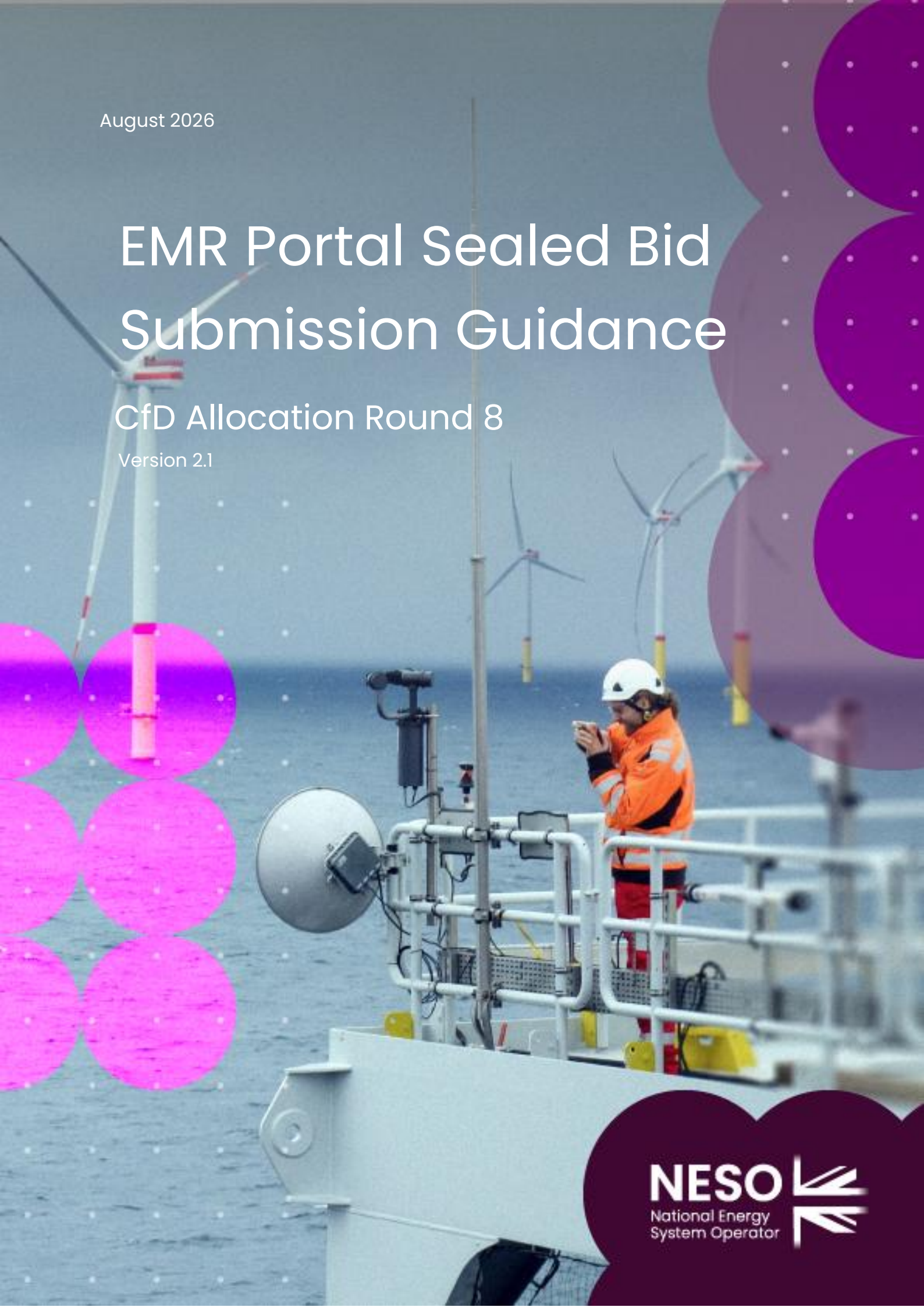
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CfD Allocation Round 8

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Please be advised that, due to frequent updates and changes to the Contract Allocation Framework each year, AI tools may produce inaccurate summaries of documents. To ensure accuracy and avoid potential misinterpretation, it is recommended to read all material including the Allocation Regulations, Contract Allocation Framework and guidance thoroughly.

