

OFFSHORE WIND:
POWERING A COMEBACK FOR AMERICAN SHIPBUILDING

A STRATEGIC INDUSTRIAL COMEBACK

Offshore wind is powering a new era of American shipbuilding. At a time when the U.S. must reassert its maritime leadership, providing permitting and leasing certainty for offshore wind is key to continue creating reliable demand for U.S.-built vessels—revitalizing shipyards and sustaining thousands of skilled jobs across the country

ALIGNING WITH PRESIDENT TRUMP'S AMERICAN DOMINANCE AGENDA

President Trump's Executive Order on **Restoring America's Maritime Dominance** (April 9, 2025) prioritizes the revitalization of U.S. shipbuilding as a national security imperative. Offshore wind is delivering exactly that—restoring our industrial base and supporting the domestic maritime workforce with real, shovel-ready projects.

COMPETING WITH CHINA REQUIRES DOMESTIC INDUSTRIAL POWER

China is rapidly expanding its global shipbuilding and offshore energy footprint. Offshore wind gives the U.S. a strategic opportunity to compete—not by outsourcing—but by investing in American yards, workers, and supply chains. Building up our own commercial fleet strengthens national resilience and shores up critical infrastructure.

BY THE NUMBERS

35+ vessels built for U.S. offshore wind

23 more vessels under construction or announced

$1.8 billion+ in vessel orders

$12.2 million in shipyard upgrades

Thousands of jobs across 30+ states

The Bottom Line

Offshore wind is a strategic economic and industrial driver. It helps America compete with China, protects our maritime independence, and delivers on the national priorities laid out in the Executive Order on Restoring America's Maritime Dominance.

A LIFELINE FOR SHIPYARDS AND ENERGY COMPANIES

Offshore wind helps bridge gaps in commercial demand, especially for Gulf Coast shipyards that have traditionally served offshore oil and gas. This partnership:

- **Smooths boom-bust cycles** for energy and shipbuilding firms
- **Keeps fabrication yards and welders working year-round**
- **Supports diversification** of energy companies and supply chains rooted along the Gulf of America

ECONOMIC REACH BEYOND THE COASTLINE

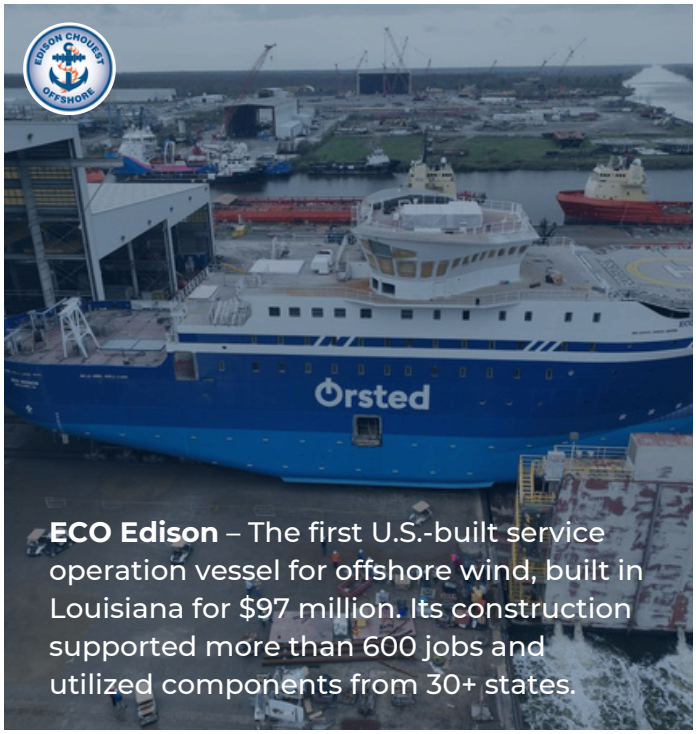
Offshore wind vessel construction drives investment and job creation far from project sites:

- **Steel** from Alabama, Texas, and North Carolina
- **Engines and controls** from Indiana, Georgia, and Ohio
- **Fabrication and components** from Wisconsin, Illinois, Pennsylvania, and more
- **Shipyard jobs** in Louisiana, Rhode Island, Florida, Texas, Mississippi, and Wisconsin

FLAGSHIP EXAMPLES: AMERICAN-MADE AND GLOBALLY COMPETITIVE



Charybdis – A $715 million wind turbine installation vessel under construction in Texas, supporting over 1,200 American jobs with a supply chain spanning 14 states.



ECO Edison – The first U.S.-built service operation vessel for offshore wind, built in Louisiana for $97 million. Its construction supported more than 600 jobs and utilized components from 30+ states.

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