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Laura Daniel-Davis,
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Lands & Minerals Management, Department of Interior,
delivered a keynote address to a
morning session of the *Pacific Offshore Wind Summit* on
"Policies & Programs to Create a 10 GW or More Pacific Offshore Wind Project Pipeline"
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San Francisco, CA

Address Highlights:

"Late last year, Secretary Haaland announced a new offshore wind leasing strategy to help the nation achieve the Biden-Harris Administration's ambitious 30 GW by 2030 goal, and inspire confidence among stakeholders and ocean users. We must seize this moment – and we must do it together. Our strategy includes an additional 6 lease sales by 2025 in areas offshore California, the Carolinas, Central Atlantic, Gulf of Maine, Gulf of Mexico and Oregon.

"President Biden and Secretary Haaland have made it clear that when we talk about climate change, we are talking about jobs. Good-paying, union jobs. Unlocking the economic potential of clean energy is a critical part of this effort.

"This strategy demonstrates our commitment to responsibly accelerate our nation's transition to a clean energy future with certainty and transparency. By providing clear direction on our path, we're trying to remove the guess work and inspire confidence among industry.

"We need a robust and resilient domestic offshore wind supply chain to deliver these jobs and economic benefits. In fact, a recent report indicates that – over the next decade – the nation's growing offshore wind energy industry presents a \$109 billion revenue opportunity to businesses in the supply chain.

"Offshore wind presents a once-in-a-generation opportunity to build a brand-new industry that can combat climate change and create robust, sustainable clean energy economies – with good-paying jobs and a strong domestic supply chain."