

21 February 2022

Dear Sir/Madam,

Invitation to Tender for the Evaluation of Synthetic Inertia from Offshore Wind project for the Integrator programme

You are invited to submit a proposal for the Evaluation of Synthetic Inertia from Offshore Wind project which is part of the Integrator programme. The key objective of this project is to undertake a review of the technical options to provide synthetic inertia from offshore wind farms and its value to the UK and German energy systems.

Please be aware that this process is a non-mandatory procurement process, published for transparency and best practice. All timescales are based, as near as possible, to the Open Procedure. However, dates referred to below may be subject to change where this is necessary in the interests of the project (such changes will be notified in advance).

Should your proposal be successful an Award Letter, the Scope of Work, the Carbon Trust Conditions of Contract ("**Conditions**"), and any clarifications agreed in writing, will establish the Contract for the Evaluation of Synthetic Inertia from Offshore Wind (the "**Contract**") between you and the Carbon Trust. The Conditions accompany this ITT for your prior review. Please note that in the interests of transparency and fairness, these Conditions are non-negotiable, although we will provide clarifications to any queries you may have prior to submitting your tender, answers to which will be distributed to all bidders as set out below. Bids that fail to accept the Conditions in their full un-amended form (other than changes explicitly accepted and agreed by the Carbon Trust on the clarifications page) at the time of submission will be considered to be non-compliant and will be excluded from the procurement process.

Clarification questions must be emailed to Hannah.evans@carbontrust.com and Integrator@carbontrust.com any time before 17:00 GMT on Monday 7th March. Answers to clarification questions will be communicated by email by 17:00 GMT on Wednesday 9th March. Answers can be found at: <https://www.carbontrust.com/about-us/tenders>.

Unless informed to the contrary, tenders and communications should be sent by e-mail to the following e-mail addresses: Hannah.evans@carbontrust.com and Integrator@carbontrust.com.

Please submit your proposal by **17:00 GMT, Monday 21st March 2022**.

The timeline of this procurement process is as follows:

Deadline for clarification questions	17:00 GMT, 7 March 2022
Clarification response date	17:00 GMT, 9 March 2022
Submission of full proposal	17:00 GMT, 21 March 2022
Bidder interviews	week commencing 18 or 25 April 2022
Project kick off	late April/early May 2022

If you have any questions about the timing, please let us know.

We look forward to receiving your tender.

Yours sincerely,

Hannah Evans
For and on behalf of
THE CARBON TRUST

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR BIDDERS

Neither this document, nor any part of it nor any other information supplied in connection with it may, except with the prior written consent of the Carbon Trust, be published, reproduced, copied, distributed or disclosed to any person for any purpose other than consideration by the recipient of whether or not to submit a Tender.

Bidders should note that the Scope of Work described in this Invitation to Tender (ITT) does not constitute an offer to contract with the Carbon Trust. It only represents a definition of specific requirements and an invitation to submit a tender proposal addressing these requirements. Issuance of this ITT and the subsequent receipt and evaluation of the tenders by the Carbon Trust does not commit the Carbon Trust to enter into a Contract with any bidder.

Bidders should also note that:

- depending on the progress and/or results of the project referred to in this Invitation to Tender and the views of the Carbon Trust and/or the Integrator Partners as to whether additional analysis or more in-depth work in respect of any or all aspects relating to the project are desirable in order to achieve the objectives referred to in the ITT, the Carbon Trust may request such additional analysis or work. Any additional analysis or work agreed between the parties shall form part of Scope of Work and the Services to be provided by the selected Contractor under the Contract;
- the Carbon Trust reserves the right not to accept the lowest priced tender or any tender whatsoever;
- the Carbon Trust reserves the right to accept more than one tender;
- unless a bidder makes a formal statement to the contrary, the Carbon Trust reserves the right to accept any part of a bidder's tender without accepting the remainder;
- formal notification that a tender has been successful will be communicated in writing by the Carbon Trust;
- the costs of tendering are the full responsibility of the bidder; and,
- the pricing set by bidders shall be valid for a minimum of 90 days.

