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UK Government Selects best green power projects for 2005

"DTI has singled out for special praise ten of the best green energy projects that began generating electricity in 2005. The schemes were chosen because they are exciting and innovative projects that have helped to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and raise awareness of renewable energy, while contributing to the Government's 2010 target." Include: 8. Marine: Wave buoy, north Cornwall. This £70,000, state-of-the-art energy buoy was launched into the Atlantic Ocean in February by the Renewable Energy Agency for the South West. Designed to record wave activity and measure wave power, the project will speed up the installation of one of the world's first wave farms, which could be in place within the next three years. The buoy is sited in an area that is being investigated as a possible location for the Wave Hub - an offshore electrical socket that would be connected to the national grid by an underwater cable.

<http://www.dti.gov.uk/news/newsarticle030106b.html>

Existing and potential ocean-based energy uses in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, through the Office of Coastal Zone Management, is soliciting proposals from qualified contractors to inventory existing, proposed, and reasonably foreseeable (within the next decade, approximately) energy facilities and associated infrastructure located within Massachusetts state waters, in addition to federal waters beyond state jurisdiction, up to 200 miles offshore. This project will include a descriptive characterization as well as Geographic Information System (GIS) data and GIS-produced map products. The maximum funding available for this contract is \$45,000 US, for work conducted between February - June 2006. To view the RFR, visit the Comm-PASS website <http://www.comm-pass.com> and search for document number "ENV 06 CZM 15". Vendors may submit questions about the RFR until February 1 at 4:00 pm. Proposals are due February 10.

An Energy Source Both Cheap and Eco-Friendly

"Very low-cost electricity that is not just clean but potentially beneficial for the environment, and comes from a flexible source that can be set up on any river without altering its course is the promise a Canadian company made in Brazil this week."

<http://ipsnews.net/news.asp?idnews=31821>

Welcome for wave power scheme rates assurance

"Renewable energy specialists welcomed official assurances that offshore plants for harnessing waves to generate power would be exempt from business rates."

<http://www.theherald.co.uk/business/54802.html>

New report spotlights multi-million pound opportunities for Scottish companies in marine renewables

"Scottish firms are being urged to forge their own opportunities in the multi-million pound wave and tidal power market.

With most of an estimated £130 million of global capital investment earmarked for UK activity, a new report prepared for the Scottish Enterprise Energy Team says a diverse range of Scottish sectors are well placed to capture work in marine renewables projects."

http://www.scottish-enterprise.com/sedotcom_home/news-se/news-fullarticle.htm?articleid=143537

Marine energy could provide major boost for UK and Europe

"Marine energy could produce up to 20% of the UK's current electricity needs and provide a long-term global business opportunity for European industry worth at least £600 billion."

http://www.edie.net/news/news_story.asp?id=11000&channel=0

Events:

BC Environment Industry Association Luncheon - February 7, 2006 - Vancouver - OREG Members will receive member rate for registration - Please contact oreginfo@telus.net for more information.

BC Chamber of Commerce Energy Summit - February 22 & 23, 2006 - Victoria - Ministers Neufeld and Penner to speak - Addressing the new Energy Policy - Registration and agenda at: <http://www.seismicevents.ca/bcenergy2006/index.html>

Angel Forum - February 27, 2006 - Vancouver - January 31st registration deadline - www.angelforum.org

International Conference Ocean Energy - October 23 & 24, 2006 - Germany - Call for papers and registration info attached - see also: <http://www.otti.de/guenther/coe2580cfp.html>