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In 2021 the New Hampshire Department of Energy (NHDoE) put forth a Request for Proposal on a broad assessment of stakeholder concerns related to offshore wind. At the Governor and Council meeting of July 12th, the winning bid from Normandeau Associates was approved to move forward. This federally funded study is providing an overview of several complex environmental, economic, and energy impacts and implications for New Hampshire.

Normandeau Associates, the local consultancy company contracted to preform the work of this assessment, is headquartered in Bedford with locations on the seacoast as well as eight other states. With a track record including several projects for New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES), Normandeau has worked on several other offshore wind projects. Notably, they completed a set of aerial biological surveys using their Remote Marine and Onshore Technology (ReMOTe) for the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) in 2019.

Additionally, Veritas Economic Consulting of North Carolina and Tetra Tech Inc. of Massachusetts are subcontracted to provide project support. Veritas is primarily focusing on analyzing the economic impacts to maritime industries, such as commercial fishing and recreational operations. They are also supporting Normandeau's efforts related to reviewing economic implications of energy development. Tetra Tech, in addition to supporting several environmental analyses, are the project's infrastructure planning lead.

Initial project management tasks are currently underway. Team members from all three firms met with the state at the Department of Energy in August for the scoping discussions. A preliminary working draft of the report is slated for review by NHDoE in early 2023 with conclusion of the project on June 30<sup>th</sup> of that year. Findings from this report will inform both state agencies and stakeholders alike, while providing a basis for future studies.