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## **Wind Expert Support Toolkit (“WEST”) Programme Framework (2022)**

Offshore Renewable Energy Catapult

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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**Region code**

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Main address

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**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://procontract.due-north.com>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://procontract.due-north.com>

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Other type

Offshore Renewable Energy

**I.5) Main activity**

Other activity

R&D

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Wind Expert Support Toolkit ("WEST") Programme Framework (2022)

Reference number

DN631193

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Acting on behalf of the Offshore Wind Growth Partnership, the ORE Catapult has launched this framework tender to deliver the Wind Expert Support Toolkit ("WEST"). Funding for the activities conducted by the OWGP are provided by the Offshore Wind Industry Council ("OWIC") – a key stakeholder in the successful realisation of the requirements of the UK Offshore Wind Sector Deal.

The OWGP is a long-term business transformation programme that has been established as part of the UK Offshore Wind Sector Deal. It will promote closer collaboration across the supply chain, implement structured productivity improvement programmes and facilitate shared growth opportunities between developers and the supply chain.

The WEST Programme Framework will be a low intensity intervention activity to be delivered within the OWGP Business Transformation stream. This encompasses aspects of the OWGP's Business Competitiveness and Building New Capacity strands and aims to support growth of offshore wind supply chain companies through specialist advice, market intelligence and business planning. This is a short entry point foundation activity that will include the provision of assessment, support, reporting and recommendations of next steps and action plans for further support as and where required.

The WEST Programme Framework will be a multi-supplier Framework Agreement. It is anticipated that around eight (8) to ten (10) suppliers will be appointed to the Framework. However, the OWGP reserves the right to appoint fewer or more than this number if deemed to be in their best interest.

Most supply chain companies should receive between five (5) and ten (10) days of support (effort) from the Consultant in the delivery of each project – to be commensurate with the needs requested. Where a company is deemed by OWGP and the Consultant to benefit from a higher level of support and there is a relevant and significant supply chain opportunity, the number of days of support may exceed ten (10) days.

NB: as this is a framework agreement, there is no guarantee, warranty or assurance given in relation to the total volume or value of any Services required under this Framework Agreement.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £500,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 79411100 - Business development consultancy services

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

The Wind Expert Support Toolkit (WEST) will be a low intensity intervention activity to be delivered within the OWGP Business Transformation stream. Encompassing themes including business competitiveness and building new capacity, the WEST Programme aims to support growth of offshore wind supply chain companies through specialist advice, market intelligence and business planning. WEST is a short, “foundation” activity that includes the assessment of a company’s needs, provision of support, feedback and recommendations of next steps and action plans for further support as and where this might be required. Despite being described as a “foundation” programme the term used is relative compared to the intensity of other OWGP support programmes. It follows that participant companies will range from low sector maturity to mature and even expert, requiring focused support to address their long-term strategic aims in Offshore Wind. WEST will be delivered by the Consultant (referred to in the programme as a Delivery Partner) and provide a hands-on needs-focused approach to business support. The WEST Programme will additionally provide OWGP with an understanding of the needs of

the supply chain to better inform future intervention activities and business transformation offerings.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 60

Cost criterion - Name: Commercial / Weighting: 40

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £500,000

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

12

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The initial Term shall be for a period of twelve (12) months with an option to extend for a further period of up to eighteen (18) months, with an indicative start date of 21 November 2022.

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: Yes

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

Future regional programmes may adopt a WEST “light” approach, supporting supply chain companies in a particular region which may alter the number of days support and average delivery effort. Where this may apply, Consultants would be notified in advance of engagement with a supply chain company assigned to a regionally funded programme.

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 10

In the case of framework agreements, provide justification for any duration exceeding 4 years:

Not applicable

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

**IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

17 October 2022

Local time

12:00pm

**IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

**IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

**IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

17 October 2022

Local time

12:00pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Royal Courts of Justice

Strand

London

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

Royal Courts of Justice

Strand

London

Country

United Kingdom