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Planning

Celtic Sea Floating Offshore Wind Leasing Round 5 ("Round 5")

The Crown Estate

F01: Prior information notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

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I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Other type

Statutory corporation

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Property management

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Celtic Sea Floating Offshore Wind Leasing Round 5 ("Round 5")

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 76521000 - Offshore installation services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This is a services concession contract.

The Crown Estate, as managers of the seabed around England, Wales and Northern Ireland, is seeking to award seabed rights to prospective developers of floating offshore wind farms in the Celtic Sea as part of its Celtic Sea Floating Offshore Wind Leasing Round 5 ("Round 5").

Round 5 aims to deliver up to 4.5GW of new seabed rights, across three project development areas. These rights will be governed by three individual seabed 'agreements for lease', which will be awarded to three successful bidders through a competitive tender process. Holders of the agreements for lease will acquire the rights necessary to develop floating offshore wind farms and will ultimately enter into leases with The Crown Estate for the construction and operation of these wind farms. Further information is included in the Round 5 Information Memorandum, which can be found at: <https://www.thecrownestate.co.uk/our-business/marine/round-5>.

The Crown Estate will hold a Bidders Day for Round 5 which will take place at Swansea Arena in Swansea, Wales on 31 January 2024 and all suppliers who may be interested in the Round 5 opportunity are encouraged to attend. Suppliers will need to register for the Bidders Day and can do so via this link: <https://www.thecrownestate.co.uk/our-business/marine/round-5>.

Should suppliers wish to express a non-binding early indication of interest in participating in Round 5, they may do so by registering on The Crown Estate's e-tendering portal via this link: <https://etendering.thecrownestate.co.uk>.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 09310000 - Electricity
- 31121320 - Wind turbines
- 31121340 - Wind farm

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Application process for seabed rights for the development, construction and operation of floating offshore wind farms. The process will comprise a PQQ followed by an ITT, and will result in the award of three individual floating offshore wind farm sites of aggregate generating capacity 4.5GW to successful Bidders. For further information please visit:

<https://www.thecrownestate.co.uk/our-business/marine/round-5>

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

28 February 2024

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No