The information contained here, in the Scope of Work and in any documents or information it refers to or incorporates (the "**Disclosed Information**") has been prepared to assist interested parties in deciding whether to make a bid. The Disclosed Information is not a recommendation by the Carbon Trust. It does not purport to be all inclusive or include all the information that a bidder may require. Furthermore, the Carbon Trust does not warrant or provide any undertaking with respect to the fairness, accuracy, adequacy or completeness of the information provided. The bidder should conduct its own due diligence and seek its own professional, legal, financial and other advice as appropriate.

Neither the Carbon Trust nor any of its directors, employees, agents or advisers makes any representation or warranty (express or implied) as to the accuracy, reasonableness or completeness of the **Disclosed Information**. All such persons or entities expressly disclaim any and all liability (other than in respect of fraudulent misrepresentation) based on or relating to the Disclosed Information or any subsequent communication. The only information which will have any legal effect and/or upon which any person may rely will be such information (if any) as has been specifically and expressly represented and/or warranted in writing to the successful bidder in any written contract that may be entered into with the Carbon Trust.

Tenders and all supporting documentation must be written in English. This ITT, the Contract, its formation, interpretation and performance will be subject to and in accordance with the law of England and Wales.

Integrator Programme

Invitation to Tender for the “Evaluation of Synthetic Inertia from Offshore Wind” Project

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1. Introduction to the Integrator Programme

- 1.1. The Integrator programme (“**Integrator**”) is a collaborative R&D initiative between The Carbon Trust and participating industry partners EnBW, Equinor, ScottishPower Renewables, SSE Renewables, TotalEnergies and Vattenfall (the latter are collectively referred to in this document as “**Integrator Partners**”), that aims to research and develop the opportunities to overcome offshore wind system integration challenges. In this Phase II of the programme there is a particular focus on hydrogen and system services.



- 1.2. The objective of the Integrator is to investigate challenges associated with offshore wind integration and identify and research opportunities to overcome these barriers.
- 1.3. Contractors receive technical direction from Integrator Partners through the Carbon Trust management team.
- 1.4. Please note, the term “Contractor”, where used within this document, refers only to successful bidders.

2. Objective of the Work

- 2.1. The overarching objective of the project is to carry out a review of the technical options to provide synthetic inertia from offshore wind farms and its value to the UK and German energy systems.
- 2.2. The main project objectives are:
- To compare grid technical specifications for “synthetic inertia”.
 - To understand the technical options and related windfarm performance in the provision of synthetic inertia from both HVAC and HVDC connected assets.
 - To identify markets with need for synthetic inertia and market arrangements
 - To understand the system competitiveness for synthetic inertia from wind compared to other options.
 - To understand whether synthetic inertia from wind will be needed for future system integrity, ie energy islands.

3. Pre-Conditions

- 3.1. Bidders should take the following pre-condition into account when preparing and submitting their tenders. The Carbon Trust may reject any non-compliant tenders without progressing such tenders through the evaluation phase. If the Carbon Trust, in its absolute discretion, considers that the bidder’s response to the following pre-condition is not satisfactory, the bidder’s tender will be non-compliant.

Description	Information required from Bidders
Conflict of interests	<p>Bidders are required to state that they are free of any commercial interests, partnership arrangements or contracts underway or other matters which may present a conflict or potential conflict of interest in respect of the provision of these services.</p> <p>If a bidder thinks that they may have any conflict or potential conflict of interest, the bidder should describe the details of this conflict and provide details of whether and how it would propose to manage such a conflict in a satisfactory and robust manner.</p> <p>The Carbon Trust reserves the right to require the provision of further information in relation to the bidder's response to this pre-condition.</p>
Conditions of Contract	<p>The Carbon Trust Conditions of Contract for this project are attached. The Contract will be constituted by the Award Letter, the Carbon Trust Conditions of Contract and the Scope of Work (including any agreed clarifications to it).</p> <p>Failure to accept these documents in their unamended form or requesting amendments to them means that a bidder's tender is a non-compliant tender. Submission of a tender shall constitute unqualified acceptance of the Carbon Trust Conditions of Contract.</p> <p>Bidders are required to submit a signed Form of Tender when submitting their tenders. The Form of Tender forms part of this Invitation to Tender. The failure by a bidder to submit a signed Form of Tender when submitting its tender shall mean that such tender is a non-compliant tender. Non-compliant tenders may be rejected without further consideration.</p> <p>If any bidder wishes to request an amendment to any term or condition, such amendment must be clearly stated and the exact wording which the bidder is requesting must be set out. No material changes will be considered.</p>
Further Conditions	<p>All documentation and correspondences must be in English with costs given in GBP (£). Staff employment rates must be quoted as hourly rates in GBP (£). All additional expenses must be included under Work Package B: Costs and Expenses.</p> <p>Bidders are requested to input the person-hours involved in the project for each work package in table 1, section 5.7. Any additional information (e.g. CVs or References) that Bidders wish to provide must be included in the main bid document (preferably in PDF) as an appendix.</p>

