

Call for Expression of Interest : A french port is seeking partners for Industrial and logistical operation of port infrastructure dedicated to offshore wind

Summary

Profile type

Business request

Company's country

France

POD reference

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Profile status

PUBLISHED

Type of partnership

Commercial agreement

Targeted countries

• All countries

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Term of validity

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General Information

Short summary

This Call for Expressions of Interest, launched by a French ports located on the Atlantic's side and entitled "Industrial and logistical operation of port infrastructure dedicated to offshore wind" is made to identify stakeholders who wish to take part in offshore (mainly floating wind) activities on the Atlantic side in the next years.

Full description

The aim of this Call for Expressions of Interest (CEI) is to identify stakeholders interested in activities related to offshore wind power, in particular floating wind power, and who wish to participate directly or indirectly in these activities through industrial or logistical projects developed and established within the port area and the surrounding area.

This CEI is being implemented in accordance with the following principles:

1) It is open to all national or international organisations wishing to submit an application and which have recognised experience in the activities to be carried out, namely:

- o The design and construction of mooring equipment or any other product forming part of offshore wind projects,
- o Logistics for mooring systems,
- o Any support activities during the development, construction, transport and installation phases of offshore wind turbines,
- o Any support activities during the operation and maintenance phases of offshore wind turbines, electrical substations and cables platform;

The Port has the following capabilities to meet manufacturers' needs:

1) A site area allowing for various logistics-related activities (e.g., storage of mooring systems and inter-turbine cables) and which can also serve as an intermediate storage base, thereby relieving pressure on other port facilities focused on constructing floating platforms or integrating turbines

2) The capacity to handle all requests relating to the installation of wind farms along the Atlantic coast:

- o Technical stopovers and berthing areas
- o Refueling;
- o Port calls/ Crew changes

3) To ensure the maintenance of certain wind turbine components, drawing in particular on the ship repair expertise already available on site.

4) A light maintenance base capable of accommodating maintenance vessels (CTVs) and surveillance vessels (guard vessels), located near the anchoring system storage base.

The port developments currently planned (§ 3.2) will be available to industrial users in 2032, with work scheduled to commence in 2030.

New equipment (e.g. mobile cranes such as the LHM 550) will also be available in early 2032, managed by the future port authority to be established on 1 January 2028.

Advantages and innovations

Technical specification or expertise sought

The Port has land and quay frontage currently in use. These will be developed to accommodate a marine renewable energy logistics base from 2030, in line with AO5, as well as a maintenance base.

About the logistics base:

- This currently consists of a 5-hectare platform (current load-bearing capacity 4 t/m²),
- 800 metres of quay with a draught of up to 13 m CD
- RORO ramp
- Lifting equipment including a 30-tonne crane with a reach of 30 metres

For light maintenance, this is an existing area that will be redeveloped. The current logistics area already allows for logistics operations involving mooring systems for floating wind turbines.

The planned port developments in the commercial port are intended to accommodate activities related to marine energy:

- Storage of anchors, anchor chains, mooring lines and related equipment
- Construction of mooring equipment
- Assembly of these various elements prior to dispatch to the relevant wind farm site.

Stage of development

Under development

Sustainable Development goals

- **Goal 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure**
- **Goal 17: Partnerships to achieve the Goal**
- **Goal 7: Affordable and Clean Energy**

IPR Status

IPR Notes

Partner Sought

Expected role of the partner

The aim of this Call for Expressions of Interest (CEI) is to identify stakeholders interested in activities related to offshore wind power, in particular floating wind power, and who wish to participate directly or indirectly in these activities through industrial or logistical projects developed and established within the port area of Lorient and the surrounding area

Type of partnership

Commercial agreement

Type and size of the partner

- **SME 50 - 249**
- **SME <=10**
- **SME 11-49**
- **Big company**

Dissemination

Technology keywords

- **04005008 - Wind energy**

Market keywords

- **06003003 - Wind energy**
- **06003004 - Marine energy**

Targeted countries

- **All countries**

Sector groups involved

- **Renewable Energy**
- **Maritime Industries and Services**

Media

Videos

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