

# **VIDEO – First Minister announces £6m project at European Ocean Energy at Edinburgh's Our Dynamic Earth**



The First Minister and the UK Energy Minister Greg Barker both attended the European Ocean Energy Conference at Our Dynamic Earth today. Both asserted their respective governments' wish to support renewable energy and in particular this sector where wave and tidal energy devices are being trialled off the coast of Orkney.

The First Minister also announced the design tools which will help install large-scale ocean energy arrays will be developed at the University of Edinburgh. The project will be known as Optimal Design Tools for Ocean Energy Arrays (DTOcean) and will comprise a consortium of 18 international partners across 11 countries.

The project is funded by the European Commission and will design software which will provide information for project developers so that they can make more informed choices when installing devices in the sea.

The First Minister said:-“Scotland's huge offshore renewable energy resources continue to be matched by its R & D excellence in this sector. The University of Edinburgh is well known in this field particularly since the 1970s research by Professor Stephen Salter and his team who developed the Salter Duck wave power generator.”

