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# Contracts for Difference Sealed Bid Submission Guidance

Allocation Round 7 and 7A

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### Updates to the Sealed Bid Guidance – Version 1.1 (06/11/2025)

**Section 3.9** – Additional explainer added to confirm that the original eligibility criteria applied at Application Assessment stage would still apply to Fixed-Bottom Offshore Wind request bid modifications.

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### Revisions for 2025

- 1.3.2:** Timeline for offshore wind and non-offshore wind technologies
- 1.6:** Strike price bids are to be submitted in 2024 values
- 3:** Flexible bids are not permitted for Fixed-Bottom Offshore Wind Applicants
- 3.9 & Appendix 1/2:** Additional requirements for Fixed-Bottom Offshore Wind

## 1. Overview

### 1.1 Purpose

- 1.1.1 The purpose of the guidance document is to outline the specific process for Applicants who have been invited to submit sealed bids to the Delivery Body, on the EMR Delivery Body Portal ([CfD Portal](#)) for the auction in Allocation Round 7.
- 1.1.2 This guidance document is intended to be used by organisations who are seeking to ensure they understand the process for how to submit sealed bids in the Allocation Round.

### 1.2 Who can submit sealed bids?

- 1.2.1 Where an Auction is required, the Delivery Body, in accordance with the Round specific Contract Allocation Framework, will issue a “Notice of Auction” to all Qualifying and Pending Applicants, inviting them to submit sealed bids via the CfD Portal.

### 1.3 When can sealed bid be submitted?

- 1.3.1 Sealed bids must be submitted during a five working day sealed bid Submission Window, details of which shall be set out to relevant Applicants in the Notice of Auction applicable for Allocation Round 7 and 7a.
- 1.3.2 The published [AR7 timeline](#) for offshore wind and non-offshore wind technologies will also state the applicable window for Sealed Bid submission.
- 1.3.3 Once the window has closed the Delivery Body will not be able to accept any further bids.

### 1.4 How are sealed bids submitted?

- 1.4.1 Sealed bids are submitted to the Delivery Body using the CfD Portal.
- 1.4.2 Applicants can withdraw bids and resubmit during and up to the end of the sealed bids submission window.

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### 1.5 What changes can be made to sealed bids?

- 1.5.1 Applicants can vary the Capacity, Targets Dates which include the Target Commissioning Date (TCD), and Target Commissioning Window Start Date (TCWSD), as well as the Strike Price (**in 2024 Values**) for each sealed bid.
- 1.5.2 Sealed bid validation rules are outlined in the [Contract Allocation Framework: Allocation Round 7/7a](#) and also covered in this guidance document in [Section 3](#).

### 1.6 Which price base should developers use for 2024 bid prices?

- 1.6.1 Applicants should apply the Base Year (2024) as specified in the relevant version of the CfD contract to construct their AR7 bids. This is because that reflects the strike price that the Low Carbon Contracts Company use to index contracts.

### 1.7 Consequences of not submitting or withdrawing sealed bids

- 1.7.1 Where no sealed bid has been submitted by an Applicant, or if all sealed bids are withdrawn and not re-submitted by an applicant by the submission window closing date, the Delivery Body will assign the Applicant a default bid.
- 1.7.2 A default bid is a single sealed bid which contains the applicable Administrative Strike Price (ASP), TCD, TCWSD and Capacity, as specified in the Original Application.

### 1.8 Unconsented Fixed-Bottom Offshore Wind Directors Declaration

- 1.8.1 Unconsented Fixed-Bottom Offshore Wind projects must submit a director's declaration within the sealed bid window. See [Appendix 1](#) for further details and the process.

## 2. Applicable CFD Regulations and Rules

### 2.1 CfD Regulations

- 2.1.1 [The Contracts for Difference \(Allocation\) Regulations 2014](#) [latest available]

### 2.2 Applicable Contract Allocation Framework Rules

- 2.2.1 Rule 4 and 5, Supplemental requirements and Excluded Applications
- 2.2.2 Rule 11, Notice of Auction
- 2.2.3 Rule 12, Submission of sealed bids
- 2.2.4 Rule 14, Phased Offshore Wind CFD Units
- 2.2.5 Rule 15, Withdrawal of Applications and sealed bids

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### 3. Sealed Bid Submission Validation Rules

**Flexible bids, if mentioned below, will not be accepted for Fixed-Bottom Offshore Wind CfD Units in AR7.** Only one bid per application is permitted for the Offshore Wind and Offshore Wind Scotland Technology Type. This is stated in Rule 12.5 of the Allocation Round 7 Contract Allocation Framework.

