

Final Clarification questions and responses – SubSea Soundscape Project 24.03.2025

Point 1

Question - Do you need one supplier to provide a response for all Lots in the tender (A, B, C, D, E) or will you accept partial bids from a supplier?

Response – There is no fixed requirement for potential suppliers to provide a response for all Lots in the tender. However, not responding to a specific Lot will affect the points that are available as part of the overall scoring process.

For example –

50% of the overall marks are available for the technical evaluation which covers Lots A-E/1-5.

If no supplier response is provided for Lot 1/A 10% of the overall marks cannot be accessed.

If no supplier response is provided for Lot 2/B 5% of the overall marks cannot be accessed.

This approach is in line with the scoring and weighting criteria described in Section 3 Page 49 of the Open Procedure Invitation to Tender document provided as part of the tender process.

Point 2

Question - Under Lot A, please can you clarify what is meant by ““Software: Real-time re/deployment software operable in field conditions””? Do you want real time data streaming capabilities on the acoustic recorders?

Response - There is no need for real time data streaming capabilities. The requirement relates to the means to be able to read and modify the deployment settings / configuration without needing to physically open the recorder, or if it is essential to open it to have easy access and means of configuration.

Point 3

Question - For Lot B, please can you confirm the sampling rate you require on the CTD loggers?

Response - A minimum sampling rate of 1Hz is required.

Point 4

Question - Please can you provide some clarification on what is meant by the below under Lot A?
“Demonstrates system integration and/or structural improvements”

Response - This is intended to enable potential suppliers to comment on the potential integration capability of the hydrophone with the rest of the acoustic monitoring system. Integration could be important to minimise issues for us in combining all the individual component into a single system. Structural improvements could also enable simpler full system integration and/or potentially utilise bespoke components to support ease of integration.

Point 5

Question - Where should applications be submitted.

Response - Submissions should now be made to tenders@celticseapower.co.uk according to the timeframes within the ITT.