

# RE: Vineyard Wind building - economic development questions

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Hi Alex,

Please find the responses below. Let us know if there is any follow up! Thanks.

**1. How has the applicant worked with local organizations such as ACE MV, MV Regional High School, and Bristol Community College to develop and support educational and technical workforce development training?**

Vineyard Wind committed \$2 million to recruit, mentor, and train residents of Massachusetts, particularly southeast Massachusetts, for careers in the Commonwealth's new offshore wind industry. As part of this program, ACE MV was awarded over \$200,000 to develop an adjunct campus, and faculty, to teach an industry recognized Offshore Wind Technician Certification Program through Bristol Community College on island. In addition, funds have also been allocated to recruit woman and minorities into the certification program. Since January 2020, ACE MV has enrolled three cohorts totaling approximately 15 island students through the program.

In addition, Vineyard Wind, through its community partner Vineyard Power, meets with students of the MVRHS throughout the academic year in presentation to its Exploratory program, attending career days, participating in MVRHS Climate Cafés and through several Open House events.

**2. Has the applicant provided any funding towards Workforce development training? And if not, could there be annual funding to be earmarked to ACE MV Workforce Development Training for Offshore Wind Technicians?**

See above #1.

**3. How will the applicant ensure Island employees who received Bristol Community College's Offshore Wind Technician Certification receive priority preference in hiring and will their tuition be reimbursement upon hire?**

Vineyard Wind's funding commitment ensured tuition support for island residents enrolled in the Offshore Wind Certification Program. In addition, Vineyard Wind hosted a "meet & greet" event in November 2021 for all cohort 1 and cohort 2 students with their turbine supplier General Electric and hosted a "hiring event" on April 28<sup>th</sup> for all islanders, including cohorts 1, 2, and 3, where all major sub-contractors of Vineyard Wind were present.

**4. Please outline hiring practices and local preference for Island Residents?**

Currently, several sub-contractors are in the process of interviewing and hiring several MV residents and in support of Vineyard Haven's working waterfront, Vineyard Wind has set for itself the goal of 100% of its operations and maintenance staff being Martha's Vineyard residents within five years of the project being operational. As mentioned above, Vineyard Wind hosted a "hiring event" on April 28<sup>th</sup> for all islanders where all major sub-contractors of Vineyard Wind were

present and plans to have a similar event in early fall. There were over 40 islanders who attended the hiring event. The MV Times wrote a nice article about it here: <https://www.mvtimes.com/2022/05/02/vineyard-wind-partners-showcase-new-jobs/>

Vineyard Wind has also created a webpage (<https://www.vineyardwind.com/omjobs>) where islanders should be able to easily navigate to our subcontractors job opportunities. The webpage indicates that interested residents of Martha's Vineyard are strongly encouraged to apply to all positions. The islanders have also been encouraged to use Vineyard Wind as a resource to get connected to the relevant contractors for job opportunities.

#### 5. What other Economic Community Benefits will be provided to the Vineyard Community?

In addition to workforce development and supporting substantial infrastructure investments, Vineyard Wind has committed \$7,500,000 to enhance resiliency for our critical facilities, financial support for low and moderate income rate-payers and supporting our island's goals of being 100% renewable and fossil fuel free community.

Thanks,

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**From:** Alex Elvin <elvin@mvcommission.org>

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**To:** Sarah Schweitzer <sschweitzer@vineyardwind.com>; Richard Andre <richard@vineyardpower.com>

**Subject:** Vineyard Wind building - economic development questions

Hi Sarah and Richard,

I just received these questions from staff regarding the Vineyard Wind maintenance building. I believe we have been over some of this already, but if you could possibly clarify these things before the hearing, we would appreciate it.

Thanks,

Alex

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