#### 3.1 Sealed Bid Validation Rules

- 3.1.1 For each Application that is not a Fixed-Bottom Offshore Wind CFD Unit, the Applicant may submit up to four Flexible Bids, which are sealed bids with varying capacities and/or Target Dates, of which no more than two bids may have a Target Commissioning Window Start Date in the same Delivery Year.
- 3.1.2 For each Application that is not a Fixed-Bottom Offshore Wind CFD Unit, Applicants may only submit a maximum of two sealed bids where the TCWSD of the Original Application is in the final Delivery Year.
- 3.1.3 Applicants may withdraw and re-submit sealed bid forms during the Submission Window.
- 3.1.4 Only one sealed bid may be submitted with the same Target Dates and Capacity as specified in the Original Application.
- 3.1.5 Each sealed bid must have a different combination of Strike Price, Capacity, and/or Target Dates to what was specified in the Original Application.
- 3.1.6 Where no sealed bid is submitted by the Applicant by the Submission Closing Date, the Applicant will be assigned a single bid using the ASP, the TCD, TCWSD and the Capacity, as specified in the Original Application.

#### 3.2 Additional Validation Rules for Phased Applications

- 3.2.1 All phases are considered by the Delivery Body when assessing the Monetary Budget impact against the Contract Budget Profile.
- 3.2.2 The number of phases submitted for each sealed bid must match the number of phases specified in the Original Application.

#### 3.3 Sealed Bid Validation Rules for Strike Price

- 3.3.1 The Strike Price entered must be in pounds sterling and in 2024 values.

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3.3.2 The lowest Strike Price bid in each Delivery Year must be expressed to the nearest £0.01 and, subject to this, all flexible bids made by the Applicant must be expressed to the nearest £0.001.

3.3.3 The Strike Price of each sealed bid cannot exceed the relevant ASP.

### **3.4 Additional Strike Price Sealed Bid Validation Rules for Phased Applications**

3.4.1 The strike price entered will apply for all phases.

### **3.5 Sealed Bid Validation Rules for Capacity**

3.5.1 With the exception of Fixed-Bottom Offshore Wind bids, the capacity for each sealed bid cannot exceed the capacity specified in Original Application. As per the allocation framework (and noted in section 3.9 of this guidance), the capacity of a Fixed-Bottom Offshore Wind bid can be greater or less than that in the Original Application.

3.5.2 Where the technology type of any given CFD Unit must have a capacity greater than 5MW, sealed bids cannot be submitted below this threshold.

### **3.6 Additional Capacity Sealed Bid Validation Rules for Phased Applications**

3.6.1 The total capacity of all phases in each sealed bid cannot be greater than 1500 MW.

3.6.2 With the exception of bids for Fixed-Bottom Offshore Wind phased projects, the total capacity of all phases in each sealed bid cannot exceed the total capacity stated in the Original Application'. Total capacity of all phases in each sealed bid cannot exceed the total capacity stated in the Original Application.

3.6.3 With the exception of bids for Fixed-Bottom Offshore Wind phased projects, for each sealed bid, the capacity of phase one cannot be greater than the capacity of phase one of the Original Application.

3.6.4 The capacity of the first phase must represent at least 25% of the total capacity of the CFD Unit.

3.6.5 The capacity of each phase must be greater than 5MW.

### **3.7 Sealed Bid Validation Rules for Target Dates**

3.7.1 With the exception of Fixed-Bottom Offshore Wind bids, the Target Dates for sealed bids cannot be earlier than the Target Dates specified in the Original Application.

3.7.2 The TCD for each sealed bid must fall within the TCW.

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- 3.7.3 The TCD for the first phase of each sealed bid cannot fall outside of the applicable Delivery Year Window for the applicable Pot.
- 3.7.4 With the exception of Fixed-Bottom Offshore Wind bids, there can be a maximum of two TCWSDs per Delivery Year.
- 3.7.5 The TCW for all eligible technology's sealed bids are set at 12 months, except for Landfill Gas where the TCW is set at 6 months.

### 3.8 Additional Target Dates Sealed Bid Validation Rules for Phased Applications

- 3.8.1 The Target Dates of the first phase will be treated as the first Target Dates.
- 3.8.2 The TCD of the final phase can be no later than 2 years after the TCD of the first phase.
- 3.8.3 The TCD for each phase must be within the TCW for the applicable phase.
- 3.8.4 The TCWSD for phases two and three can be placed in either the Delivery Year or Valuation Year, permitted that the other validation rules are met.
- 3.8.5 The first phase TCD must be targeted to complete by no later than 31 March of the last applicable Delivery Year. For Pot 3 this will be 31 March 2031 and for Pot 4 this will be 31 March 2030.
- 3.8.6 No phase of a phased project can have earlier Target Dates than the Target Dates of the first phase, as stated in the Original Application.

