

EDITOR'S DESK

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Wind Developments Keep Coming

There's been a lot going on in the wind industry over the last few months.

Maryland recently became an offshore wind contender when its PSC awarded offshore renewable energy credits to US Wind and Skipjack Offshore Energy, LLC to build 368 MW of wind projects. Those projects will create almost 10,000 new jobs. Looks like Block Island Wind won't be alone for long.

Another interesting development has been the rebranding of Women of Wind Energy (WoWE). The nonprofit organization has expanded its core philosophy and become Women of Renewable Industries and Sustainable Energy (WRISE). Its goals with wind are still there, but it's adding other aspects of renewable energy to its outreach to get and keep women in renewables beyond wind.

In this month's Crosswinds, you can read more about WoWE's evolution to WRISE as well as how the organization began 12 years ago.

In the June issue of *Wind Systems*, we're also focusing on maintenance and condition monitoring, and with that, we're bringing some fascinating information dealing with maintenance and how to keep those O&M costs down.

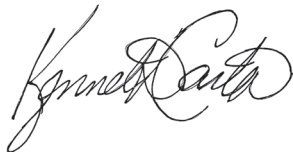
Our company profile is on Valley Forge & Bolt. That company has had a hand in many industries over the course of its 40-year history, and now, it's wanting to break into the wind industry with some of its patented fasteners designed to lower O&M costs.

An expert with ServiceMax discusses how his company is modernizing field service with wireless technology.

Maintenance is sometimes literally the nuts and bolts of the wind industry, so it's important that once those assets are spinning, that they keep spinning as efficiently, and as long, as possible.

That's just a sample of what you'll discover in this issue that illustrates the ways companies are trying to modernize and advance wind maintenance. I hope you enjoy it.

And, as always, thanks for reading!



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AWEA Reports Strong Industry Statistics

Courtesy of AWEA

- The U.S. wind industry added jobs nine times faster than the overall U.S. economy in 2016.
- Each new modern wind turbine supports 44 years of full-time employment over its life span.
- More new wind energy was installed during the first quarter of 2017 than any first quarter since 2009.
- Earlier this year, North Carolina became the 41st state with a utility-scale wind farm.
- The U.S. now has enough installed wind capacity to power 25 million homes.

The American Wind Energy Association (AWEA) is the premier national trade association that represents the

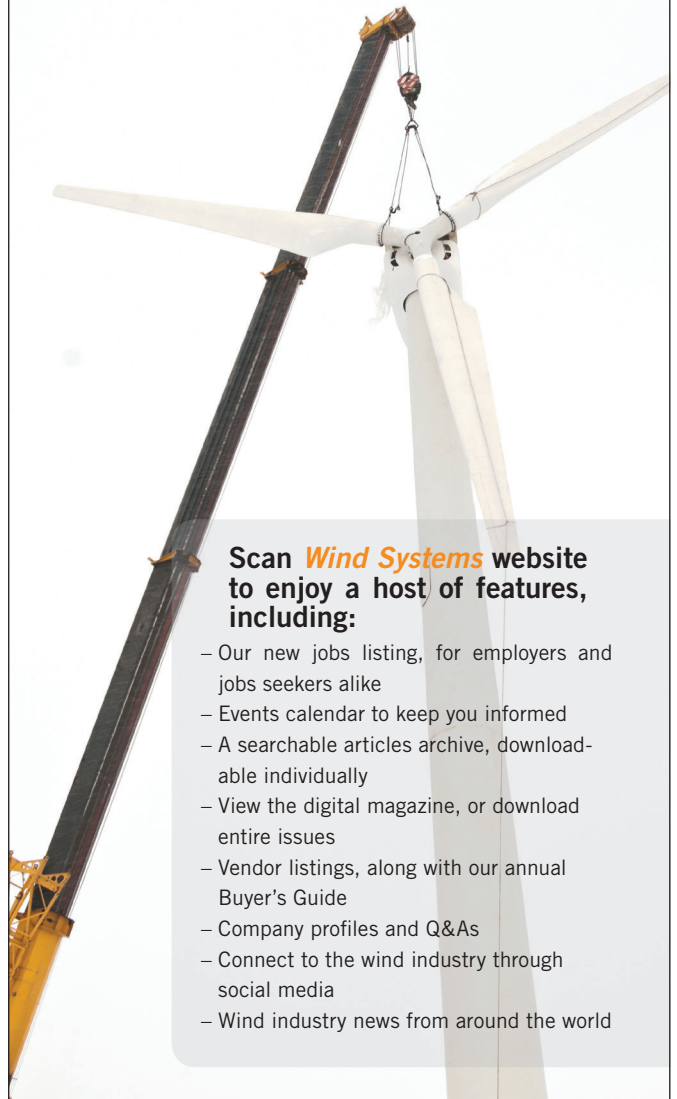
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