4. Contractor Requirements

Contractor Responsibilities and Support of Carbon Trust Resources

- 4.1. Hannah Evans of the Carbon Trust will serve as overall Project Manager and also as the main point of contact for the Contractor. If the Project Manager becomes unavailable for any reason, the Carbon Trust shall make reasonable alternatives available.
- 4.2. The Contractor shall be responsible to the Carbon Trust for discharging its responsibilities under the Contract to deliver the Evaluation of Synthetic Inertia from Offshore Wind project. The Contractor will also be responsible for the performance of all activities listed in this Scope of Work except where responsibility is allocated elsewhere in this document.
- 4.3. The Project Manager will be the Contractor's first point-of-contact for all matters concerning the Contract and shall be primarily responsible for providing the Contractor with all instructions, releases, approvals and the like. The Project Manager will review any project deliverables defined within this Scope of Work and will approve invoices accordingly if deliverables meet the agreed standard.
- 4.4. The Contractor shall, prior to commencement of the Contract, appoint a named person as the Contractor's Representative who shall be responsible for the overall quality and timeliness of the activities performed and deliverables created under this Scope of Work.
- 4.5. The Contractor engaged will manage and deliver the work packages as defined in Annex A. This role will involve working closely with the designated Project Manager and the Integrator Partners.
- 4.6. The Contractor will be required to provide services in the form of one or more lead consultants as required by the Carbon Trust to lead delivery of the project to the required scope, within the given budget and in the allocated time. The Contractor will need to be flexible to the requirements of the workload.
- 4.7. The Carbon Trust appreciates that due to the breadth of skills and experience required for this project a consortium may be required to successfully meet the objectives of the project.
- 4.8. The Contractor is expected to work at their own premises but also to meet at the Carbon Trust's offices in London, probably around once every two months, to attend Integrator Partner meetings when required. In addition, a certain amount of travelling, both within the UK and overseas, may be required during the Contract in order to engage with relevant companies in the sector and to ensure the robust delivery of the project. However, where possible and appropriate, meetings will take place virtually.
- 4.9. The core activity under the Contract is to manage and deliver the Scope of Work. The Contractor may be required to undertake a range of other tasks that fall within the scope of the Contract but that are not necessarily specified here, to enable the efficient and smooth operation of the Integrator. The Contractor will be required to report regularly to the Integrator Steering Committee, complete schedule and budget reports each month (Flash Reports), produce an executive summary at the end of the project, containing a summary of key findings and recommendations for future work, and deliver a final project webinar to Integrator Partners. Without limiting the reference in this paragraph to the range of other tasks falling within the scope of the Contract, the Contractor may also be requested by the Carbon Trust to provide additional services with respect to additional analysis or more in depth work on any or all aspects of the project referred to herein. Such additional analysis or more in depth work shall form part of the Services defined in the

Contract. The Contractor must be prepared to receive such requests(s) and provide such additional Services agreed between the parties.

- 4.10. The Contractor must appoint secondary “backup” resources in order for the Contractor to continue providing the services in the event that the primary consultant(s) is(are) unexpectedly unavailable for periods of more than 1 week (for instance, due to illness or vacation). The nominated primary consultant(s) must be available to work on the project for the expected duration of the Contract, and only in exceptional circumstances should a replacement be necessary.