### 3.9 Additional Fixed-Bottom Offshore Wind Validation Rules

It has not been possible to update the sealed bid process system validations to reflect all possible variations for Fixed-Bottom Offshore Wind bids that are permitted under the AR7 Contract Allocation Framework. As a result, Section 3.9 has been added to the guidance document. **This section is only applicable for Fixed-Bottom Offshore Wind Technologies.**

Fixed bottom Offshore Wind Applicants (phased and non-phased) will be able to submit a single sealed bid with different capacity and dates to their original application. Clarifications on what is permitted in the Contract Allocation Framework Rules for Fixed-Bottom Offshore Wind Applicants are outlined below in **Table 1**.

**[Added in Version 1.1 – 06/11/2025]** Bidding at earlier dates or a higher/lower capacity is possible for Fixed-Bottom Offshore Wind Technologies, but the Applicant must ensure that if the bid is successful then the proposed CFD Unit can be established or altered and the electricity generated from the proposed CFD Unit can be supplied to the national Transmission System, the Distribution System, or private network. Therefore, this confirms that the original eligibility criteria applied at Application Assessment stage would still apply.

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**Table 1 – Fixed-Bottom Offshore Wind (multiple flexible bids not allowed)**

Validations for	Higher MW value than Original Application	Lower MW value than Original Application	Earlier Dates than Original Application	Later Dates than Original Application
Non-Phased Fixed-Bottom Offshore Wind	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Phased Fixed-Bottom Offshore Wind (Total)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Phased Fixed-Bottom Offshore Wind (Phase 1)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Phased Fixed-Bottom Offshore Wind (Phase 2/3)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Although Fixed-Bottom Offshore Wind phases can have earlier dates than those in the original application (unlike non-fixed), the target dates for phases 2 and 3 must not be earlier than the target dates for phase 1 as specified in the original application (applicable to all applications, and as explained in the guidance at 3.8.6).

If the intention from the Fixed-Bottom Offshore Wind Applicant is to submit a sealed bid with a higher capacity (MW) value, or earlier target dates than stated in the original application, then please complete the Sealed Bid Modification request and return this to the Delivery Body team during the Sealed Bid window. **Further details on the sealed bid modification request process are included in the [Appendix 2](#).**



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## 4. Sealed Bid Submission Process Steps on the CfD Portal

Sealed bids are to be submitted via the [CfD Portal](#). This section provides Applicants with the steps required to complete the sealed bid submission process.

### 4.1 Accessing the Sealed Bid Module

- 4.1.1 The company's Main Admin or Deputy Main Admin should log in to the [CfD Portal](#) and navigate to the My EMR homepage.
- 4.1.2 The Main Admin or Deputy Main Admin should then select the Sealed Bids icon on the My EMR Homepage.

### 4.2 Creating the Sealed Bid Form

- 4.2.1 To create the sealed bid form the Main Admin or Deputy Main Admin should now select the CfD Application from the drop-down menu. The companies' Qualifying and/or Pending Applications will be visible on the expanded list.
- 4.2.2 Once the applicable Application has been selected, the Main Admin or Deputy Main Admin should click on the 'Create Sealed Bid Form' button.

The screenshot shows a web interface titled 'My Applications'. At the top, there is a dropdown menu labeled '[Select Application]' with a downward arrow. To the right of the dropdown are two buttons: a blue button labeled 'Create Sealed Bid Form' and a red button labeled 'Withdraw Qualification Application'. Below these buttons are two tabs: 'Current' (which is active) and 'Archived'. At the bottom of the interface, there is a table header with the following columns: 'Application ID', 'Sealed Bid Form ID', 'Round Name', 'Pot Name', 'Technology Type', and 'Application Type'. Each column has a small downward arrow next to it, indicating they are sortable.

Figure 1 – Create Sealed Bid Form

### 4.3 Editing the Sealed Bid Form

- 4.3.1 The Main Admin or Deputy Main Admin should now select the newly created sealed bid form for the Application.
- 4.3.2 The sealed bid form can be viewed or edited from this menu.
- 4.3.3 To input the details for the sealed bid submission, the Main Admin or Deputy Main Admin should select the 'Edit' button.

