf>

2018 Massachusetts Offshore Wind Workforce Assessment

April 2018

Bristol Community College, UMass Dartmouth Public Policy Center and Massachusetts Maritime Academy

<https://files.masscec.com/2018%20MassCEC%20Workforce%20Study.pdf>

New York State Offshore Wind Master Plan: The Workforce Opportunity of Offshore Wind in New York

December 2017

Prepared for New York State Energy Research and Development Authority by BVG Associates

<https://www.nyserda.ny.gov/All%20Programs/Programs/Offshore%20Wind/About%20Offshore%20Wind/Master%20Plan>

U.S. Job Creation in Offshore Wind: A Report for the Roadmap Project for Multi-State Cooperation on Offshore Wind

October 2017

Prepared for New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, Massachusetts Clean Energy Center, Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources, Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources, and Clean Energy States Alliance by BVG Associates Limited

<https://www.nyserda.ny.gov/-/media/Files/Publications/Research/Biomass-Solar-Wind/Master-Plan/US-job-creation-in-offshore-wind.pdf>

New York State and the Jobs of Offshore Wind Energy: A Workforce-Focused Research Report

Spring 2017

The Workforce Development Institute; authors Ross Gould and Eliot Cresswell

https://wdiny.org/Portals/0/New%20York%20State%20and%20The%20Jobs%20Of%20Offshore%20Wind%20Energy_%20WDI2017.pdf?ver=2017-05-03-150746-023

National Offshore Wind Strategy: Facilitating the Development of the Offshore Wind Industry in the United States

September 2016

U.S. Department of Energy (primary authors Patrick Gilman, Ben Maurer, Luke Feinberg, Alana Duerr, Lauren Peterson Walt Musial and Philipp Beiter) and U.S. Department of the Interior (primary authors Jennifer Golladay, Jessica Stromberg, Isis Johnson, Doug Boren, and Annette Moore)

<https://www.energy.gov/eere/wind/downloads/national-offshore-wind-strategy-facilitating-development-offshore-wind-industry>

Floating Offshore Wind in California: Gross Potential for Jobs and Economic Impacts from Two Future Scenarios

April 2016

Prepared for BOEM by Bethany Speer, David Keyser, and Suzanne Tegan (NREL)

<https://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy16osti/65352.pdf>

Floating Offshore Wind in Oregon: Potential for Jobs and Economic Impacts from Two Future Scenarios

April 2016

Prepared for the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management by National Renewable Energy Laboratory authors Tony Jimenez, David Keyser, Suzanne Tegen and Bethany Speer

<https://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy16osti/65421.pdf>

SUPPLY CHAIN DEVELOPMENT

Building North Carolina's Offshore Wind Supply Chain: A Roadmap for Leveraging Manufacturing and Infrastructure Advantages

March 2021

BVG Associates, Lloyd's Register, Timmons Group and North Carolina Clean Energy Technology Center

https://files.nc.gov/nccommerce/documents/Polymaker-Reports/Report_North-Carolina-OSW-Supply-Chain-Assessment_BVGAssociates_asPublished-Mar3-2021.pdf

Offshore Wind Energy: Planned Projects May Lead to Construction of New Vessels in the U.S., but Industry Has Made Few Decisions amid Uncertainties

December 2020

General Accounting Office

<https://www.gao.gov/assets/gao-21-153.pdf>

Supply Chain Contracting Forecast for U.S. Offshore Wind Power

March 2019

Special Initiative on Offshore Wind, University of Delaware; author Stephanie A. McClellan, Ph.D.

<https://cpb-us-w2.wpmucdn.com/sites.udel.edu/dist/e/10028/files/2020/01/SIOW-White-Paper-Supply-Chain-Contracting-Forecast-for-US-Offshore-Wind-Power-FINAL.pdf>

The UK Offshore Wind Industry: Supply Chain Review

January 2019

Prepared for the Offshore Wind Industry Council; author Martin Whitmarsh.

https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.renewableuk.com/resource/resmgr/publications/supply_chain_review_31.01.20.pdf

