

# EDITOR'S DESK

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## Offshore and Canadian wind take center stage

There are quite a few wind events happening in the coming weeks, and *Wind Systems* is here to preview some of those exciting industry happenings.

Offshore wind may be a part of European daily life, but in the U.S., it's just starting to take off.

That's sure to be a big part of the discussions during AWEA's Offshore WINDPOWER 2017 Conference in New York City October 24-25.

To help prime that conversation, this issue of *Wind Systems* has a special double-feature Conversation.

In it, we go coast-to-coast as we talk with two officials from the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management.

Jim Bennett, chief of BOEM's Office of Renewable Energy Programs, talks in depth about the state of wind power in the Atlantic, while Joan Barminski, BOEM's regional director of the Pacific Region, discusses how wind energy will be developed off the West Coast.

The September issue also boasts some interesting articles that focus on offshore development both in the U.S. and throughout the world, and what tools and parts will be needed to aid in offshore wind's smooth operation going forward.

Another annual event *Wind Systems* is spotlighting this month is the CanWEA Annual Conference and Exhibition October 3-5 in Montreal.

Canadian wind energy has had some kind of conference before CanWEA even existed. But since the organization's formation in 1981, the annual conference has only continued to evolve and grow.

In Crosswinds, CanWEA President Robert Hornung talks about the show's humble beginnings and what attendees can expect from this year's conference. And as part of our inFocus section, Hornung discusses the flourishing state of wind in our neighbor to the north, as well.

There's a lot happening in the industry in the coming weeks that will only serve to highlight what's in the industry's future in the coming years.

It's an information-packed issue. I hope you enjoy reading it as much as I enjoyed putting it together.

Thanks for reading!



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## U.S. wind power continues to grow

Courtesy of AWEA

- U.S. workers build an average of 10 new wind turbines every day.
- A typical 2-MW turbine in the U.S. powers more than 500 homes, nearly twice as many as turbines in China or Germany.
- U.S. wind jobs have grown by more than 30 percent since 2015.
- There is 41 percent more wind under construction or in advanced development than at this time last year.
- Earlier this year, Kansas became the fifth state to surpass 5,000 MW of installed capacity, joining Texas, Iowa, Oklahoma, and California.

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

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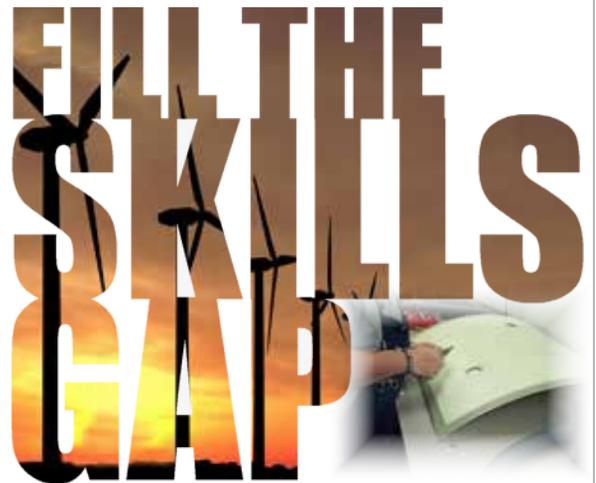
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