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Created On ↑	Status	Last Modified By	Last Modified On	
12/12/2023 14:10:58	Saved			<div>View</div> <div>Edit</div>

Figure 2 – Edit Sealed Bid Form

### 4.4 Editing the Sealed Bid Form

- 4.4.1 The CFD Unit details submitted at the application stage will be visible in the section titled 'Original Application'.
- 4.4.2 The Main Admin or Deputy Main Admin should scroll down the page to the Flexible Bids section and select the 'Add Sealed Bid' button.
- 4.4.3 This will result in a pop-up box being displayed on screen where the user will be able to enter the required details for the bid. The original application details will be shown, along with the ASP for the application's technology type.

Original Application

Submit Withdraw SB Print

Company Name	Application ID	Sealed Bids Form ID	Number of Phases	Round Name	Pot Name	Technology Type	Application Type	Name of CfD Unit	TCW - Start Date	TCW - End Date
								Single Phase	Single Phase	Single Phase
CFD TEST COMPANY	CFD-2023-42-7740	CFD-2026-cfd-ar6-sealed-bids-guidance-1-CFD-2023-42-7740-SB01	1	cfd-ar6-sealed-bids-guidance-1	pot-x-sb-1	Onshore Wind (>5MW)	General	ar6-sb-guidance-onw1	01/04/2026	31/03/2027

Flexible Bids

Created on 12/12/2023 14:10:58 by george.hunt@dep

Action	Sealed Bid ID	TCW - Start Date	TCW - End Date	TCD	Delivery Year	Administrative Strike Price (£/MW)	Lowest Strike Price Bid for Delivery Year	Lowest Strike Price for Delivery Year (£/MW)	Strike Price Bid (£/MW)	Initial Installed Capacity Estimate (MW)
		Single Phase	Single Phase	Single Phase	Single Phase					Single Phase
No Sealed Bids										
Add Sealed Bid										

Figure 3 – Add Sealed Bid

- 4.4.4 The Main Admin or Deputy Main Admin can now enter the required details of the bid:
- Strike Price Bid (£/MW) – entered in 2024 values.
  - Capacity (MW)
  - Target Commissioning Window Start Date (TCWSD)
  - Target Commissioning Date (TCD)

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4.4.5 Once satisfied with the inputs then the user should select the save button.

Figure 4 – Inputting Sealed Bid Values

## 4.5 Adding a Flexible Bid

4.5.1 Please note that the steps in 4.5 are not permitted for Fixed-Bottom Offshore Wind projects.

4.5.2 If the TCWSD the CfD Unit is not in the final Delivery Year, Applicants can have up to four sealed bids, with a maximum of two sealed bids in the same Delivery Year for the project.

Name of CfD Unit	TCW - Start Date	TCW - End Date	TCD	Delivery Year	Initial Installed Capacity Estimate (MW)	Administrative Strike Price (£/MW)
Single Phase	Single Phase	Single Phase	Single Phase	Single Phase	Single Phase	
ar6-sb-guidance-onw1	01/04/2026	31/03/2027	31/03/2027	2026/27	30.00	64.00

Figure 5 – Delivery Year

4.5.3 If the TCWSD for the CfD Unit is in the final Delivery Year, Applicants can have a maximum of two sealed bids for the project.

4.5.4 View the first bid submitted; any sealed bids entered for the CfD Unit will be displayed in this section.

4.5.5 The Main Admin or Deputy Main Admin should scroll down the page and select the 'add sealed bid' to add another bid.

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Flexible Bids							
Created on 12/12/2023 14:10:58 by george.huntcfdep							
Last updated on 12/12/2023 14:14:29 by george.huntcfdep							
Action	Sealed Bid ID	TCW - Start Date	TCW - End Date	TCD	Delivery Year	Administrative Strike Price (£/MW)	Lowest Strike Price Bid for Delivery Year
		Single Phase	Single Phase	Single Phase	Single Phase		
 	CFD-2026-cfd-ar6-sealed-bids-guidance-1-CFD-2023-42-7740-SB01-01	01/04/2026	31/03/2027	31/03/2027	2026/27	64.00	Yes
<div>Add Sealed Bid</div>							

Figure 6 – Add 'another' Sealed Bid

4.5.6 The Main Admin or Deputy Main Admin will now be able to enter the required details of the bid:

- (a) Strike Price Bid (£/MW) – entered in 2024 values
- (b) Capacity (MW)
- (c) TCWSD
- (d) TCD

4.5.7 Once satisfied with the inputs made on the sealed bid then the Main Admin or Deputy Main Admin should select the save button.