U.S. Wind Energy Manufacturing and Supply Chain: A Competitiveness Analysis

June 2014

Prepared for the U.S. Department of Energy by Global Wind Network; authors Patrick H. Fullenkamp and Diane S. Holody

https://www.energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2014/09/f18/U.S.%20Wind%20Energy%20Manufacturing%20and%20Supply%20Chain%20Competitiveness%20Analysis_0.pdf

U.S. Offshore Wind Manufacturing and Supply Chain Development

February 2013

Prepared for the U.S. Department of Energy by Navigant Consulting, Inc.

https://www.energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2013/12/f5/us_offshore_wind_supply_chain_and_manufacturing_development.pdf

TRANSMISSION GRID PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Initial Report on the New York Power Grid Study

January 2021

Prepared by New York Department of Public Service staff, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority staff, Johannes Pfeifenberger, Sam Newell, Akarsh Sheilendranath, Stephanie Ross, Sharan Ganjam of the Brattle Group; and Ric Austria and Ketut Dartawan of Pterra Consulting.

[https://www.ippny.org/vs-uploads/clcpa/1611262772_Initial%20Report%20on%20the%20NY%20Power%20Grid%20Study%201.19.21%20\(1\).pdf](https://www.ippny.org/vs-uploads/clcpa/1611262772_Initial%20Report%20on%20the%20NY%20Power%20Grid%20Study%201.19.21%20(1).pdf)

Planning for the Future: FERC's Opportunity to Spur More Cost Effective Transmission Infrastructure

January 2021

Americans for a Clean Energy Grid; authors Rob Gramlich and Jay Caspary.

https://cleanenergygrid.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/ACEG_Planning-for-the-Future1.pdf

Disconnected: The Need for a New Generation Interconnection Policy

January 2021

Americans for a Clean Energy Grid; authors Jay Caspary, Michael Goggin, Rob Gramlich, and Jesse Schneider.

<https://cleanenergygrid.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Disconnected-The-Need-for-a-New-Generator-Interconnection-Policy-1.14.21.pdf>

Offshore Wind Transmission White Paper

October 2020

Business Network for Offshore Wind; authors Brandon W. Burke, Michael Goggin and Rob Gramlich

<https://gridprogress.files.wordpress.com/2020/11/business-network-osw-transmission-white-paper-final.pdf>

Grid Resilience: Priorities for the Next Administration

October 2020

National Commission on Grid Resiliency

<https://gridresilience.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/NCGR-Report-2020-Full-v2.pdf>

Offshore Wind Transmission: An Analysis of Options for New York

August 2020

The Brattle Group; authors Johannes Pfeifenberger, Sam Newell, Walter Graf and Kasparas Spokas

<http://ny.anbaric.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/2020-08-05-New-York-Offshore-Transmission-Final-2.pdf>

Offshore Transmission in New England: The Benefits of a Better Planned Grid

May 2020

The Brattle Group; authors Johannes Pfeifenberger, Sam Newell and Walter Graf

https://newengland.anbaric.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Brattle_Group_Offshore_Transmission_in_New-England_5.13.20-FULL-REPORT.pdf

Offshore Wind: A European Perspective

August 2019

New York Power Authority

<https://www.nypa.gov/-/media/nypa/documents/document-library/news/offshore-wind.pdf>

BPC Launches New Task Force to Accelerate Clean Infrastructure

Feb 24, 2021

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Washington, DC – The Bipartisan Policy Center today announced the formation of the Smarter, Cleaner, Faster Infrastructure Task Force. The effort will advocate for the modernization of American infrastructure to support a vibrant, globally competitive economy that creates jobs and achieves net-zero carbon emissions by 2050. Members of the task force are former U.S. Sen. **Rick Santorum**, former U.S. Rep. **John Delaney**, former FERC Commissioner **Colette Honorable**, former Louisiana Governor **Bobby Jindal**, former HUD Secretary **Julián Castro**, and **Bill Truex**, Charlotte, FL county commissioner.

In the race to grow the economy, create jobs, and confront climate change, our most limited resource is time. Building smarter, cleaner infrastructure will require moving significantly faster than we have in recent decades. Without a modernized regulatory system, we will not reap the desperately needed near-term economic benefits or deploy new technology in time to avoid the worst effects of climate change.

