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Planning

Future Offshore Wind – Market Engagement Event – Preliminary Market Engagement Notice

The Crown Estate

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Scope

Description

The Crown Estate, as manager of the seabed around England, Wales and Northern Ireland, periodically holds competitive tenders to award seabed rights for the development, construction and operation of offshore wind farms.

In September 2024, The Crown Estate set out its approach to bringing such future tenders to market in its Future of Offshore Wind publication (Future of offshore wind | The Crown Estate). This was published alongside a report setting out our ambition to develop a Marine Delivery Routemap, which is intended to help enable a more holistic approach to be taken in relation to seabed development in the future.

Building on the approach taken by The Crown Estate in previous leasing rounds, such as Offshore Wind Leasing Rounds 4 and 5, The Crown Estate is committed to engaging with a broad spectrum of market participants and other stakeholders to inform the development of its future leasing processes. In this context, The Crown Estate intends to host an in-person market engagement event on 12 March 2026 for potential participants in future offshore wind leasing rounds.

This market engagement event is intended to provide those attending with an update on the work that The Crown Estate has undertaken since receiving feedback from various parties in response to the market engagement questionnaire that was launched in November 2025 as well as some insight into our current thinking on certain elements of our future leasing processes. There will also be an opportunity for participants to ask questions on The Crown Estate's emerging proposals.

It is hoped that this market engagement event will provide The Crown Estate with an opportunity to listen to and understand individual and industry-wide perspectives, thereby ensuring that the evolving needs and priorities of the offshore wind sector as a whole can be taken into account by The Crown Estate when shaping future leasing opportunities.

This market engagement is intended for existing and prospective offshore wind developers and investors only i.e. those who may be interested in bidding in a leasing round, either as a sole bidder or as part of a consortium. If offshore wind project development and investment companies wish to participate in this market engagement event, then they should apply by sending an email to offshorewind@thecrownestate.co.uk. The Crown Estate intends to engage with other relevant stakeholders separately at appropriate times and in an appropriate way.

The Crown Estate is in the process of designing future offshore wind leasing rounds, which these discussions will inform. There is currently no formal date for the launch of the next offshore wind leasing round. The date set out below (the "Engagement deadline") refers to the engagement activity which is the subject of this PME Notice, rather than any contract notice for a leasing process.

For further information on The Crown Estate's involvement in offshore wind, please visit <https://www.thecrownestate.co.uk/our-business/marine/offshore-wind>.

Contract dates (estimated)

- 18 February 2026 to 12 March 2026
- 23 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 71500000 - Construction-related services
- 09310000 - Electricity
- 45315300 - Electricity supply installations
- 31121340 - Wind farm
- 45200000 - Works for complete or part construction and civil engineering work
- 31121320 - Wind turbines

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Engagement

Engagement deadline

12 March 2026

Engagement process description

The Crown Estate intends to host an in-person market engagement event for offshore wind developers and investors that may be interested in bidding in a leasing round, either as a sole bidder or as part of a consortium. This will be an in-person event hosted in London, UK on the 12th March 2026. Further details on location and timings will be shared with registered participants. Expressions of interest in attending in-person should be submitted to offshorewind@thecrownestate.co.uk by 27th February 2026. Due to capacity limitations at the proposed venue, we are limiting invites to a maximum of 4 attendees per developer or investor.

The Crown Estate reserves the right not to accept any expression of interest submitted after 27th February 2026.

Contracting authority

The Crown Estate

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