Add New Sealed Bid

Strike Price Bid (£/MW) in 2024 values

10.00

Capacity (MW)

10.00

TCW Start Date

29/01/2025

TCD

06/02/2025

Save

Cancel

Figure 7 – Add New Sealed Bid

4.5.8 Repeat the process until you have submitted the desired number of bids (up to a maximum of four).

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- 4.5.9 The Main Admin or Deputy Main Admin should scroll back to the top of the sealed bid page and select the 'Submit' button once all bids have been created and reviewed.

Flexible Bids

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Last updated on 12/12/2023 14:23:17 by george.huntcdep

Submit Withdraw SB Print

Action	Sealed Bid ID	TCW - Start Date	TCW - End Date	TCD	Delivery Year	Administrative Strike Price (£/MW)	Lowest Strike Price Bid for Delivery Year	Lowest Strike Price for Delivery Year (£/MW)	Strike Price Bid (£/MW)	Initial Installed Capacity Estimate (MW)
		Single Phase	Single Phase	Single Phase	Single Phase					Single Phase
 	CFD-2026-cfd-ar6-sealed-bids-guidance-1-CFD-2023-42-7740-SB01-01	01/04/2026	31/03/2027	31/03/2027	2026/27	64.00	Yes	57.00	57.00	30.00
 	CFD-2026-cfd-ar6-sealed-bids-guidance-1-CFD-2023-42-7740-SB01-02	01/04/2026	31/03/2027	31/03/2027	2026/27	64.00	No	57.00	58.123	25.00
 	CFD-2026-cfd-ar6-sealed-bids-guidance-1-CFD-2023-42-7740-SB01-03	01/04/2027	31/03/2028	31/03/2028	2027/28	64.00	Yes	60.00	60.00	20.00

Figure 8 – Total Sealed Bids Created

## 4.6 Submit the Sealed Bid Form


- 4.6.1 The Main Admin or Deputy Main Admin should scroll back to the top of the sealed bid page and select the 'Submit' button once all bids have been created and reviewed.

Sealed Bids CFD-2026-cfd-ar6-sealed-bids-guidance-1-CFD-2023-42-7740-SB01

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Original Application

Submit Withdraw SB



Bid form CFD-2026-cfd-ar6-sealed-bids-guidance-1-CFD-2023-42-7740-SB01 was successfully submitted

Print

Figure 9 – Sealed Bid Form Submitted Successfully

## 4.7 Clearing Validation Errors

- 4.7.1 If validation errors are shown when the sealed bid form has been submitted, this is because the one or more sealed bid requirements have not been met. The validation errors will be shown post attempting to submit the sealed bids.

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- 4.7.2 To clear the validation errors, the Main Admin or Deputy Main Admin select the edit (pen icon) button in the action column to edit the inputs on the sealed bid ID that is associated with a validation error.
- 4.7.3 The Main Admin or Deputy Main Admin should repeat this process for all the flexible bids containing errors and then re-submit until a successful submission notification is received.

