

Ørsted and Eversource Announce Major Grant for Groton's Project Oceanology

Marine Science Nonprofit to Receive \$950,000 Over the Next Four Years in Support of STEM Program for Local Schools

GROTON, CONN. – June 17, 2021 – Offshore wind joint development partners Ørsted and Eversource today announced they have awarded a \$950,000 grant to Groton-based [Project Oceanology](#) and its hands-on, inquiry-based K-12 STEM program focused on climate change, sustainability, energy generation, and offshore wind. Grant funding will be distributed evenly over four years, starting in 2021 and continuing through 2024.

During the first year of the new program, which will launch in fall 2021, Project Oceanology will develop and design educational units with the goal of recruiting nine southeastern Connecticut schools (three elementary, three middle school, and three high school levels) to participate in the first year. The program will focus on reaching students from schools serving economically disadvantaged and underserved communities, with plans to reach 12 school groups with the programs in 2022, 15 in 2023, and 18 in 2024.

Additionally, Project Oceanology will provide teachers with professional development sessions and develop fundraising capabilities to sustain long-term program accessibility for underserved schools.

“Our collaboration with Ørsted and Eversource will help ensure that we are training the STEM workforce of tomorrow for the critical fight against climate change,” said **Project Oceanology Executive Director Jim McCauley**. “We are also making sure to be inclusive as we provide hands-on, STEM-focused educational opportunities to students across the region, especially those from underserved communities.”

“Addressing climate change is one of the crucial challenges of our time and will require innovative ideas and new solutions,” said **David Ortiz, Ørsted's Head of Market Affairs for New England**. “We are proud to support Project Oceanology as we work together to educate and train our future leaders in sustainability and clean energy.”

“As we continue our work to grow the offshore wind industry in Connecticut, we are eager to work closely with local communities and partners to support educational and workforce development initiatives,” said **Michael Ausere, Vice President of Business Development at Eversource Energy**. “Project Oceanology's collaborative, experiential learning approach was a perfect fit for us, and we look forward to expanding access to this unique program for local students.”

Ørsted and Eversource are jointly developing Connecticut's first offshore wind farm, Revolution Wind. The project will deliver 304 megawatts of clean energy to the state and 400 megawatts to Rhode Island, generating enough electricity to power more than 350,000 homes across both states.

Project Oceanology is a nonprofit marine science education and research facility dedicated to nurturing student and public interest and enthusiasm for marine sciences. Based in Avery Point, Groton, Project Oceanology works with local school districts and in collaboration with universities and other educational institutions. They offer inquiry-based, experiential learning. For more information, visit www.oceanology.org.

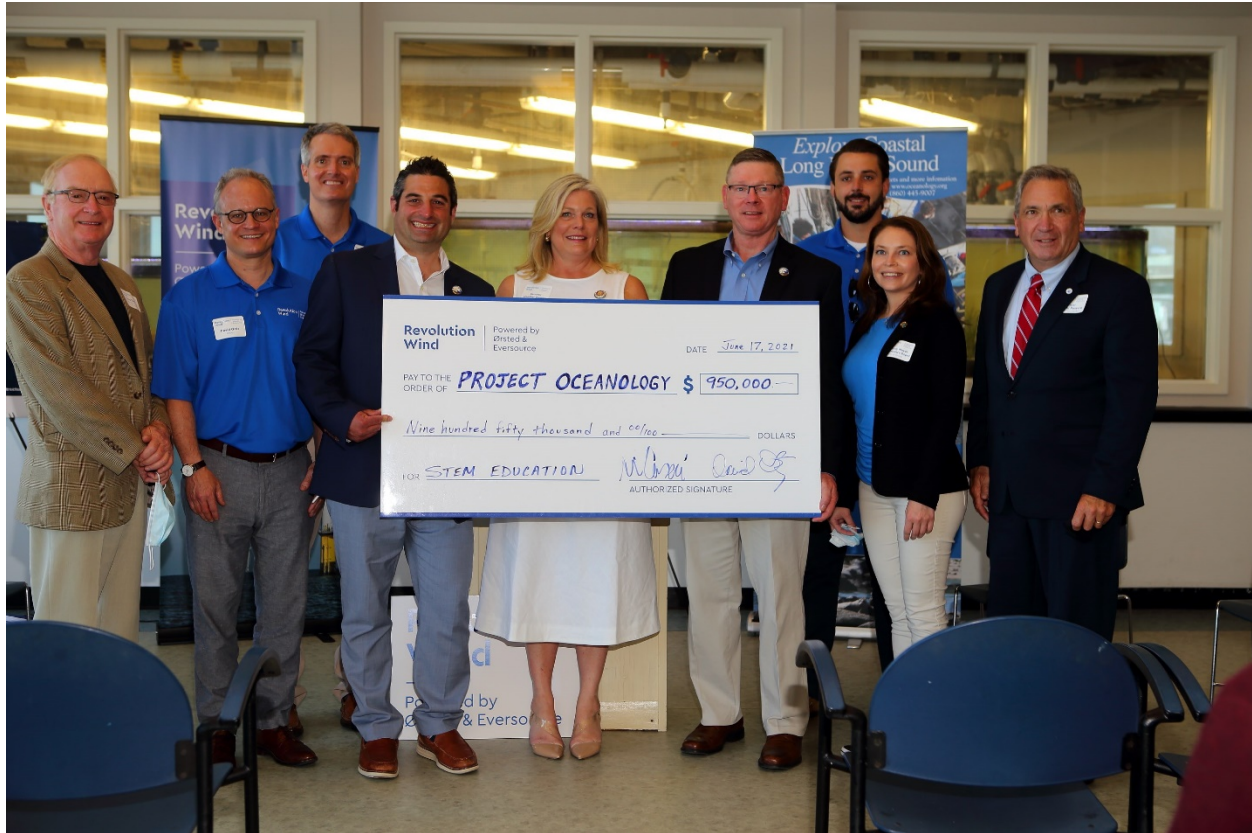


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