Intellectual Property and Knowledge

- 4.11. All rights in and relating to pre-existing intellectual property and knowhow contributed by the Contractor, third parties or Integrator Partners shall remain the exclusive property of the contributing party.
- 4.12. In the event that bidders plan to use or rely on pre-existing intellectual property knowhow for the project, the Carbon Trust’s expectation is that a premium will not be charged for leveraging this IP or knowhow.
- 4.13. Results of this project, which the Contractor will be expected to keep strictly confidential in addition to all other information disclosed to the Contractor during the project, will be owned by the Carbon Trust for the benefit of the Integrator Partners, who will be entitled to commercially exploit the Results.

Management of Progress

- 4.14. Work and expenditure under the Scope of Work shall be monitored throughout the duration of the Contract by the Project Manager. Flash Reports are to be provided by the Contractor to the Project Manager at the end of each month after the start of the project. The Flash Report template will be provided to the Contractor at the beginning of the project.
- 4.15. The Carbon Trust will be entitled, at reasonable notice, from time to time during the term of the Scope of Work (and for a period of 2 years following its termination for any reason) to inspect all of the Contractor’s book of accounts and records so far as they relate to the subject matter of the Contract.
- 4.16. Failure to submit deliverables in a timely manner at the end of a stage will be grounds for suspension or termination of the Contract as described in section 4.25. Any suspension, reinstatement or dismissal shall be solely at the discretion of the Programme Manager.

Contract Price & Commitments

- 4.17. The Contract price to be paid by the Carbon Trust to the Contractor under the Contract will be on a time and materials basis capped at the approved maximum cost specified in the Award Letter (“**Approved Maximum Cost**”).
- 4.18. The total price and any expenses paid or payable under the Contract shall not in any circumstances exceed the Approved Maximum Cost. The Approved Maximum Cost shall be the maximum sum for which the Carbon Trust shall be liable under the Contract to pay the Contractor for all work and services. The Approved Maximum Cost may be revised by the Carbon Trust in

order to accommodate any adjustment necessary in relation to any additional services required by the Carbon Trust and agreed between the parties.

- 4.19. The Approved Maximum Cost for the Contract shall be equal to the Contract price. The Carbon Trust Project Manager reserves the right to vary the Approved Maximum Cost by informing the Contractor of the revised Approved Maximum Cost in writing at any time.
- 4.20. It shall be sufficient authority for the Contractor to undertake services or work in accordance with the Contract if it has received a purchase order from the Carbon Trust.
- 4.21. Notwithstanding any other term of the Contract:
- i) the Carbon Trust shall not be liable to pay the Contractor for any service or work in connection with this Contract unless and until it is authorised in accordance with section 4.20; and
 - ii) the amount payable to the Contractor shall not exceed the amount stated in the purchase order; and
 - iii) in no circumstances shall the total amount payable by the Carbon Trust to the Contractor, for the work or services to be carried out under the Contract, including project expenses, exceed the Approved Maximum Cost.
- 4.22. If the Carbon Trust terminates or suspends the Contract under section 4.24 or 4.25 provided that such termination or suspension does not arise out of any default of the Contractor (or any of its employees, agents or sub-contractors) or any failure to perform to the Carbon Trust's satisfaction under the Contract, then subject to sections 4.21.iii) and 4.23, in such circumstances the Carbon Trust will pay the Contractor a proportion of the next instalment of the Contract price falling due for payment, pro rata to the proportion of the period that has elapsed at the date of the termination or suspension.
- 4.23. The Contractor shall, if requested by the Carbon Trust, deliver to it all work and deliverables (including work in progress and incomplete deliverables) that have been undertaken prior to the date of termination or suspension (as the case may be).