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 8.

1.1.2 This guidance document is intended to be used by organisations:

(a) considering whether to make an application to participate in the Contracts for Difference scheme.

(b) that are progressing through the CfD application process.

(c) That are at sealed bid stage and are looking to ensure they understand the process for how to submit sealed bids on the CfD Portal.

1.1.3 This guidance serves as a reference tool and is intended for information only. It is imperative for customers to seek independent advice if deemed necessary.

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.

1.2.2 The Notice of Auction will be sent via email to all active users associated with each relevant application.

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.

1.3.2 The published AR8 timeline 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 required to be submitted to the Delivery Body using the CfD Portal only. Bids will not be accepted via the phone, email or direct message on the CfD Portal.

1.4.2 Applicants can withdraw submitted bids and resubmit bids during, and up to the end of the sealed bid submission window.

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)), and the Strike Price (**in 2024 Values**) for each sealed bid.

1.5.2 Sealed bid validation rules are outlined in Rules 12 - 16 of the Contract Allocation Framework for Allocation Round 8 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 AR8 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 a sealed bid form

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 Applicant's Application **will be treated as withdrawn** and the related CfD Unit will not be considered for a Contract in Allocation Round 8. There is no appeals path for such a withdrawal. This is stated in Rule 15.3 and 15.4 of the Contract Allocation Framework.

1.8 Unconsented Fixed-Bottom Offshore Wind Directors Declaration

1.8.1 Applicants for unconsented projects must re-sign and resubmit **the Director's Declaration confirming that no Applicable Planning Consents are refused no later than 5pm on the penultimate day of the Sealed Bid Window. The declaration must be dated no earlier than 11 working days before the last day of the Sealed Bid Window.**

1.8.2 As per Rule 15.4, if a newly signed Director's Declaration, in the form set out in Schedule 7, is not provided within the mandated timeframes **then the Application will be treated as**

withdrawn and the project will be unable to take part in the Allocation Round. See Appendix 1 for further details and the process.

1.9 Summary of what's changed for sealed bids in Allocation Round 8

1.9.1 Any Application subject to Anonymised Bid Information may only submit one sealed bid and may not submit Flexible Bids.

1.9.2 Technologies subject to Anonymised Bid Information will be confirmed in Schedule 8 of the Contract Allocation Framework. At the time of publishing this guidance document the Contract Allocation Framework states these technologies as:

- Offshore wind
- Floating Offshore Wind
- Other Deepwater Offshore Wind
- Onshore Wind (>5MW)
- Remote Island Wind (>5MW)
- Solar PV (>5MW)

1.9.3 If an Applicant does not submit a sealed bid on or before the Submission Closing Date, the Applicant's Application will be treated as withdrawn. In previous Allocation Rounds, if an Applicant did not submit a sealed bid, then a default bid would be submitted using the Applications Target Dates, Capacity Estimate and the Technology Types Administrative Strike Price.

1.9.4 Minor updates have been made to the sealed bid form. Applicants will now be able to see their connection point location as denoted by TNUoS Zones 1-12 or DNO Licence Areas 17-18 or / TNUoS Zones 13-27 or DNO Licence Areas 10-16 or 19-23; and where applicable see the repowered status of the CFD Unit.

