OFFSHORE WIND ACCELERATOR s4y3

Clarification Question Responses

TWG-L – Robotic Autonomous Systems

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| # | Type | Question | Response |
| 1 | Project specific | In WP1, is the reference to onshore exclusively related to onshore wind? | Although the reference to onshore mostly relates to onshore wind RAS technologies which can be deployed offshore, the appointed contractor can, to their own discretion, extend their research to include RAS technologies utilised in other onshore sectors which have the potential to be used by the offshore wind sector. |
| 2 | General | Can examples of past OWA projects be shared to provide examples of the data requirements and outputs produced from past projects? | OWA projects are subject to an IP, and a such cannot be shared prior to signing a contract and a non-disclosure agreement. The appointed contractor will have access to some relevant OWA project outputs to support and inform the delivery of WP1, but full project outputs cannot be shared. |
| 3 | Project specific | Which European offshore wind markets RAS regulations need to be reviewed? | It is expected that RAS regulation from several European markets will be reviewed. These would be selected by OWA partners once the project commences; it is expected that these would be countries mostly located in the North Sea and likely to be limited to around 6-8 countries. | |
| 4 | Project specific | 1. For the comparison task of US state legislations with European legislation which US states should be considered? 2. Would individual legislation be provided or is the contractor expected to have access to them? | 1. It is expected that the contractor will, as a minimum, review and compare the RAS legislation of East Coast US states with offshore wind farm projects in the pipelines, including but not limited to: Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina. Having the capacity to review RAS regulation of other states with an offshore wind development pipeline such as California, and Oregon will be valued positively. 2. It is expected that the contractor will be able to gain access to the RAS legislations of different European countries and US states. | |
| 5 | Project specific | In which OWA events are contractors expected to participate in? | The OWA will hold a workshop to further understand RAS technologies and hold internal meetings with the OWA partners to define developers RAS needs. The appointed contractor will be required to input and participate in some of these events online utilising the outputs of these events to inform the deliverables of the project. | |
| 6 | Project specific | Clarification on tender statement:  “The Contractor will be expected to engage with industry stakeholders working in RAS, such as IMCA, the MCA, as well as coordinate with OWA members to avoid duplicity and ensure the complementarity of this project and their work.” | This project aims to enable RAS development for the offshore wind market, given that other bodies and OWA partners are working on this area, we do not want to duplicate the work being done by OWA partners or other stakeholders. Hence, this project should run in parallel, or adding to, work being undertaken by other organisations. As such, the contractor is expected to engage with industry stakeholders.  The frequency of the meetings required between the appointed contractor and other bodies will be left to the discretion of the Contractor. If required, initial contact between the appointed contractor the MCA and IMCA can be facilitated by the OWA. | |
| 7 | Project specific | What level of offshore wind supply chain would the contractor be required to contact on this project? | It is expected that after determining RAS supporting infrastructure requirements(i.e: RAS charging requirements, offshore storage…), the contractor will liaise with the offshore wind supply chain and be able to obtain the required information. It is expected that any prospective bidder would have the necessary contacts in place to support with the delivery of the project. | |
| 8 | General | 1. If a consortium were to be formed, how would administrative activities be undertaken? 2. Who should invoice for the project deliverables? | 1. The administrative activities for any consortium bid would be the responsibility of the respective organisations. In cases where a consortium is formed, one company would assume the role of lead and they would be required to lead the project management and participate in regular project updates meetings with both the Carbon Trust and OWA partners. Other members of the consortia can participate in regular meetings or on an ad-hoc basis. This would be left to the discretion of the lead bidder. 2. Invoices will be issued by the lead contractor to the Carbon Trust. | |
| 9 | General | Can organizations and resources who are not registered or residents in the UK part take in this project? | Yes | |

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