Contract Duration and Early Termination

- 4.24. The Contract will commence on the date specified in the Award Letter and shall continue until the project has been completed in accordance with the Contract, to the satisfaction of the Carbon Trust and subject to the rights of early termination and break under the Carbon Trust Conditions of Contract and under section 4.25 below, but in any case shall be subject to termination upon 30 calendar days' notice by the Carbon Trust at the discretion of the Project Manager.
- 4.25. In addition, the Carbon Trust will have the right to immediately suspend or terminate the Contract without liability either in whole or in part if:
- i) satisfactory deliverables are not submitted in a timely manner; and/or
 - ii) activities agreed with the Project Manager are not being completed to the timescales and/or quality standards set out in the Contract or otherwise agreed between the Contractor and the Project Manager; and/or
 - iii) the work or service is not likely to be completed within the Approved Maximum Cost.
- Judgement as to whether these conditions are met will be at the sole discretion of the Project Manager.

5. **Invoicing & Payment**

- 5.1. To provide bidders with greater clarity on the nature, level and type of work involved in the various Work Packages (WPs), the expected total budget is ~£100,000 (excluding optional work packages). The Contract Price submitted with the tender must be derived from the cost breakdown table requested in section 5.7, and must include the costs for optional work packages as well as all expenses. Suggestions (within budget) are welcomed. If the Contract Price exceeds the budget (including where the bid includes alternative suggestions), to avoid receiving a lower score for this criterion, please provide a clear and justified reason why the Contract Price exceeds the expected budget.
- 5.2. For the avoidance of doubt, 'suggestions' referred to in preceding paragraph means 'additional areas of work or alternative or substitute activities to those described in Annex A, that would further support the objective of the work (see description of criterion 1).
- 5.3. Payments for the Contract price to the Contractor will only be made upon presentation by the Contractor of a valid invoice stating:
- i) The current purchase order number
 - ii) The Contract number
 - iii) The name of the Project Manager: Hannah Evans
 - iv) Description of work completed and account for resources expended
- 5.4. All invoices are to be issued electronically to accountspayable@carbontrust.co.uk, with Hannah Evans (Hannah.evans@carbontrust.com) on copy, or to another email address as advised in writing by the Carbon Trust to the Contractor.
- 5.5. The payment terms for this project will be within 30 days of the Carbon Trust's receipt of a valid and undisputed invoice from the Contractor. The Carbon Trust shall be under no obligation to make any payment whatsoever to the Contractor in respect of any work or services not completed in accordance with the Contract.
- 5.6. Payments will be made when a Work Package has been completed and the Deliverables accepted by the Steering Committee.
- 5.7. The Contractor is required to fill in the following staff rate and project cost breakdown table as part of their tender. For consortia, the time and budget allocation of each consortium partner should be clearly stated. The project is expected to take approximately 6 months.

Table 1: Staff rates and project cost breakdown

Staff member	Time spent per work package (WP) in hours				Total time in hours	Staff rate (£/hour)	Staff cost to project (£)
	WP1	WP2	WP3	WPA: Project mgmt			
Name (Role/Title)	hr	hr	hr	hr	hr	£	£
Name (Role/Title)	hr	hr	hr	hr	hr	£	£
Name (Role/Title)	hr	hr	hr	hr	hr	£	£

Etc.	hr	hr	hr	hr	hr	£	£
Total Time In hours	hr	hr	hr	hr		WPB: Expenses	£
Total cost of each WP	£	£	£	£		Total Cost	£

Note: Additional rows and columns should be added as appropriate for additional staff members and work packages.

- 5.8. All rates quoted in Table 1 must be in GBP (£) and represent the **Hourly Rate** for employment of staff members.
- 5.9. Bidders should be aware that the Carbon Trust and Integrator Partners usually require at least 2 weeks for the review and feedback procedure after delivery of each WP. This should be taken into account when the project Gantt chart is completed.
- 5.10. Tender submissions should be limited to 15 pages of A4 in the main body of the proposal (excluding CVs). Supporting information should be included in an Appendix.

6. Tender Evaluation Criteria

Bidders should take the following evaluation criteria into account when preparing and submitting their tenders.

Criterion 1: Approach to Work (Weighting: 40%)

Bidders are required to provide the evidence of the approach to work within the main body of the tender (not in a separate document).

