

Buckie Harbour

Buckie Harbour will be integral to the development of offshore renewables, set to be the Moray Firth's fastest growing industry this century.

Offshore wind has been identified as a major opportunity for the wider revitalisation of the harbour and surrounding area. The Moray Council and Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) are working to develop the full potential of Buckie Harbour and attract business to serve the developers of the Moray Firth's offshore windfarm.

With a total of 326 wind turbines, Moray Offshore Renewables Limited (MORL) and Beatrice Offshore Windfarm Ltd (BOWL) will be the world's third largest offshore wind farm. The developments will be capable of generating up to 1,866 MW of electricity and will be worth up to £2.5 billion to the Scottish economy.

This activity will have a direct impact in the region

by stimulating supply chain, support businesses and creating more than 200 jobs. Buckie has the potential to be a significant part of the developing renewables industry while at the same time allowing the existing harbour-based businesses to grow.

The masterplan developed by Moray Council and HIE has examined options for development of the harbour to support offshore wind operations and maintenance activity. The plan has identified key sites, including harbour-side areas, which are available for commercial development.

Buckie Harbour has the following advantages:

- Quick response time to turbine locations
- Established all-weather operation, open 365 days a year
- Strategically positioned between Aberdeen and Inverness
- Established marine and engineering supply chains
- Skilled marine and

- engineering workforce
- Shipyard and maintenance facilities
- Scope for expansion and development
- Strong transport links by road, rail and air
- Superfast broadband
- Strong public and private sector partnerships through the Moray Economic Partnership

MORAY

The wider area of Moray is home to an experienced, multi-disciplined workforce with a wide range of transferable skills. In Buckie and beyond there is a portfolio of high quality development space available at competitive rates.

Moray is well known for its outstanding natural resources, renowned brands, world famous coastlines and high standard of living, a natural location to establish a business within the renewable energy sector. It has an established engineering and sophisticated fabrication manufacturing base evolved



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to serve oil and gas over the last three decades. The Beatrice wind demonstrator, the world's first deep water offshore wind turbine deployment is serviced from Buckie Harbour for these reasons.

Electrical and mechanical engineering skills are highly developed in the local workforce, including those making the transition from armed forces to civilian life.

Currently, nearly a quarter of all those in employment (24%) are involved in manufacturing, construction or utility provision. This compares to only 15% at national level. The strengths of engineering and the strategy to diversify the benefits of the oil and gas industry throughout Scotland put Moray in a prime position as a great place to invest. Moray has manufacturing capabilities in heavy and

light all-metals fabrication, precision engineering and hydraulics, in addition to a wide range of O&G supply services.

If your company is looking for an influential position to service the offshore renewable industry from, Buckie has it covered. For more information contact Stephen Cooper at Moray Council on 01343 563777, or David Oxley on 01309 696 008.

MAKE IT BUCKIE

FOR OFFSHORE RENEWABLES

Between Aberdeen and Inverness, Buckie is the natural location to establish a business within the renewable energy sector. Moray offers a low cost business location with a good supply of skills, excellent transport links and high quality infrastructure.



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