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RE: Letter of Support for Smart Renewables and Electrification Pathways Program (SREPs), Capacity Building Stream for the Offshore Energy Research Association (OERA)

To the Smart Renewables and Electrification Pathways Representative,

The Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM) is delighted to provide this letter of support for OERA's proposal to the NRCan SREPs Capacity Building Stream.

NSFM is fully supportive of OERA's goal to build capacity within rural, indigenous, and other marginalized Nova Scotian communities that will enable them to participate in and benefit from a future strategic environmental assessment of Nova Scotia's offshore wind development. NSFM appreciates that engagement and capacity building activities must be undertaken to ensure these offshore activities reflect local needs and interests. With a robust network of partners across the Atlantic region and a strong track record in effectively managing offshore wind-related R&D projects, OERA is very well positioned to lead these engagement and capacity building activities.

The proposed project aligns very well with NSFM's goal of protecting the interests of Nova Scotian municipalities and strengthening local government. As such, NSFM will be delighted to work with OERA to identify communities from our municipal network best suited to participate in the proposed capacity building program. We are also committed to sharing the outcomes of this program with municipalities through our regular communications channels.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about NSFM's support for OERA's proposal.

With kind regards,

Debbie Nielsen
NSFM's Infrastructure & Sustainability Officer