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Firm proposing Mass. wind farm announces overseas plans

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NEW BEDFORD — One of the wind energy technology companies seeking to develop a wind farm off the Massachusetts coast has announced plans to build a full-scale, 3.5-megawatt prototype in Brittany, France, based on the deep-water platform concept it is promoting for the United States.

Blue H Technologies said it has become partners with European companies for the project and applied to work with other partners. In December 2007, Blue H launched the first large-scale prototype submerged deep-water platform off the coast of southern Italy.

As for the project in France, Ray Dackerman, general manager of Blue H USA LLC, said, "This is a significant development for our plans in the U.S. because the unit being built in France will be of the exact same dimensions as our U.S. demonstration unit and will, in effect, prove out Blue H's commercial technology on the other side of the Atlantic."

In the United States, Blue H Technologies has proposed a 120-turbine project that would generate 420 megawatts located 48 miles from New Bedford and 23 miles from Martha's Vineyard in water 167 feet deep.

It also has proposed a large wind project for the coast of Maine.

Blue H is among a number of companies seeking to develop wind projects that would use the waters off Massachusetts and other New England states. Blue H is somewhat unique in that it proposes using a still unproven technology that would place platforms in deep water, far from coastlines where some projects have run into objections for aesthetic reasons.

More information is available at the company's Web site, bluehgroup.com.

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