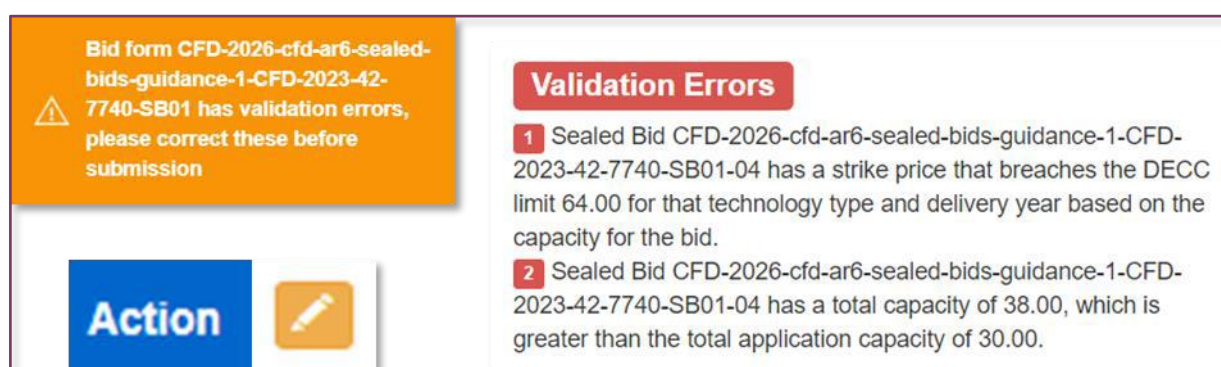


Figure 10 - Example of Sealed Bid Validation Errors

## 4.8 Withdrawing a Sealed Bid Form

- 4.8.1 On the sealed bid home page, view your submitted sealed bids and then the Main Admin or Deputy Main Admin should select **Withdraw SB** to remove the applicable sealed bid form.
- 4.8.2 This action will take the user into the sealed bid form, and to complete the process, the Main Admin or Deputy Main Admin should select the **Withdraw SB** icon.
- 4.8.3 The user should now navigate back to **'My Applications'** and view the status of the sealed bid form. This status of the sealed bid form will now be **'Withdrawn'**.
- 4.8.4 The Main Admin or Deputy Main Admin will now be able to submit a new sealed bid form for the Application.
- 4.8.5 There is no limit to the number of times forms can be submitted and withdrawn during the sealed bid submission window.

## 4.9 Sealed Bid Notifications

- 4.9.1 Sealed Bid notifications are sent to the Applicant company via email and the CfD Portal.
- 4.9.2 Upon submission of a sealed bid, the Main Admin and Deputy Main Admins for the company account will receive an email confirming submission.




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- 4.9.3 The users for the company should review the notification to ensure confirmation has been received for the submission or withdrawal action.
- 4.9.4 If no notification has been received, then please get in contact with the Delivery Body CfD Team using the details provided at the end of this guidance document.
- 4.9.5 Examples of the notifications that Applicants receive following the submission of a sealed bid form are provided below in figures 11 and 12.

Notifications				
Title	Round	Pot	From	Date Received
Application CFD-2023-42-7740: Sealed bid form CFD-2026-cfd-ar6-sealed-bids-guidance-1-CFD-2023-42-7740-SB01 has been submitted on 12/12/2023 14:35:20	cfd-ar6-sealed-bids-guidance-1	pot-x-sb-1	no-reply-UAT4_emr@emr.national	12/12/2023 14:52:49


Figure 11 – Example portal notification following sealed bid submission

**Sealed bid** form CFD-2027-JS- SB DOC -CFD-2025-119-3910-SB01 has been submitted.

 no-reply-uat4@emr.neso.energy  
To: Mike Royle [NESO]

Click here to download pictures. To help protect your privacy, Outlook prevented automatic download of some pictures in this message.

**This Message Is From an External Sender**  
Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognise the sender and know the content is safe. If you suspect this email is malicious, please use the 'Report Phish' button.



Dear Participant,

Your **sealed bid**: CFD-2027-JS- SB DOC CFD-2025-119-3910-SB01 has been submitted for Application: CFD-2025-119-3910 on 21/07/2025 13:42:14.

Please contact the National Energy SO CfD Team for any queries on 01926 655300 or email [box.emr.cfd@neso.energy](mailto:box.emr.cfd@neso.energy)

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The registered information on National Energy System Operator Limited can be found on our Contacts Page.

Figure 12 – Example email notification following sealed bid submission

## 5. Withdrawing a CfD Application

### 5.1 Withdrawing a CfD Application

- 5.1.1 Applicants with the status of Qualifying and Pending ('Qualification Appeal Submitted') can withdraw their Application from the CfD process in the sealed bid submission window, without incurring the Non-Delivery Disincentive.

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- 5.1.2 When an application is withdrawn during the sealed bids submission window, it cannot be re-submitted. Any sealed bids associated to a withdrawn Application will become void and not considered during the remainder of the Contract Allocation Process.

### 5.2 Process Steps for Withdrawing a CfD Application

- 5.2.1 To withdraw an Application the Main Admin or Deputy Main Admin must select the CfD Application from the sealed bid drop-down menu and then select the 'Withdraw Qualification Application' button.
- 5.2.2 Select 'withdraw' to remove your application from the process.
- 5.2.3 To complete the process, follow through the pop-up messages and select 'Yes' to the final warning message which is "Are you sure you wish to withdraw the application".
- 5.2.4 Once this action has been completed then the Main Admin or Deputy Main Admin should navigate back to the My Applications section to view the withdrawn Application. The status of the Application will now be 'Application Withdrawn during Sealed Bid Window'.

**My Applications**

CFD-2023-42-7740 ▼ **Create Sealed Bid Form** **Withdraw Qualification Application**

**Withdraw Application**

Application ID: CFD-2023-42-7740

**Withdraw**

**Notes:**

- When an application is withdrawn, the status cannot be reversed.
- An application ID associated to a withdrawn application cannot be reused by another application.
- When an application is withdrawn during the sealed bids submission window, it cannot be re-submitted.
- Any sealed bids associated to a withdrawn application will become void and not considered during allocation.

