

07 February 2020

Dear Sir/Madam,

Invitation to Tender for the Floating Wind Access & Availability project for the Floating Wind Joint Industry Project

You are invited to submit a proposal for the Floating Wind Access & Availability project which is part of the Floating Wind Joint Industry Project. The key objective of this project is to improve the understanding of the accessibility and expected availability of future commercial scale floating wind farms.

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 Floating Wind Access & Availability (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 sam.strivens@carbontrust.com and FloatingWind@carbontrust.com any time before 21 February 2020. Answers to clarification questions will be communicated by email by 26 February 2020. 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 address: sam.strivens@carbontrust.com and FloatingWind@carbontrust.com.

Please submit your proposal by 12:00 GMT 03 April 2020.

The timeline of this procurement process is as follows:

Deadline for clarification questions	21 February 2020
Clarification response date	26 February 2020
Submission of full proposal	03 April 2020
Bidder interviews	week commencing 4 May
Successful Contractor announced	May 2020
Project kick off meeting	27 May 2020

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

We look forward to receiving your tender.

Yours sincerely,

Sam Strivens
For and on behalf of
THE CARBON TRUST

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR BIDDERS

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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 Floating Wind JIP 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.

Floating Wind Joint Industry Project

Invitation to Tender for the “Floating Wind Access & Availability” Project

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1. Introduction to the Floating Wind Joint Industry Project

1.1. The Floating Wind Joint Industry Project (“**Floating Wind JIP**”) is a collaborative R&D initiative between The Carbon Trust and participating industry partners EnBW, ENGIE, Eolfi, Equinor, Innogy, Kyuden Mirai Energy, Ørsted, RWE Renewables, ScottishPower Renewables, Shell, SSE, TEPCO, Vattenfall, and Wpd (the latter are collectively referred to in this document as “**Floating Wind JIP Partners**”), that aims to investigate the challenge and opportunities of developing commercial-scale floating wind farms.



- 1.2. The objective of the Floating Wind JIP is to investigate technology challenges for large scale floating wind arrays.
- 1.3. Contractors receive technical direction and data from Floating Wind JIP 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. This project (Phase 1) aims to undertake a literature review and scoping study for a subsequent larger project (Phase 2) understanding the accessibility and expected availability of future commercial scale floating wind farms.
- 2.2. The main objectives of the project are:
- i) Estimate access performance for different platform types (semi-sub, spar, TLP and barge) with different access methods
 - ii) Define and optimise the access strategy for the expected environmental conditions
 - iii) Understand the sensitivity of accessibility on WTG availability
 - iv) Determine the effect of floating substructure motions on technicians

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 man 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. Sam Strivens 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 Floating Wind Access & Availability 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 or 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 Floating Wind JIP 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 regularly at the Carbon Trust's offices in London, probably around once a month, including attendance at Floating Wind JIP 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.
- 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 Floating Wind JIP. The Contractor will be required to report regularly to the Steering Committee, complete schedule and budget reports each month (Flash Reports), convene the Floating Wind JIP Partners and draft a written report at the end of the different phases of the work, containing a detailed assessment of everything conducted and recommendations for future work. This report should be presented upon the completion of all activities as required by the Contract. 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 Floating Wind JIP 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 Floating Wind JIP 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 allocated for the then current sub-phase 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 after any of the sub-phases 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 ~£20,000 for Phase 1 and the allocated budget for the more detailed study in Phase 2 is ~£150k; refer to Annex A for the decision-making process for delivery of Phase 2. 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: Sam Strivens
- 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 Sam Strivens (sam.strivens@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 12 – 14 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 (£)	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 Floating Wind JIP 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. 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 to those described in Annex A of the ITT 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 floating wind projects.</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%]	<p>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.</p>

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%]	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. Bidders should elaborate on the most relevant skills of the selected staff that will be applicable in the project.
Expert engagement [10%]	A close working relationship with key stakeholders, such as wind turbine OEMs and platform/substructure developers are seen as relevant to the success of this project. Please supply ideas of how these groups can be engaged and leveraged.

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%]	Bidders are required to provide day rates for all staff grades and to input the man-hours involved in each work package described in Annex A.
Fixed price for the project [10%]	Project cost breakdown by work package, time and rate of person completing the work as specified in Section 5.7. Bidders are required to specify expected expenses apart from the estimated budget for each work package. 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. 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

Annex A - Scope of Work

Background – General

Predicting accessibility, and hence availability for floating wind farms is key to developers successfully delivering returns for investors. The accessibility and availability of bottom fixed offshore wind is relatively well known, however in floating offshore wind there is more uncertainty. There are a number of factors affecting accessibility of floating wind turbines, namely environmental conditions, the method of access, floating platform type and the geometry of the substructure both below and above the water line.

The factors affecting accessibility:

- Environmental conditions; such as wave height / period / direction, current, wind speed, marine fouling
- Access method; including CTV, SOV (daughtercraft and walk to work) helicopter
- Floating platform type; TLP, semi-submersible, barge, SPAR
- Floating platform geometry; consideration of geometry below and above the waterline for potential clashes or limitations of accessibility; such as eccentric tower position, location of cranes and boat landings, underwater obstacles etc.

