

**David Hardy**

David Hardy joined Ørsted – the global leader in offshore wind – in March 2020 and was appointed Chief Executive Officer of Ørsted Offshore North America in October 2020. Initially joining the company as President and Chief Operating Officer, he is now the first American to head an Ørsted Offshore division. As CEO he is focused on successfully developing Ørsted's portfolio of North American offshore wind projects in a way that will ensure the launch of a new American industry, including revitalizing port communities and creating highly-skilled jobs across the country.

Under Hardy's leadership, Ørsted is not only building infrastructure that will produce clean electrons, but also leading the industry in building a U.S. manufacturing base and American workforce. Ørsted recently partnered with North America's Building Trades Union to establish a national workforce development model. Following a similar collaborative approach, Ørsted has developed numerous local content and American jobs opportunities including, but not limited to: upgrades to the Port of Providence, RI and New London, CT, investments in a monopile manufacturing facility at the Paulsboro Marine Terminal in NJ, entering into a long-term charter agreement for the provision of the first-ever U.S. flagged Jones Act-qualified Service Operations Vessel with Edison Chouest Offshore in LA, and a commitment to charter the first U.S. flagged Jones Act-qualified offshore wind turbine installation vessel, the Charbydis, to be built in TX and home-ported in VA.

Prior to joining Ørsted, Hardy held senior executive roles for wind energy companies Senvion and Vestas, working both in the U.S. and abroad. He is a proud U.S. Navy veteran, having served for more than eight years in the U.S. Navy submarine community in different roles and capacities. In addition to spending time at several other high-tech industrial companies, he spent a large portion of his career at GE in progressive commercial leadership positions.

Hardy holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from NC State University, and an MBA in Finance and Management from the Stern School of Business at NYU.