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**Withdraw**

Are you sure you wish to Withdraw the application?

**Yes** **No**

Figure 13 – Application Withdrawal process during the sealed bid window



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## Appendix 1 – Unconsented Fixed-Bottom Offshore Wind Declaration

### Appendix 1 details the requirements for unconsented Fixed-Bottom Offshore Wind during the Sealed Bid Submission Window

- It is mandatory for Unconsented Fixed – Bottom Offshore Wind CFD applicants to provide a Directors Declaration at sealed bid stage, confirming that no Applicable Planning Consents have been refused. If an Applicant fails to comply with the requirement in this Rule, its application will be treated as withdrawn. This is stated in Rule 15.4 of the Contract Allocation Framework.
- The declaration must be provided to the Delivery Body in the exact format as displayed below, a template can be found here on our guidance page under the [CfD Application guidance tab](#) – “**Schedule 7 Mandatory Template**”.
- The declaration must be re-signed (updated signature and date to that provided at application stage) and must be resubmitted no later than 5pm on the penultimate day of the sealed bid window.
- The declaration date on the form must be no later than the working day before the Submission Closing Date and no earlier than 11 Working Days before the Submission Closing Date.
- As referenced above, Rule 15.4 of the Contract Allocation Framework states if a newly signed Directors Declaration, in the exact format shown in Schedule 7, is not provided within the mandatory timeframes, then the Application will be treated as withdrawn.
- The Signed Directors Declarations must be submitted through the EMR portal using secure messaging functionality. Messages need to include the application ID in the subject field. High-level process steps are shown below.

### My EMR

- User Management
- Companies
- Manage Login Credentials
- My Profile
- Messaging
  - Create New Message
  - Sent Messages
- Contracts for Difference

### New Message

Company \* NGRID-361 - CfD Test

To EMR Delivery Body

CC All users from selected company with approver privileges

Subject \* CFID-2025-0X-XXXX - Signed Directors Declaration

Message Description \*

Dear EMR Delivery Body - Please see attached signed Directors Declaration form for application ID CFID-2025-0X-XXXX.

Attachment  No file chosen

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## Appendix 2 – Bid Modifications for Fixed-Bottom Offshore Wind

**Appendix 2 details the requirements Applicants wanting to make bid modifications for Fixed-Bottom Offshore Wind.**

As referenced in [Section 3.9](#), the sealed bid process system validations have not been able to be updated to reflect all possible variations for Fixed-Bottom Offshore Wind bids that are permitted under the AR7 Contract Allocation Framework. This means that certain validations cannot be achieved directly by an Applicant, without contacting the DB to make the amends.

Fixed-Bottom Offshore Wind Applicants (phased and non-phased) will be able to submit a single sealed bid with different capacity and dates to their original application. Clarifications on what is permitted in the Contract Allocation Framework Rules for Fixed-Bottom Offshore Wind Applicants are outlined in [Table 1 of Section 3.9](#).

**The following process should be followed by Applicants wanting to submit a sealed bid modification request form to the Delivery Body during the Sealed Bid Submission Window:**

### 1. Applicant Process for sealed bid modification request

- a) The Fixed-Bottom Offshore Wind Applicant creates a bid form in the CfD Portal following the process steps in [Section 4](#), and then submits the bid with a populated strike price, capacity and target dates into the system (make your entries as close as you can to what you want to ultimately achieve in your bid)
- b) If a modification form is to be submitted, then the Applicant would contact the Delivery Body via the secure messaging functionality on the CfD Portal stating that a bid form has been submitted for the application, and a modification form is intended to be submitted so that this bid can be amended by the DB. The applicant should provide the Sealed Bid ID at this stage.
- c) The Applicant would then provide the completed modification form (as accessed from the [NESO CFD guidance area](#)) to the Delivery Body via the secure messaging service on the CfD Portal. Secure messaging on the CfD Portal means that the form must be sent from an authorised user for the Company/Application.
- d) The **modification form should be returned to the Delivery Body before 5pm on Friday 14 November** to give time for any issues to be identified and corrected before the window closes, as well as the acceptance confirmed back to the Applicant.

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### 2. Sealed bid modification request templates are accessed via the [NESO CFD guidance area](#)

- Fixed-Bottom Offshore Wind Sealed Bid Modification Request Form – **Single Phase**
- Fixed-Bottom Offshore Wind Sealed Bid Modification Request Form – **Two Phase**
- Fixed-Bottom Offshore Wind Sealed Bid Modification Request Form – **Three Phase**
- Example of the sealed bid modification template input fields.

