

## The Hampton Roads Alliance and Dominion Energy Host Offshore Wind Supplier Readiness Events

**Over 300 members of the Virginia business community attend events focused on offshore wind supply chain opportunities**



In December 2020, the Hampton Roads Alliance and Dominion Energy partnered on an initiative to help businesses in Virginia understand supply chain opportunities associated with Dominion Energy's Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind (CVOW) project and the East Coast offshore wind industry.

Offshore wind energy is a rapidly growing global industry with vast potential in the United States, and Dominion Energy is leading the way with the development of their CVOW project. CVOW is the first offshore wind project ever in federal waters. Located 27 miles off the coast of Virginia, it will generate enough electricity to power up to 660,000 homes. Development and operation of the CVOW project will also create hundreds of new, well-paying jobs and position Virginia to host an industry that does not yet exist in this nation.

These supplier readiness events were an important step in making sure Virginia businesses are ready to work with Dominion Energy on the project and take advantage of this opportunity. Five virtual events were held that targeted businesses around the Commonwealth in the regions of Hampton Roads, Richmond, Northern Virginia, Southside Virginia, and Western Virginia. Approximately 300 attendees participated.

The events were opened by Doug Smith, Hampton Roads Alliance President and CEO, who discussed the economic development opportunity for the Commonwealth, Virginia's competitive advantages, and the activities the Alliance is taking with its partners to build Virginia into an offshore wind supply chain hub. John Larson, Director of Public Policy and Economic Development for Dominion Energy, provided an update on the CVOW project, its expected economic impact, and the types of jobs the project will create. Most importantly, attendees learned about Dominion Energy's supplier needs and how to prepare their businesses to successfully compete to work on this \$8 billion project.

The Alliance and Dominion Energy will continue this effort to help ready businesses for opportunities in the offshore wind industry with a series of monthly events in 2021.