



Local Workforce Opportunities for Offshore Wind Energy

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Supplier jobs represent the largest opportunity space for offshore wind jobs

- Suppliers produce subassemblies, parts, and materials for Tier 1 original equipment manufactures
- Existing businesses would have to make significant investments in facilities, equipment, certifications, and/or workforce training to qualify as offshore wind energy suppliers

An offshore wind supply chain could create a vast number of jobs, with a higher market opportunity in the supporting supply chain than in major manufacturing facilities

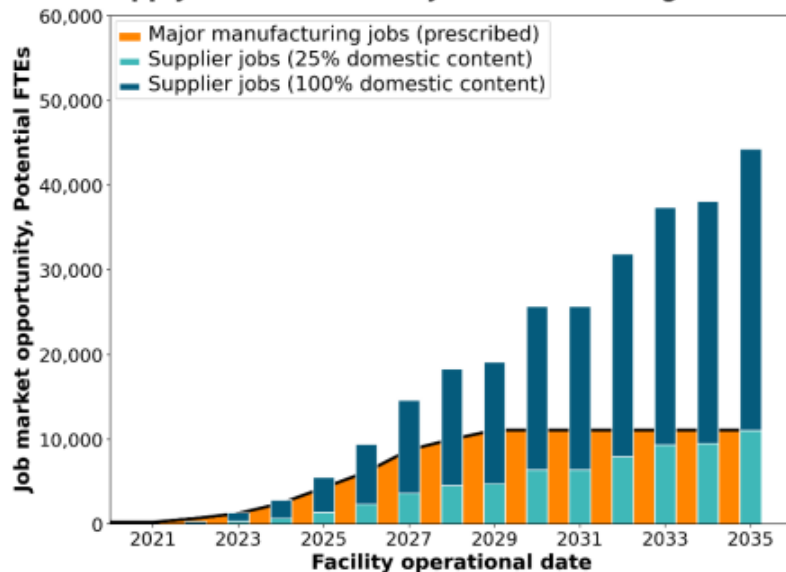


Figure ES5. Major manufacturing jobs and supplier jobs over time assuming a 25% and 100% domestic workforce based on the accelerated supply chain growth scenario.

Number of supplier jobs will depend on the level of domestic content achieved which may be tied to the opening of Tier 1 manufacturing facilities

Opportunity across the country for jobs related to suppliers

- In this analysis Connecticut does not have a Tier 1 OEM
- But Connecticut could support the supply chain