Human factors are an important consideration for the accessibility and maintainability of floating turbines. The platform motions will affect turbine access as well as the performance of technicians undertaking work in the nacelle, where floater motions will be higher. Further to this, commercial scale floating offshore wind will likely utilize larger capacity, 15 MW+ turbines which will affect the motions. The failure rates, or mean time between failures, for these next generation turbines are an important consideration as they drive the requirement for accessibility and hence overall the turbine availability.

This Invitation to Tender (ITT) covers an initial literature review and scoping study (Phase 1) that will be used to initiate a more detailed research study (Phase 2) in order to meet the project objectives. Once the scoping study has been completed, a decision will be made by the Floating Wind JIP Partners on whether to go ahead with the detailed study and how this will be delivered.

On completion of Phase 1, the following decision will be made by the Floating Wind JIP Partners:

- Award Phase 2, the detailed study, to the selected Contractor for Phase 1;
- Run a public tender process for delivery of Phase 2; or
- Cancel Phase 2, if felt based on the Phase 1 assessment there are other priority research areas for the Floating Wind JIP

Overall Objectives

The Floating Wind JIP would like to improve the understanding of the accessibility and expected availability of future commercial scale floating wind farms.

The main objectives are:

- i) Estimate access performance for different platform types with different access methods
- ii) Define and optimise the access strategy for the expected environmental conditions as defined by the Floating Wind JIP
- iii) Assess the sensitivity of WTG availability based on accessibility
- iv) Determine the effect of floating substructure motions on technicians

It is expected that the objectives will be met through:

PHASE 1

- A comprehensive literature review.
- Scoping of detailed study

Then, following agreement by the Floating Wind JIP.

PHASE 2:

- Extensive engagement and close cooperation with relevant industry players, including WTG suppliers, platform/substructure developers, technology developers, vessel owner / operators and potentially windfarm technicians and site operators.
- Robust understanding of environmental conditions for both floating turbines and service vessels including evaluation of relative motions.

The Contractor should suggest additional means of meeting the project objectives (e.g. relevant modelling tools that can add value to the study without compromising the ability to achieve the main study objectives within the allocated budget).

Note: It is envisaged that close engagement with relevant industry players, including WTG suppliers, technology developers, platform/substructure developers and vessel designers and operators will be a critical interface in this study. The Contractor should therefore include details in their proposal on their approach to ensure that suitable input can be achieved.

It should also be noted that the Carbon Trust and the Floating Wind JIP partners will consider sharing deliverables from previous JIP studies if this supports delivery of the project and ensures that the focus is on the remaining knowledge gaps and analytical needs.

Research Questions

Key research questions include:

- What are the effects of scaling turbine size, and hence platform size and geometry on accessibility?
- What are the effects of different platform types on accessibility?
- What are the effects of platform geometry on safety of approach? Including walking routes, crane locations and underwater obstacles
- What are the cost implications for undertaking operations and maintenance on a floating platform?
- What is the expected downtime for floating wind versus bottom fixed based on turbine accessibility? Is there an effect on mean time to repair?
- What are the cost expectations for accessing and maintaining floating wind turbines further offshore in harsh conditions?

Overall Programme

The Carbon Trust appreciates that due to the breadth of skills and experience required for this project a consortium may be required to meet the objectives of the project, although individual contractors are still highly recommended to bid. There will be two phases of work to this project, only Phase 1 is covered by this scope. An initial phase (Phase 1) will include a literature review and scoping study, the second phase (Phase 2) will be designed and fully scoped as part of Phase 1

It is envisaged that it will take a small team of mixed seniority **~1-2 months** to complete phase 1, covered under this ITT. It is expected that Phase 2 will be delivered in **~12 months**. An approximate budget of **~£20,000** is expected for Phase 1. Following on from the approval from the Floating Wind JIP, the detailed research study (Phase 2) has an anticipated budget of **~£150,000**.

Contractors should use this outline scope to create a detailed project plan and Gantt chart outlining how they will deliver this project on budget and within the allocated time. This will be agreed by the Floating Wind JIP Partners & Carbon Trust before work commences. It is expected that simplifying assumptions will be required to complete this work in the given timeframe; all assumptions will need to be clearly stated and approved by the Floating Wind JIP Partners.

Outline Scope

The following Work Packages are the initial ideas on the key activities that the Contractor is expected to undertake during this contract. A weighting has been assigned to indicate the expected level of effort on each work package. Contractors are encouraged to offer a different approach that fulfils the high-level objectives and deliverables. If a different approach is suggested, the Contractor is expected to explain and justify any intended deviation from the advertised work packages.

Phase 1

WP1: Literature review

WP2: scoping study for Phase 2 of project

WPA+B: Project management and Expenses

Phase 2 – suggested content (final approach and WPs to be defined within Phase 1)

Scope to be defined in Phase 1 and agreed with FLW JIP Partners; initial suggestions below for guidance but this will be evolved as part of the delivery Phase 1

A more detailed scope for each focus work package is outlined below.