2. Applicable CFD Regulations and Rules

2.1 CfD Regulations

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

2.2 Applicable Contract Allocation Framework Rules

- Rule 4 and 5, Supplemental requirements and Excluded Applications
- Rule 12, Notice of Auction
- Rule 13, Submission of sealed bids
- Rule 14, Sending of Anonymised Bid Information

- Rule 15, Additional sealed bid rules for Phased Offshore Wind CFD Units
- Rule 16, Withdrawal of Applications and sealed bids
- Rule 23, Specific Separate Clearing Prices

3. Sealed Bid Submission Validation Rules

Flexible bids, if mentioned below, will not be accepted for any Application subject to Anonymised Bid Information (as specified in Schedule 8 of the Draft Contract Allocation Framework).

Applications subject to Anonymised Bid Information may only submit one sealed bid and may not submit Flexible Bids. Only one bid per application is permitted for this group of Applications and is stated in Rule 13.5 of the Allocation Round 8 Contract Allocation Framework.

3.1 Sealed Bid Validation Rules

3.1.1 For each Application that is not subject to Anonymised Bid Information, 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 subject to Anonymised Bid Information, 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 sealed bids and re-submit sealed bids during the sealed bid 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 Subject to Rule 16.4, If an Applicant does not submit a sealed bid on or before the Submission Closing Date, the Applicant's Application will be treated as withdrawn.

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 Stike Price

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

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.

3.3.4 The Strike Price bid should be entered based on £/MWh.

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

3.5.2 Where the technology type of any given CFD Unit must have a capacity lower than 50MW, sealed bids cannot be submitted above 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 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 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 The TCD for each sealed bid must fall within the TCW.

3.7.2 The TCD for the first phase of each sealed bid cannot fall outside of the applicable Delivery Year Window for the applicable Pot.

3.7.3 Except for Applications subject to Anonymised Bid Information, there can be a maximum of two TCWSDs per Delivery Year. CFD Units subject to bid stack visibility can only submit a single sealed bid.

3.7.4 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.

Bids that are subject to Anonymised Bid Information (flexible bids not permitted)

Target Commissioning Date movements

3.7.5 The TCD can be moved earlier than that entered at application, providing the TCD is no earlier than 1st of April in the Delivery Year (DY) in the Application. Whilst TCD can be moved earlier, the TCD must still be on or after the TCWSD.

3.7.6 The TCD can be moved later, provided that the TCD must be on or after the TCWSD, fall within the TCW, and not be later than the last day of the applicable Delivery Year Window for the applicable Pot.

Target Commissioning Window Start Date movements

3.7.7 The TCWSD can be moved earlier, before the start of the DY within the original application, up to 365 days before so that the last day of the TCW falls no earlier than the 1st Day of the DY specified at application.

3.7.8 The TCWSD can be moved later than the original application but can be no later than the last day of the of the applicable Delivery Year Window for the applicable Pot.

Bids that are not subject to Anonymised Bid Information (flexible bids are permitted)

Target Commissioning Date movements

3.7.9 The TCD can be moved earlier than stated in the application, but the TCWSD cannot be moved earlier than the original application. Whilst TCD can be moved earlier, the TCD must still be on or after the TCWSD.

3.7.10 The TCD can be moved later, provided that the TCD must be on or after the TCWSD, fall within the TCW, and not be later than the last day of the applicable Delivery Year Window for the applicable Pot.

Target Commissioning Window Start Date movements

3.7.11 The TCWSD cannot be moved earlier than what is stated in the original application.

3.7.12 The TCWSD can be moved later than the original application, but can be no later than the last day of the last applicable DY.

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 first phase TCD must be targeted to complete by no later than 31 March of the last applicable Delivery Year[1].

3.8.5 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.

3.8.6 Target Dates for subsequent phases (phases 2 and 3) can be entered on the same date as Phase 1. Therefore, Target Dates for all phases can be entered on the same date.

3.8.7 Target Dates for subsequent phases (phases 2 and 3) can be entered on later dates as Phase 1, but must fall in a chronological order, i.e., Phase 3 Target Dates cannot be before Phase 2 Target Dates, but these can be on the same date.