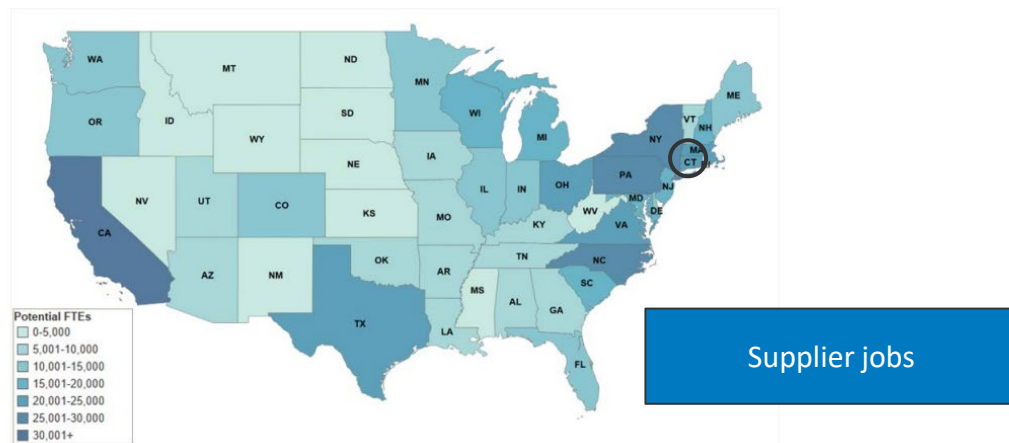
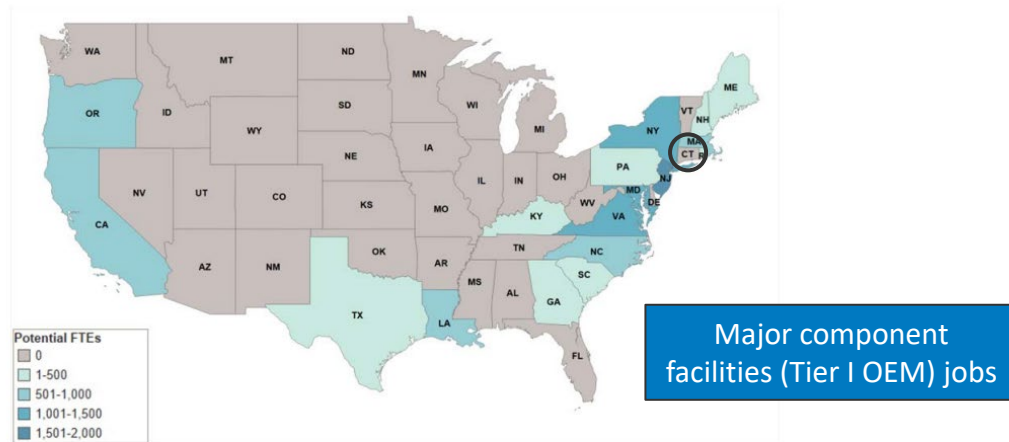
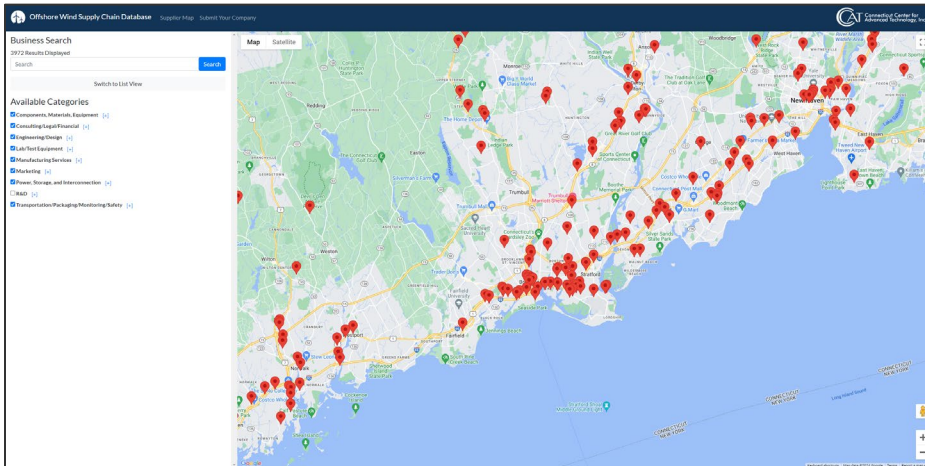


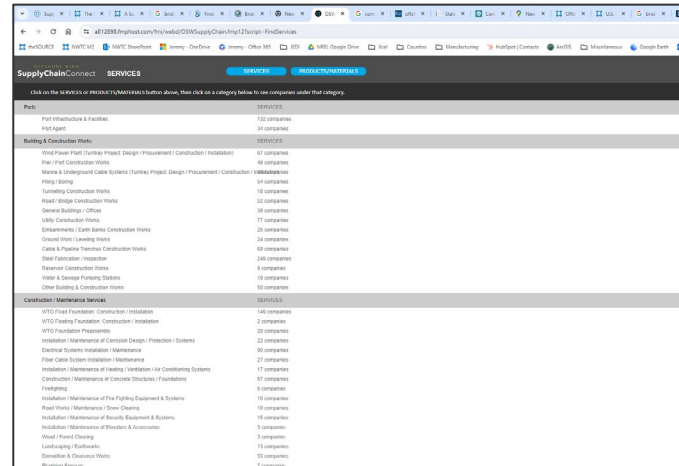
Figure 21. Job market opportunity for major manufacturing jobs (top) and the job market opportunity for major manufacturing and supplier jobs (bottom) for the domestic supply chain scenario by 2035, assuming 100% domestic content

Supplier opportunity near Bridgeport

Many databases show businesses that could get involved with offshore wind energy.



