

Jim Lanard, CEO, Magellan Wind

Jim Lanard is president and co-founder of Magellan Wind, an offshore wind development company that was formed in January 2014. Jim is the founder and former President of the Offshore Wind Development Coalition (OffshoreWindDC), a business membership organization that advocates for offshore wind developers and their supply chain partners before federal and state legislative and regulatory bodies. Under Jim's leadership OffshoreWindDC helped lay the groundwork for an extension of federal tax credits for offshore wind and secure critical improvements in the federal leasing regime for offshore wind sites on the outer continental shelf

Before launching OffshoreWindDC, Jim worked for more than six years in the offshore wind industry, first as director of strategic planning and advocacy initiatives at Bluewater Wind and later as a Managing Director of Deepwater Wind. While at Bluewater, Jim led the company's successful campaign for legislative and regulatory changes needed to support a power purchase agreement (PPA) for power to be produced by a proposed offshore wind farm off the Delaware coast. The resulting agreement was the first utility-scale offshore wind PPA in the U.S. As a Managing Director of Deepwater Wind, Jim's responsibilities involved development initiatives in Rhode Island, New Jersey, New York and Massachusetts and the company's strategic planning, policy development and regulatory affairs efforts. In his work as a developer, Jim helped lead efforts to secure legislative and regulatory changes needed to promote offshore wind development in Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey and Rhode Island.

Jim has worked in the environmental and energy sectors for his entire career. He has served as executive director of two non-governmental environmental groups, Chief of Staff to a Member of the U.S. House of Representatives, Director of Environmental Programs and Government Relations for the Walt Disney Company's Disney's America project, and partner (with a former Governor) in an energy and environmental consulting firm. Jim has a political science degree from Boston University and a law degree from the University of Miami and has been admitted to practice law in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Florida. He is also a former adjunct assistant professor at Rutgers University and Drexel University.