<b>Application ID</b>	
<b>Date of Submission to the Delivery Body</b>	

Original Application Values	
<b>Administrative Strike Price (£/MW)</b>	113
<b>Capacity (MW)</b>	
<b>Target Commissioning Window Start Date</b>	
<b>Target Commissioning Date</b>	

EMR Portal Submitted Sealed Bid Form	
<b>Sealed Bid ID</b>	
<b>Strike Price Bid in 2024 Values (£/MW)</b>	
<b>Capacity (MW)</b>	
<b>Target Commissioning Window Start Date</b>	
<b>Target Commissioning Date</b>	

### Sealed Bid Modification with Applicant Requested Values


Sealed Bid Values Modification Request	
<b>Strike Price Bid in 2024 Values (£/MW)</b>	
<b>Capacity (MW)</b>	
<b>Target Commissioning Window Start Date</b>	
<b>Target Commissioning Date</b>	

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### 3. Submission of secure message to the Delivery Body on the CfD Portal

Below is an example of how an Applicant can submit a secure message to the Delivery Body and provide the completed Sealed Bid modification from.

- A registered user on the company account for the relevant application should log into the CfD portal and select messaging, create new message from the left-hand menu.
- The user should populate the fields for the new message following the example template below.
- The user should upload the completed sealed bid modification form as accessed from the NESO CfD Guidance area.
- Once the user is happy with the inputs and completed form, select submit securely.



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### New Message

Company \* NGRID-361 - CfD Test

To EMR Delivery Body

CC All users from selected company with approver privileges

Subject \* FB OFW Sealed Bid Modification Request - CFD-2025-03-XXXX

**Message Description \***

Dear EMR Delivery Body,

Please find attached the Sealed Bid Modification Request for CFD-2025-03-XXXX.

Kind Regards,  
ART Applicant

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## Glossary of Terms

**ASP:** “Administrative Strike Price” has the meaning given in Regulation 2(1).

**Bid:** “Flexible Bid” has the meaning given in Regulation 51(10).

**Capacity:** “Initial Installed Capacity Estimate” means the Generator’s initial estimate of the Installed Capacity as notified to the Delivery Body in an Application or Flexible Bid.

**Default Bid:** Rule 12.8 states that where no sealed bid is submitted by the Applicant by the Submission Closing Date, subject to Rule 15 the Delivery Body must assign the Application a bid of the relevant Administrative Strike Price for its Technology Type, and the Target Dates and capacity, as specified in the Original Application.

**Delivery Year:** “Delivery Year” has the meaning given in Regulation 2(1).

**EMR Portal:** The Delivery Body “CfD Portal” is the website that Applicants use to perform actions related to the Contracts for Difference Allocation Round. Activities include company registration, application submission, and the submission of sealed bids.

**Main Admin and Deputy Main Admin:** The Main Admin and Deputy Main Admin are users on the EMR Portal who are associated with a company. These users have elevated privileges for the company and can therefore complete action such as submitting applications and submitting sealed bids.

**Relevant Delivery Year:** “Relevant Delivery Year” means the Delivery Year in which the Target Commissioning Window Start Date specified in an Application falls, unless the Target Commissioning Window Start Date falls before the first applicable Delivery Year, in which case the Relevant Delivery Year will be the first applicable Delivery Year (applicable Delivery Years are set out in the Contract Budget Notice and also at Schedule 4).

**Rules:** “Rules” means the rules set out in the Contract Allocation Framework and a reference to any particular Rule is a reference to these rules.

**Target Dates:** “Target Dates” has the meaning given in Regulation 2(1).

**TCD:** “Target Commissioning Date” has the meaning given in Regulation 2(1). The earliest date that the Target Commissioning Date can fall is the first day of the first Delivery Year, and (with the exception of later phases of Phased Offshore Wind CFD Units) the latest date that the Target Commissioning Date can fall is the last day of the final Delivery Year;

**TCW:** “Target Commissioning Window” has the meaning given in Regulation 2(1).

**TCWSD:** “Target Commissioning Window Start Date” has the meaning given in Regulation 2(1). Following amendments to Regulation 51, The Target Commissioning Window Start Date now determines the initial point of valuation and the Relevant Delivery Year. The earliest date that the Target Commissioning Window Start Date can fall is such that the final day of the Target Commissioning Window falls on the first day of the applicable Delivery Year.

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