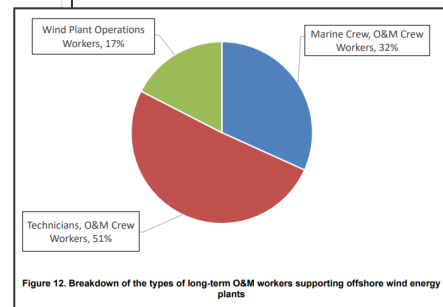
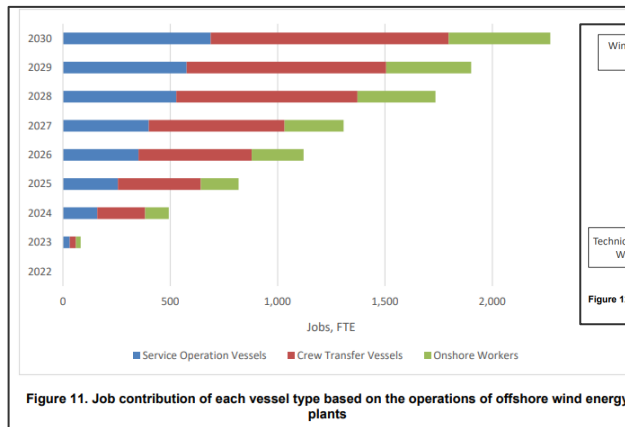
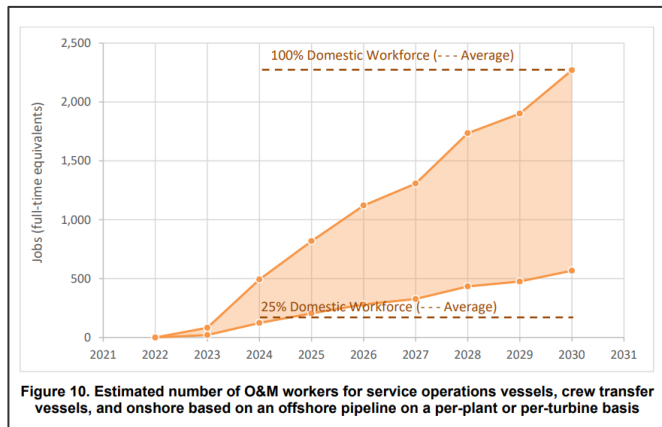
Offshore Wind Supply Chain Database
Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology, Inc.
<https://offshorewind.ccat.us/>



Supply Chain Connect
Oceanic Network
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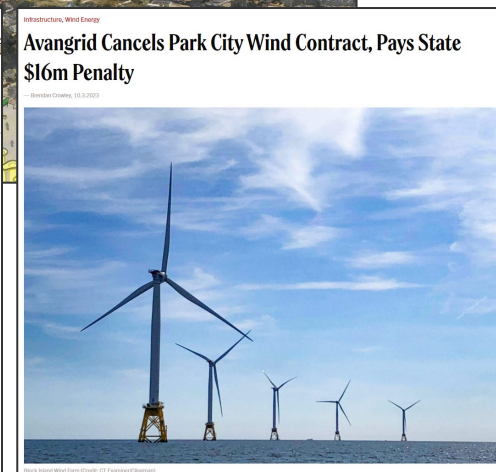
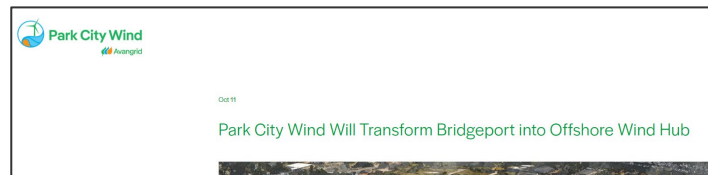
- 2,300 O&M workers could be needed by 2030 to reach 30GW offshore wind energy
- Includes marine crew for vessels (e.g., captains, mates, seaman), wind technicians, engineers, operations managers, professional services



Operations and Maintenance

- What actions can Bridgeport take to keep momentum going in uncertain conditions and develop a workforce that's ready when its needed?
- How can local training programs be developed to support these future jobs?

“Constructing an O&M Facility with a 25+ Year Lifetime: Vineyard Wind is also committed to making Bridgeport home to Park City Wind’s operations and maintenance (O&M) hub for the life of the project. This will bring many long-term jobs to Bridgeport and generate direct expenditures worth several hundreds of millions of dollars.”