Description	Information required from bidders
Proposed Approach [25%]	<p>Bidders are required to provide a detailed description on how they plan to develop each work package described in Annex A.</p> <p>The description should include an initial overview on the approach followed by a description on how each Work Package and task will be delivered.</p> <p>Also, bidders need to justify how their proposed approach meets the project objectives.</p>
Suggestions [5%]	<p>Suggestions of additional areas of work that the bidder proposes looking at as part of this study in order to achieve the required objectives, maintain an industry focus and provide valuable insights into the potential for reducing costs and risks of offshore wind integration. Some examples are given in the project description in Annex A.</p> <p>Bidders are required to differentiate which are their additional areas of work from the proposed approach. Besides, bidders should specify if the proposed additions affect to the total price and quote them separately.</p>
Project management [10%]	Bidders are required to describe how they will manage the project utilising appropriate resources and describe how they will work with

	the various stakeholders to acquire information and manage potentially conflicting relationships.
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Criterion 2: Experience & Staff Skills (Weighting: 40%)

Bidders are required to provide the experience and staff skills evidence as an appendix, at the end of the bid document (not in a separate document).

Description	Information required from Bidders
Experience in relevant projects and industries [20%]	<p>Bidders should elaborate on experience of the criteria described. Explain how these past experiences are relevant for this tender.</p> <p>In addition, the bidder should provide at least two examples (with reference to specific roles, responsibilities and activities the bidder undertook) of previous work which illustrates the bidder's skills, capabilities, and experience in all of these areas (bidders may wish to make reference to submitted examples of previous work for other clients).</p> <p>Bidders are advised that experience is considered a key important criterion and partnerships with other companies to support certain areas of experience are welcomed.</p> <p>All experience / case studies should be attached as an appendix to the proposal, but a summary of each case should be listed in the proposal main text.</p>
CVs/Resumes and applicable skills [10%]	<p>Detailed CVs/Resumes for any staff who will be involved with this Contract together with proposed project structure, intended position of staff in the project, and main responsibilities. CVs should include professional memberships of proposed staff working on this project.</p> <p>Bidders should elaborate on the most relevant skills of the selected staff that will be applicable in the project.</p>
Expert engagement [10%]	<p>A close working relationship with key stakeholders, such as wind farm developers, network companies and technology developers are seen as relevant to the success of this project. Please supply ideas of how these groups can be engaged and leveraged.</p>

Criteria 3: Price (Weighting: 20%)

In the event that tenderers plan to use or rely on pre-existing intellectual property or knowhow for the project (e.g. existing O&M modelling tools), the Carbon Trust's expectation is that a premium will not be charged for leveraging this intellectual property or knowhow.

Description	Information required from bidders
Day rates and man-hours for all staff grades [10%]	<p>Bidders are required to provide hourly rates for all staff grades and to input the man-hours involved in each work package described in Annex A.</p>

<p>Fixed price for the core project scope</p> <p>[10%]</p>	<p>Project cost breakdown by work package, time and rate of person completing the work as specified in Section 5.7.</p> <p>Bidders are required to specify expected expenses apart from the estimated budget for each work package.</p> <p>The Carbon Trust will reimburse reasonable expenses at cost and receipts may be requested. Pre-approval will be required for travel costs over £150 per return journey and combined hotels & subsistence cost exceeding £200 per day.</p> <p>Bidders will be required to confirm or comment on their ability to carry out the activities detailed in the Scope of Work within the initial term of the Contract and provide an outline plan of work.</p> <p>As noted in Annex A and above in the 'Suggestions' criteria, the cost of any proposed extensions to the project should be clearly costed separately to the core project scope.</p>
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Annex A - Scope of Work

Background – General

It is technically feasible to create 'synthetic' inertia, which will benefit grid management. However, further research is needed on what technology options are available to provide synthetic inertia, market considerations to be made, best practice for integration in an offshore wind farm, as well as and what is the cost / benefit.

Objective of the Work

Main project objectives:

- To compare grid technical specifications for "synthetic inertia".
- To understand the technical options and related windfarm performance in the provision of synthetic inertia from both HVAC and HVDC connected assets.
- To identify markets with need for synthetic inertia and market arrangements
- To understand the system competitiveness for synthetic inertia from wind compared to other options.
- To understand whether synthetic inertia from wind will be needed for future system integrity, ie energy islands.

