



## Adult Continuing Education Martha's Vineyard

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Martha's Vineyard Commission

33 New York Ave.

Oak Bluffs, MA 02557

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to you to underscore what we see as some of the educational benefits of the Vineyard Wind's offshore wind project and the undersea cable that will connect the project to the electric grid and to inform you of what ACE MV has been working on to train a local workforce to operate the proposed maintenance facility and wind farm.

In the fall of 2019, ACE MV will begin an island-based, 2-year *Offshore Wind Power Technician* undergraduate program. This 30-credit certificate program will provide STEM credit classes and training and will credential 28-40 islanders to work on the island in the emerging field of wind energy.

We have agreements in place with Bristol Community College, Mass Maritime Academy and Cape Cod Community College to deliver this program at the MV Regional High School. Because the program will be at the high school, we will be offering the STEM college courses to HS juniors and seniors as dual enrollment. In addition, our introductory course, *Introduction to Offshore Wind* in partnership with Mass Maritime will be offered as an exploratory course to HS freshmen.

We feel that this proposed project will offer the island important educational and work opportunities for our year-round workforce and provide a meaningful introduction to the world of work for our youth at the high school who are interested in STEM-related fields and renewable energy.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter.

Sincerely,

Samuel A Hart  
Executive Director

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ACE MV's mission is to provide learning and development opportunities that enhance the ability of Vineyard residents to meet their career and personal goals and thereby enhance the island as an economically viable and culturally rich place to live and work.

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