[1] Delivery Years are confirmed in the Application Window Notice publication, 06 July 2026.

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.

For security reasons the portal will automatically time out after 90 minutes. Please save your submission regularly to avoid losing any changes.

4.1 Accessing the Sealed Bid Module

4.1.1 The company's Main Admin or Deputy Main Admin ("user") should log in to the CfD Portal and navigate to the My EMR homepage.

4.1.2 The user should then select the Sealed Bids icon on the My EMR Homepage.

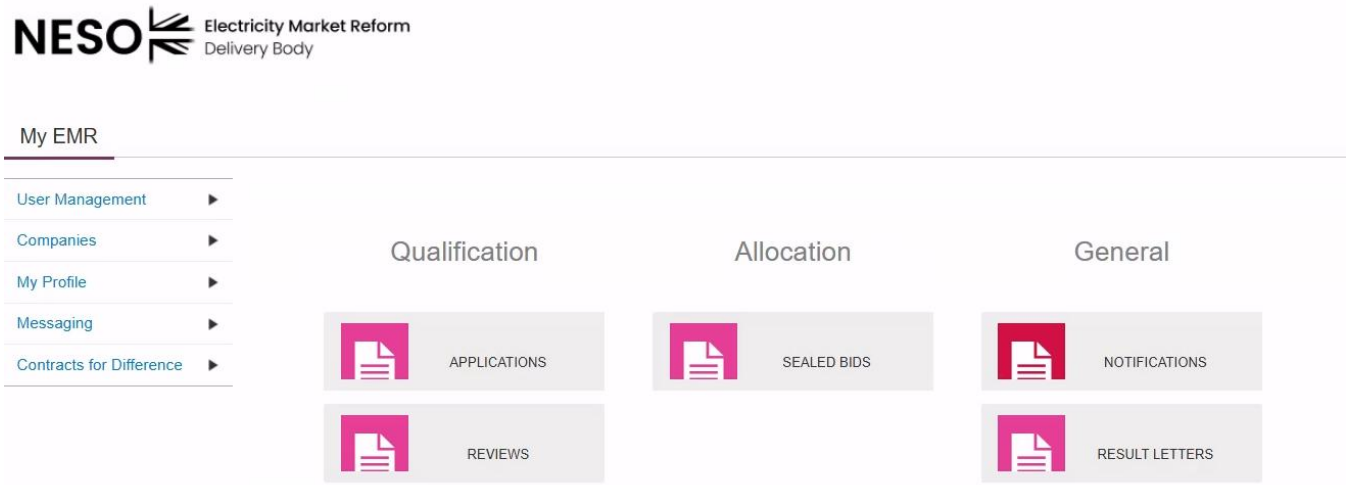


Figure 1 - My EMR Homepage

4.2 Creating the Sealed Bid Form

4.2.1 To create the sealed bid form the user 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 user should click on the 'Create Sealed Bid Form' button.



Figure 2 - Create Sealed Bid Form

4.3 Editing the Sealed Bid Form

4.3.1 The user 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 user should select the 'Edit' button.



Figure 3 - 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 user 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.



Figure 4 - Add Sealed Bid

4.4.4 The user can now enter the required details of the bid:

(a) Strike Price Bid (£/MWh) – entered in 2024 values.

(b) Capacity (MW)

(c) Target Commissioning Window Start Date (TCWSD)

