

## **Offshore Energy Production – Growing Stronger through Made in America**

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In the spirit of President Trump's "Made in America Week" it's important to highlight the contribution of Outer Continental Shelf energy resources. As the second largest revenue contributor to the Treasury - \$2.8 billion in 2016, OCS production supports more than 300,000 U.S. jobs, over \$30 billion in value added and in excess of \$55 billion in U.S. economic output.

With the OCS contributing 1 out of every 6 barrels produced in this country, we have an important role to play. The OCS contributes to energy security providing enough energy for one out of every ten Americans. National security is reinforced through reliable OCS production lessening our dependence on energy from areas of the world that do not share our values. Energy production from the OCS promotes economic security through the support of hundreds of thousands of jobs in 47 states.

That's why I've made it a priority since taking the helm at BSEE to make certain that our policies do not drive what would otherwise be investment in the U.S. into other countries because of what we have done in terms of some of our policies.

While we cannot control the price of the commodity, i.e. the price of oil and gas, we can help control the lifting costs and if the lifting costs are lowered without sacrificing safety, without sacrificing environmental safeguards – then we ought to be about that, and that's what the President and the Secretary has directed us to do first of all.

American ingenuity and technology advancements developed right here in the U.S. have provided opportunities for exploration in frontier areas and increased energy production in deeper waters. Being able to explore for and produce more offshore energy is an essential part of achieving energy dominance for America. The offshore energy industry relying on the ingenuity of *Made in America* companies are moving us forward toward this goal.

In addition, many of the technologies used across the globe in places like the North Sea and the Indian Ocean were developed by great Americans, many of them in your own zipcode. *Made in America* energy technology represents the highest standard of quality and performance throughout the world. The expertise demonstrated by American craftsmanship has far-reaching impacts on the world's economy and resource development. This is something that is not often recognized. American jobs and the resulting products from this hard work make a difference around the globe.

So as President Trump said, "We want to build, create, and grow more products in our country using American labor, American goods, and American grit. When we purchase products made in the USA, the profits stay here, the revenue stays here, and the jobs -- maybe most importantly of all -- they stay right here in the USA."