The recent crisis in Texas and occurrences in other states around the country during the recent ice storm demonstrates the need to quickly advance transportation, water, communications, and energy projects to increase reliability and security, improve affordability and efficiency, connect our communities, reduce emissions, and prioritize frontline communities.

The task force will highlight the economic and environmental benefits of accelerating clean infrastructure for hardworking Americans, and will develop bipartisan proposals to help guide

the administration and Congress as they make investments to improve the country's infrastructure.

"If we want to be able to take care of our environment, we must have a strong economy," said Santorum. "These goals are connected, and we actually have bipartisan support for both. I'm excited to join this task force to work on modernizing our nation's infrastructure to encourage economic growth and reduce emissions at the same time."

"Climate change is the most significant problem of our time and we'll need massive investments in clean infrastructure projects to reach our goal of net-zero by 2050," said Delaney. "The good news is this will also be enormously positive for the economy and create millions of good paying jobs across the country. But we can't wait; we must start building now and build faster than to hit our goals. I know there is bipartisan support for modernizing our approach to infrastructure."

"Our collective work to ensure safety, affordability, reliability, and sustainability requires a resilient electric grid that connects communities across our nation to energy production and storage," said Honorable. "In the coming decades, we must modernize the grid to support integration of new resources, greater resilience, and emissions reductions. I know the current process for approving projects is unwieldy and we must find common-sense ways to improve it. I'm delighted to join this bipartisan group to aid in developing solutions. Time is of the essence."

"We can all agree that modernizing our infrastructure has a strong economic and environmental payoff," said Jindal. "As a former governor of a coastal state, known as 'Sportsman's Paradise,' I know how important protecting our environment is. The good news is we can have a strong economy, affordable and abundant energy, and a clean environment. I am looking forward to working with this task force to advance bipartisan solutions for improving how the federal government works with states to deliver the benefits of infrastructure more quickly."

"The climate crisis is the most pressing issue of our time," said Castro. "Combating it will require, among other things, bold investments in sustainable infrastructure that will create millions of high-wage jobs across the country and help us advance environmental justice. These are investments supported across the political spectrum and are needed now more than ever."

“Coastal communities are already experiencing the damage rising sea levels can wreak on our neighbors and on our economy,” said Truex. “This isn’t a partisan issue. We have to come together to build an infrastructure system that’s practical in the near-term and resilient over time. We have to break through the partisan gridlock in Washington so our businesses and communities can move forward.”

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Task Force Releases Framework for Clean Infrastructure Investments

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Washington, DC – Today, the Smarter, Cleaner, Faster Infrastructure Task Force is *releasing principles* [<https://bipartisanpolicy.org/blog/smarter-cleaner-faster-infrastructure/>] to bridge the political divide and provide a framework for Congress as they draft clean infrastructure legislation.

The Smarter, Cleaner, Faster Infrastructure Task Force releases the following statement:

“We were encouraged that President Biden’s American Jobs Plan included many provisions that have traditionally enjoyed bipartisan support including transportation and water infrastructure, energy infrastructure, and broadband. By working with the bipartisan efforts underway in the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee in the House and the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, the administration has the opportunity to strengthen our nation’s infrastructure and our democracy by engaging the best ideas of both parties in creating a modern, clean, and dynamic economy.

“We are particularly pleased to see the administration’s focus on expediting federal project approvals.¹ Increased availability of federal resources will fall short of achieving our economic and environmental goals unless we simultaneously modernize our permitting processes. The principles we are releasing today offer a bipartisan framework for investing in clean infrastructure that match the urgency of the challenge. We look forward to working with Congress to advance bipartisan legislation that will address climate change, create jobs, grow

our economy, and put our country on the path to be a global leader in the clean energy economy.”

The Smarter, Cleaner, Faster Infrastructure Task Force *launched* [<https://bipartisanpolicy.org/press-release/bpc-launches-new-task-force-to-accelerate-clean-infrastructure/>] in February with the goal of accelerating the build-out of clean infrastructure.

¹The American Jobs Plan states “...the President’s plan will use smart, coordinated infrastructure permitting to expedite federal decisions while prioritizing stakeholder engagement, community consultation, and maximizing equity, health, and environmental benefits.”

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