This will deliver:

- A better understanding of synthetic inertia, its value and technology options.
- A cost benefit analysis of different synthetic inertia provision options
- Clear recommendations for further research

This project will benefit the industry by:

- Informing further studies to look at a number of technologies and scenarios in more detail.
- Informing OEMs about market needs

Work Packages

WORK PACKAGE	Description of work
WP1: Technology Review	<p>The Contractor should conduct a review of technologies, options, and existing trials which aim to enable commercial (MW) scale wind farms to provide synthetic inertia. The focus of this study should be in assessing the technologies available to offshore wind farm developers and operators; and each option's ability to provide synthetic inertia to the grid. This should include synthetic inertia provision at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WTG • Onshore windfarm connection point • Offshore windfarm connection point <p>The technologies evaluated should include those applicable to HVAC connected and HVDC connected commercial scale wind farms, and consider both power electronics and control systems. The Carbon Trust will provide some high level parameters (capacity, turbine numbers) of a commercial scale wind farm which can be used as a baseline where necessary.</p> <p>For each technology or solution identified, the Contractor should provide details of the type of response it can provide to the grid (ie. an instantaneous response or a pseudo primary response with following power dip) assess the Technology Readiness Level, key barriers, and further requirements in integrating each technology (ie. is a back up power generator required).</p> <p>The Contractor should specifically engage with any relevant parties including (but not limited to): OEMs, research institutions, Transmission Owners, Transmission System Operators, generators, and innovators. As part of this, the Contractor must provide a stakeholder engagement plan detailing which stakeholders they intend to speak with and what questions they intend to ask. Stakeholders may be provided by the Integrator partners; however, this should not be expected by the Contractor and the Contractor should assume that no information can be provided. Prior to the commencement of WP1, the contractor should propose a list of stakeholders along with its stakeholder engagement plan to be agreed with the Integrator partners.</p> <p>The Integrator partners may provide some relevant information to support this study; however, this is not guaranteed. The Contractor should assume that the information held by the Integrator partners is not at the level of granularity required to complete this study.</p> <p>The Contractor should note that this review is looking to evaluate the provision of synthetic inertia to manage Rate of Change of Frequency (RoCoF). This review does not need to include associated grid stability services as these are being considered in a parallel project, however the</p>

	Contractor can comment on which other services the technologies reviewed could provide, including provision of SCL (short circuit level).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - D00: Stakeholder engagement plan (pdf or Excel) - D01: Market and technology options literature review report (pdf) - D02: Presentation to the Integrator partners (ppt) 	
WP2: Integration Requirements	<p>The Contractor should analyse a variety of integration scenarios for synthetic inertia technology and assess the benefit that synthetic inertia technology provides under a variety of different offshore/onshore grid conditions. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong grid • Weak grid • Black-start grid • Islanded grid <p>For each scenario, the contractor should conduct a review of all key parameters and specific issues/conditions relevant to the provision of synthetic inertia. The review should cover existing markets, and future markets dependant on trends (including estimates of the value of the service to the provider of synthetic inertia). This should also consider levels of existing inertia for each type of grid and where benefit can be brought from bringing synthetic inertia from an offshore wind farm as opposed to other generators/providers which can provide something similar; including, any cost implications and comparisons (both for developer and if any revenues can be retrieved from providing this service). An evaluation should also be conducted on the risk/impact to the grid with enhanced control interaction issues. The contractor is encouraged, whenever possible, to provide technical specifications to assist in evaluating the 'Synthetic Inertia' controllers at a technical level.</p> <p>Under this review, the contractor is expected to engage with key market players; specifically, TSOs to understand the specific requirements of entering the market and key aspects to consider under this including: requirements to dispatch, entering the market, service provision requirements, and potential future requirements. Stakeholders may be provided by the Integrator partners; however, this should not be expected by the Contractor and the Contractor should assume that no information can be provided.</p> <p>The Contractor should assess RoCoF and provide a review of prevailing regulations and conditions for RoCoF in the United Kingdom and Germany. The contractor should take into consideration relevant consultations or policy/regulatory changes which are published during the course of this work package and engage with relevant stakeholder where appropriate. In assessing grid conditions, the contractor should also assess 'tipping points' of the generation mix where the generation mix is no longer to meet any requirements for managing RoCoF in the grid. These should be linked with energy scenarios for both countries to predict what are acceptable and unacceptable grid conditions for the wider system generation mix for increasing penetration of offshore wind (without synthetic inertia). This will advise on what conditions and for what generation mixes synthetic inertia will provide the greatest benefit.</p>

