



REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Provision of Offshore Energy Regulatory Services

The Territorial Seas (including hydrocarbon, coal and mineral rights, up to the 12 mile limit) was purchased by the Isle of Man Government from the United Kingdom Government in 1991. Ownership of the Territorial Seas is vested in the Department of Infrastructure (DOI).

The Department of Infrastructure (DOI) has subsequently granted a Seaward Production Innovate Licence to Crogga Limited for the exploration and exploitation of hydrocarbons ([licence.pdf \(gov.im\)](#)) and as owner of the seabed, the DOI also has an Agreement for Lease with Ørsted for the development of an offshore windfarm ([Mooir Vannin Offshore Wind Farm | Ørsted \(orsted.im\)](#)).

The Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture (the "Department") is currently the:

- health and safety regulatory authority for occupational health and safety matters, employing inspectors to carry out enforcement activities on their behalf for a range of onshore workplace activities, and
- environmental protection regulatory authority for waste and water pollution for onshore activities.

The Department intends to incorporate environmental, health and safety regulations for offshore energy projects into Isle of Man legislation that aligns with the UK so that these projects are suitably regulated.

In the UK, the Offshore Major Accident Regulator (OMAR) is the Competent Authority (CA) responsible for regulating offshore major accident hazards. The Offshore Petroleum Regulator for Environment and Decommissioning (OPRED) and the Health & Safety Executive (HSE) work in partnership as OMAR to deliver the CA functions. The role of the CA is to oversee industry compliance with the respective offshore legislation and undertake related functions such as accepting, assessing, approving and/or inspecting relevant Safety Cases, Oil Pollution Emergency Plans, Well Notifications and other notifications. Reporting of incidents are included as are intervention planning and investigation work.

At this time, the Department is seeking to explore the market and identify interest from experienced individuals or organisations capable of providing regulatory services for the two proposed offshore energy projects in the Isle of Man Territorial Seas.

Responding to this Request For Information

Interested parties are invited to submit a brief summary of their experience, capability and proposal which should cover:-

Regulatory services including Environmental and Health & Safety necessary for offshore energy projects.

Interested parties may be required to give a presentation in support of their response which will take place by MS Teams.

Allocated presentation times will be confirmed, in writing, after the closing date for responses has passed. It is anticipated that presentations will take place week commencing 5th August 2024.

By responding to this request it must be understood that, at this stage, the Department is only exploring options, no commitment is intended or implied and this request may or may not progress through to a competitive tender exercise. An invitation to tender may follow this Prior Information Notice, but the Department is not under any obligation to issue invitations to responders to the Notice.

Please be aware that neither the Department, Procurement Services nor any other part of Isle of Man Government, or any other organisation assisting the Government with the procurement process, will accept any liability or any charges for expenses or losses incurred by any interested party as a result of responding to this enquiry.

In order to participate in this competitive exercise, your organisation must be registered on the Isle of Man Government's Procurement Portal. If you have not previously registered, please visit <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/iomg/asp/Home> and select 'Register' from the menu on the left side of the Home Page.

Once you have registered your organisation you should select this tender from the list of 'Current Tenders' and 'View Details' then click 'Express Interest' at the bottom of the page. Once you have clicked on 'Express Interest' a 'Form of Acknowledgement' tab will appear. This tab will provide a copy of the 'Appeals Procedure' to be downloaded. In order to progress to the next stage of the process you will need to 'Opt-In', complete the 'Form of Acknowledgment' questionnaire, upload your PIN Response document and click 'Submit Return' before the deadline as detailed below.

Should you have any difficulty in using the website or registering your interest in this way, please contact procurement@gov.im.

Expressions of interest and PIN Responses must be submitted through the above Portal by **12:00 noon on Monday 29th July 2024.**