Work Packages

WORK PACKAGE	Description of work
<p>Phase 1</p> <p>WP1: Literature Review</p>	<p>This work package will focus on a detailed literature review, identifying other work that has been completed in relation to this study from both academia and industry. To avoid unnecessary duplication of work, the FLW-JIP will look to share with the contractor any relevant recent JIP reports, which could assist in this exercise.</p> <p>The literature review should then be used to define the focus of phase 2 of the project, as well as identifying the key challenges and opportunities to be undertaken in the detailed phase of study.</p> <p>Deliverables: D01 Literature review report.</p>
<p>WP2: Scoping Study</p>	<p>Based on the information provided within this ITT relating to main objectives and the key challenges and opportunities developed within the literature review, the contractor will be expected to produce a detailed scope of work for phase 2 of this project. The detailed scope of works should provide an overall approach to the project broken down in to work packages, with each work package fully scoped in terms of aims, overview to methodology and deliverables. Furthermore, a project timeline, Gantt chart and breakdown of expected man-hours and costs to deliver should be produced.</p> <p>The scoping study may require some initial analysis to be undertaken. If this approach is taken, the findings and conclusions should be made available as a report or presentation for sharing with the Floating Wind JIP Partners. The Contractor should give an overview how this would be carried on in the detailed study.</p> <p>The scope of work will be reviewed by Floating Wind JIP Partners and will to be updated based on their comments.</p> <p>Deliverables: D02 Detailed scope of work outlining approach, work packages, objectives, deliverables, project timeline and Gantt chart, man-hours and breakdown of costs. D03 Presentation (including possible additional analysis) of findings to the Floating Wind JIP Partners.</p>
<p>On completion of Phase 1, the following decision will be made by the Floating Wind JIP Partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Award Phase 2, the detailed study, to the selected Contractor for Phase 1 – this will be subject to the Contractor having successfully delivered Phase 1, meeting the expected performance of the Partners, and demonstrating the capability to undertake Phase 2; • Run a public tender process for Phase 2; or • Cancel Phase 2, if felt based on the Phase 1 assessment there are other priority research areas in the Floating Wind JIP 	

<p>Phase 2</p>	<p>Phase 2 involves the detailed study predicting accessibility for floating wind farms to assess floating wind availability. Please note that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase 2 will be fully scoped and detailed within phase 1 of the project. • For guidance, an initial suggested approach has been given below.
<p>Phase 2 Initial Suggested Approach</p>	
<p>Definition of baseline criteria Definition of baseline criteria, comprising of base cases to estimate availability and scope of turbine maintenance requirements (including mean time to repair for larger turbines (greater than 15MW) and failure rate of turbines mounted on a floating structure).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is expected that platform and turbine models (such as Orcaflex) will be supplied to the selected Contractor in order to provide consistency across the projects being delivered in the Floating Wind JIP <p>Evaluation of Access Strategies Evaluation of access strategies, considering: environmental conditions, selection of access type, turbine size, distance from shore and common floater typologies to predict transfer limits, and hence assist in devising the preferred access strategies for floating. It is suggested contractor should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental conditions (wave, wind, current, etc.) • Selection of access type (CTV, SOV with daughtercraft, SOV with W2W, helicopter) • WTG size, distance offshore, etc. <p>Human Factors and Evaluation of Motions Evaluation of motions and relative related to: access methods (CTV, SOV, or helicopter) and relative motions / accelerations in the nacelle and the effect on technician performance. It is suggested this deliverable should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Considering motions of depowered turbines during maintenance • Considering motion sickness from both vessel and floating wind platform <p>Stakeholder Engagement Engage with relevant industry players, including WTG suppliers, platform/substructure developers, technology developers, vessel owner / operators and potentially windfarm technicians to better understand accessibility of floating offshore wind turbines</p> <p>Summary of findings Summary of findings related to floating turbine access including costs and effect on turbine accessibility and hence availability</p>	

<p>Overall WPA: Project Management</p>	<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 and/or Steering Group as required.</p> <p>This should also include production of a one page executive summary for the whole project, for internal dissemination. 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 webinar to invitees from the developers of the FLW-JIP.</p> <p>Finally, if appropriate, resource should also be allocated to provide inputs into the 'FLW-JIP Cost Model'. The Contractor is not expected to produce a cost model of its own, but rather provide guidance on the effect of the research on inputs to the 'FLW-JIP Cost Model'.</p>
	<p>D04: Monthly flash reports D05: Project executive summary D06: Delivery of webinar D07: Inputs to OWA Cost Model</p>
<p>Overall WPB: Expenses</p>	<p>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.</p>

***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	Floating Wind Access & Availability
Research area	Floating Wind JIP
Project Manager name	Sam Strivens
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Key Objective is...	to improve the understanding of the accessibility and expected availability of future commercial scale floating wind farms
Project duration (months)	Phase I: ~2 months / Phase II: 10-12 months

Key Dates

Date of issue	07 February 2020
Date & Time of submission (specify time zone – GMT/BST.)	03 April 2020
Clarification deadline	21 February 2020
Clarification response date	26 February 2020
Bidder Interviews	week commencing 4 May
Successful Contractor Announcement	May 2020
Project kick off Meeting	27 May 2020