	<p>As the grid conditions change, the benefits of the provision of synthetic inertia will inevitably vary. The contractor should conduct an analysis (such as an RAG table) on the benefit of providing synthetic inertia from the perspective of a generator, evaluating all risks and rewards from integrating this technology – as well as key considerations that should be made for a developer when looking to implement synthetic inertia. A list of criteria is not provided, and the Contractor is encouraged to suggest key aspects to evaluate under this assessment. Alternative suggestions will be looked on favourably by the Integrator partners.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - D03: Technical integration requirements for different grid scenarios (pdf) - D04: Stakeholder engagement minutes and findings (pdf) - D05: Presentation to the Integrator partners (ppt) 	
WP3: Project Recommendations, and Future Work Requirements	<p>Throughout the first two work packages, the Contractor should collate recommendations and key information evaluated to form project recommendations for a developer. This should form a short report which details the key requirements and considerations for a developer to consider from a market-perspective when looking to integrate synthetic inertia.</p> <p>A summary of key technology requirements and TRL's should also be provided, advising a developer on the key options which can be undertaken – including at which situations they are best used.</p> <p>Both recommendations should form a basis of <i>guidelines</i> when looking to install and integrate synthetic inertia for an offshore wind farm.</p> <p>The Contractor should also produce a document looking at future recommended work requirements for evaluating or further-studying synthetic inertia provision for an offshore wind farm. This could include requirements at a technical, and market-level. These requirements should detail all work which should be investigated, as well as any other key considerations such as which parties are best placed to conduct these works.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - D06: Guidelines for the installation of synthetic inertia (pdf) - D08: Future Work Requirements (pdf) - D09: Presentation to the Integrator partners (ppt) 	
WPA. Project Management	<p>The contractor should stipulate how they will manage the project efficiently and effectively. This should include specific costs for project management time, to include update calls with the Carbon Trust Project Manager as required.</p> <p>This should also include production of a one-page executive summary for the whole project, for internal dissemination. The Carbon Trust will provide the template for this. The budget should also accommodate production of a final presentation and time dedicated to presenting this in the form of a short webinar to invitees from the developers of the Integrator.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - D10: Monthly flash reports - D11: Project executive summary - D12: Delivery of webinar 	

WPB. Expenses	The contractor should detail the capped amount of expenses it expects to incur throughout the project. Expenses will be paid as incurred and any unused balance will not be paid.
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***Note on deliverables:**

All written deliverables should include a short Executive Summary (~2-5 pages) and larger deliverables should also include an extended Synthesis (~10-20 pages) of the key findings from the work undertaken.

Appendix – Key Information

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Project Details

Project title	Evaluation of Synthetic Inertia from Offshore Wind
Research area	Integrator
Project Manager name	Hannah Evans
Project Manager email	Hannah.Evans@carbontrust.com
Key Objective is...	To undertake a review of the technical options to provide synthetic inertia from offshore wind farms and its value to the UK and German energy systems
Project duration (months)	6 months

Key Dates

Date of issue	21 February 2022
Date & Time of submission	17:00 GMT, 21 March 2022
Clarification deadline	17:00 GMT, 7 March 2022
Clarification response date	17:00 GMT, 9 March 2022
Bidder Interviews	Week commencing 18 or 25 April 2022*
Successful Contractor Announcement	April 2022
Project kick off Meeting	Late April / Early May 2022

*Please indicate your availability for interview during these two weeks.