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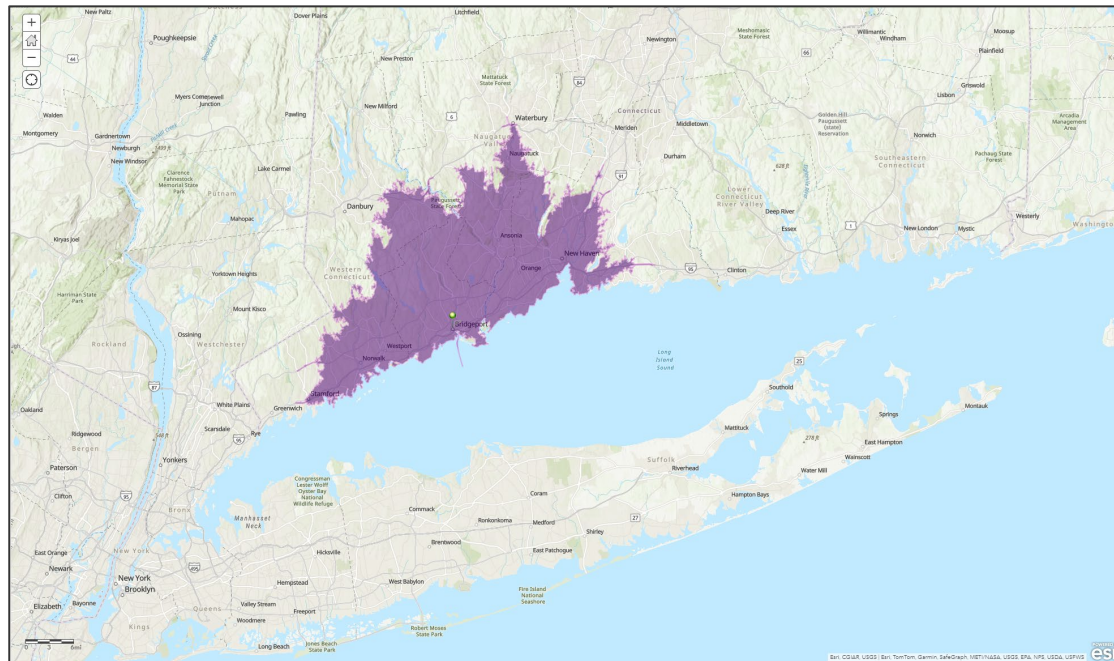
Port of Bridgeport

- Establish a company headquarters, as well as to redevelop privately owned waterfront industrial property.
- Support foundation piece steel fabrication and act as an outfitting and staging area.
- Transition to a long-term operations and maintenance hub for the life span of the Park City Wind project.

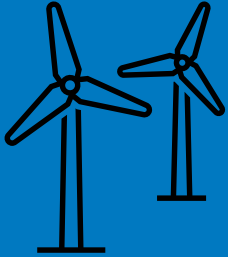
Source: <https://portal.ct.gov/offshorewind/-/media/offshorewind/State-of-Connecticut-OSW-Strategic-Roadmap-2023.pdf>

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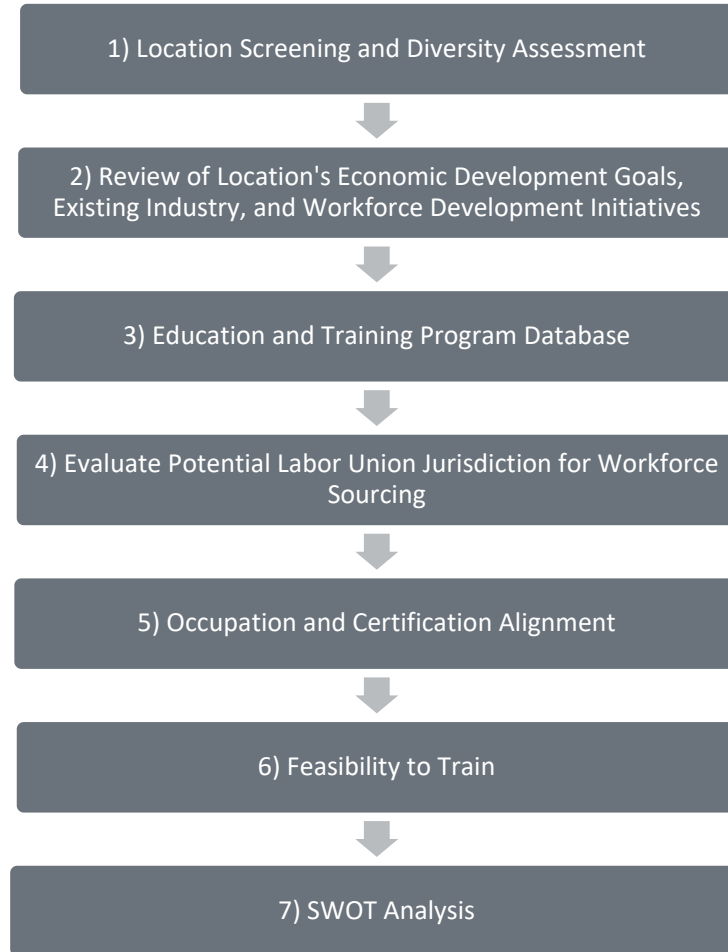
- Commuting patterns can affect where workers are trained, live, and work
- Consider the economic benefits that flow in and out of Bridgeport from offshore wind development



Local Workforce Assessment Process



- Currently developing a methodology for Floating Offshore Wind ReadINess (FLOWIN) Prize and SMARTPOWER Supply Chain Project.
- Assessment approach still under development and refinement.



Q&A

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