

Quonset and the Port of Davisville's Role in Future Off-Shore Wind Projects

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- Quonset Business Park is home to more than 200 companies, nearly 11,000 workers and one of the Top 10 auto importers in North America at the Port of Davisville.
- As off-shore wind projects begin to advance across the East Coast, Quonset, the Port of Davisville and Narragansett Bay as a whole are uniquely positioned to have a major role in their development.
- Quonset had a key role in the development of Deepwater Wind's Block Island Project. Various pieces of the project arrived in Rhode Island at Quonset, including the steel jackets and more than 28 miles of cable. In addition, Quonset served as the principle port for the project's heavy installation vessels over a two-year span and Quonset-based companies participated in every aspect of the project's construction.
- Component parts of approximately one dozen other land-based wind turbines now in service in Rhode Island have also come across the pier at Davisville.
- Deepwater Wind also has its own worker and equipment facility on-site at Quonset. Also, the *Atlantic Pioneer*, the first U.S.-built crew transfer vessel (CTV) engineered specifically to service offshore wind projects is based at Quonset.



Quonset and the Port of Davisville are uniquely positioned to continue their role in the development of off-shore wind projects.

Looking Ahead

- Industry analysts project over \$1 billion in private investment and over a thousand jobs will be generated by wind activity currently planned in the Northeast U.S. The Port of Davisville location positions Rhode Island to benefit from these offshore projects between Cape Cod and New Jersey.

- Deepwater Wind’s next project will be significantly larger than the Block Island project, with the potential for more than 1,000 MW of offshore wind development compared to the 30 MW of power currently slated to be generated off Block Island.
- Deepwater Wind plans to build multiple phases in this wind energy area to serve Long Island, Massachusetts and Rhode Island.
- Projects of this magnitude will not only require available space and infrastructure at Quonset and the Port of Davisville, but will also need to utilize additional Port facilities in Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and New York.
- Deepwater Wind’s and other off-shore wind projects cannot be staged and launched from just one facility. The project will require modern, world-class infrastructure at a variety of locations.

Preparing for Growth in Off-Shore Wind

- To help ensure that Quonset and the Port of Davisville can play a key role in the development of more off-shore wind projects, Governor Raimondo has proposed a \$90 million investment in the Port of Davisville.
- This 50-year solution will build new berthing space that will allow the Port to better service growth at Davisville and pursue even more shipping business.
- The plan will preserve hundreds of jobs in the maritime sector and keep Rhode Island competitive with other ports in the region. It will solidify the Port of Davisville’s position as the premiere marine commercial gateway to New England.
- As our neighboring states make massive investments in their ports, including over \$700 million in Connecticut and \$660 million in Massachusetts, we must re-invest in our key waterfront assets.
- Sound policy dictates that we begin to plan today to invest in a plan to maintain and modernize our world-class infrastructure.



The Port of Davisville’s Pier 2 in the foreground.