

OFFSHORE WIND ACCELERATOR S4Y4

# Clarification Question Responses

TWG-C – Quantity and Quality Qualified Termination Specialists

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#	Type	Question	Response
1	Generic	Who are the OWA partners on the cables working group?	The OWA partners on the cables technical working group are representatives of each of the OWA partners at large. The representatives we have, specialise in cable engineering. You can find the list of partners here: <a href="https://www.carbontrust.com/our-work-and-impact/impact-stories/offshore-wind-accelerator-owa">https://www.carbontrust.com/our-work-and-impact/impact-stories/offshore-wind-accelerator-owa</a> .
2	Generic	How are the bids evaluated?	We do have an initial review internally. If we get excessive bids, we will shortlist internally first because of the time commitment involved. Usually, all the bids go to the partners for review, however. We then follow a quantitative review process where each partner feeds in their individual scores into an Excel sheet. The companies we invite back to interview are shortlisted by the partners. After the interview, the partners can re-evaluate. The categories considered and their weight are outlined in the ITT document.
3	Project specific	Would OWA be interested in expanding the Optional WP6, but making a similar analysis for benchmarking of adequate durations of installation and repairs of Seabed Joints. Would such expansion of Optional WP6 be of the OWA's interest?	Generally, we would suggest submitting any additions as part of your proposal. However, we would suggest framing it as a point of comparison or additional analysis, rather than turning all your focus away from T-connectors. In terms of seabed joints, these are not seen as common and so the focus should be on T-connectors.
4	Project specific	Does not bidding for the main work packages WP1 to WP5 disqualify our bid, and therefore is it mandatory to join forces with a contractor that can deliver on the main scope of the tender in those mentioned WPs?	The partners spent a lot of time considering what it is they want from the project, so I would recommend you find a collaborator. If you are unable to find a partner and would like to just suggest the optional work they can do so, as some bidders may not put

forward an optional work package, or we could decide to deliver the optional work with a separate contractor.

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