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SAVE THE DATE: University of Maine's AEW C Advanced Structures and Composites Center and the DeepCwind Consortium sponsor First Annual Maine Deepwater Offshore Wind Conference Tuesday, Oct. 19.

ORONO, Maine – The University of Maine's AEW C Advanced Structures and Composites Center and the DeepCwind Consortium will host the First Annual Maine Deepwater Offshore Wind Conference on Tuesday, Oct. 19 at Point Lookout Resort in Northport, Maine.

Session topics include:

- Deepwater offshore wind and economic development
- Responsible siting of deepwater offshore wind turbines
- Environmental/ecological monitoring activities at the University of Maine Deepwater Offshore Wind Test Site
- Deepwater floating wind turbine technology development

The event will be open to the public. Invitees include local fishermen, community leaders, municipalities, state and federal officials, environmental groups, NGOs and industry leaders across an assortment of fields. A networking session will follow the afternoon session.

One year ago, the DeepCwind Consortium was established through a competitive grant program awarded by the Department of Energy to advance renewable energy goals. This group of experts and leaders, across a wide range of industries and academic disciplines, is developing technology to harness the powerful winds located in waters beyond the reach of traditional fixed-foundation turbines.

For more information and to register for this conference, visit www.DeepCwind.org/conferences.

The DeepCwind Consortium's mission is to establish the State of Maine as a national leader in deepwater offshore wind technology through a research initiative funded by the U.S. Department of Energy, the National Science Foundation-Partnerships for Innovation, and others.

AEWC Advanced Structures and Composites Center is a state-of-the-art one-stop-shop for integrated composite materials and structural component development. Located at the University of Maine, it offers in-house capabilities for developing a composite product or structure from the conceptual stage through research, manufacturing of prototypes, comprehensive testing and evaluation, code approval and commercialization. In the past year it has been awarded nearly \$40 million in funding to pursue research in deepwater offshore wind energy technology. Director Dr. Habib Dagher, P.E. is the DeepCwind Consortium principal investigator.

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