

Massachusetts and Maryland have established robust policies to ensure the economic benefits of offshore wind (OSW) accrue to their local economies. The states are in different stages of their evaluation processes: Maryland has already approved two proposals for OSW developments, while MA has an open RFP and will be evaluating proposals this winter. The table below compares the requirements of the two states with Connecticut, which is still in the early stages of developing an OSW program.

		MD	MA	CT
<b>Legislative Authority</b>	Legislation was passed allowing the state to consider offshore wind proposals	●	●	●
<b>OSW Legislative Mandate</b>	Requirement for utilities to procure OSW <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MA requires 1600 MW OSW capacity</li> <li>MD requires the purchase of OSW renewable energy credits (ORECs)</li> </ul>	○	●	
<b>Cost-Benefit Analysis Requirement</b>	Requirement that OSW proposals include a cost-benefit analysis that looks at impacts like in-state income, employment, wages, and taxes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MA designated 25% of a proposal's score to beneficial impacts</li> </ul>	●	●	
<b>Local Business Investment</b>	Cost-benefit analysis requirements lead to investments in local industries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The two approved proposals in MD committed over \$100 million to local industries</li> <li>The proposals in MA are still pending, but could include these commitments</li> </ul>	◆	◇	
<b>Use of Local Ports</b>	Cost-benefit analysis requirements have highlighted commitments to local ports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Three developers in MA committed to using the New Bedford port</li> <li>The two approved projects in MD committed to using in-state ports</li> </ul>	◆	◆	
<b>Union Labor Requirement</b>	Requirement that OSW proposals demonstrate the use of project labor agreements	●		
<b>OSW Fund Investment Requirement</b>	Requirement that OSW developers invest in a fund designated for in-state OSW business development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MD established an OSW Business Development Fund and required OSW developers to deposit \$6 million per development</li> </ul>	●		

**Legend:** ●/○ = requirement    ◆ = proposal outcome  
◇ = potential proposal outcome