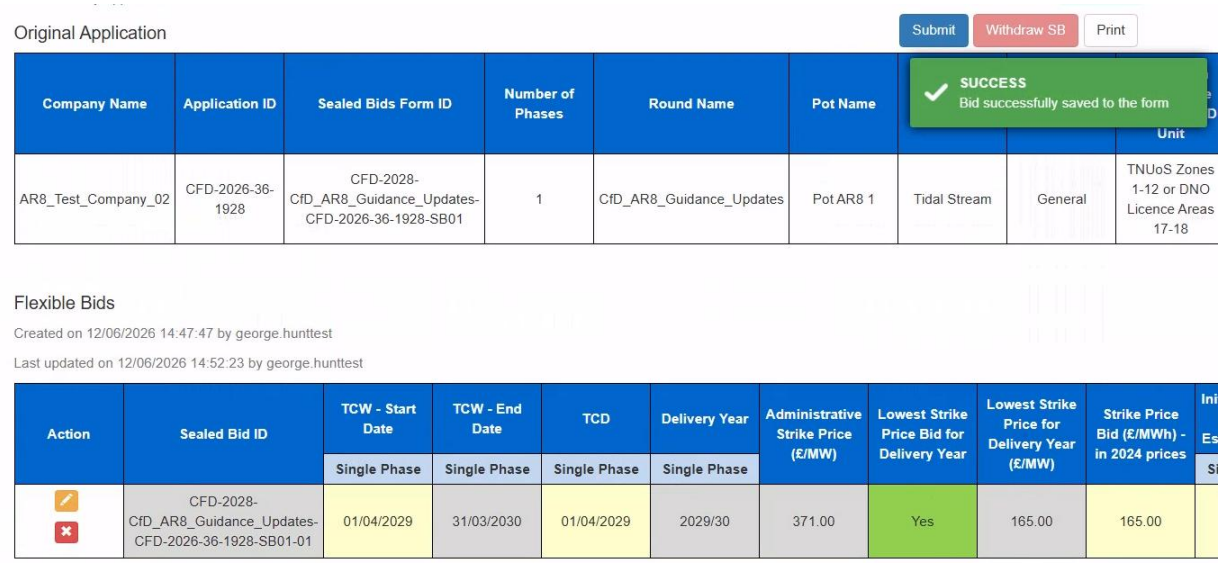
(d) Target Commissioning Date (TCD)



Figure 5 - Inputting Sealed Bid Values

4.4.5 Once satisfied with the inputs then the user should select the save button. Selecting the save button will then save the bid and show in the Flexible Bids field with a unique sealed bid ID.

4.4.6 This system will display the same header 'Flexible Bids' for Applicants that have technologies which are subject to anonymised bid information and can only submit 1 bid.



Original Application

Submit | Withdraw SB | Print

SUCCESS
Bid successfully saved to the form

Company Name	Application ID	Sealed Bids Form ID	Number of Phases	Round Name	Pot Name			Unit
AR8_Test_Company_02	CFD-2026-36-1928	CFD-2028-CfD_AR8_Guidance_Updates-CFD-2026-36-1928-SB01	1	CfD_AR8_Guidance_Updates	Pot AR8 1	Tidal Stream	General	TNUoS Zones 1-12 or DNO Licence Areas 17-18

Flexible Bids

Created on 12/06/2026 14:47:47 by george.hunttest

Last updated on 12/06/2026 14:52:23 by george.hunttest

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 (£/MWh) - in 2024 prices	Ini Es
		Single Phase	Single Phase	Single Phase	Single Phase					Si
	CFD-2028-CfD_AR8_Guidance_Updates-CFD-2026-36-1928-SB01-01	01/04/2029	31/03/2030	01/04/2029	2029/30	371.00	Yes	165.00	165.00	

Figure 6 - Newly saved bid data with Sealed Bid ID

4.5 Adding a Flexible Bid

4.5.1 Please note that the steps in 4.5 are not permitted for Applications that are subject to Anonymised Bid Information.

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)
Single Phase	Single Phase	Single Phase	Single Phase	Single Phase	Single Phase
AR8_Test_Tidal	01/04/2029	31/03/2030	01/04/2029	2029/30	100.00

Figure 7 - 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 in the Flexible Bids section of the Sealed Bid Module. Any sealed bids entered for the CFD Unit will be displayed in this section.

4.5.5 The user should scroll down the page and select the 'add sealed bid' to add another bid.

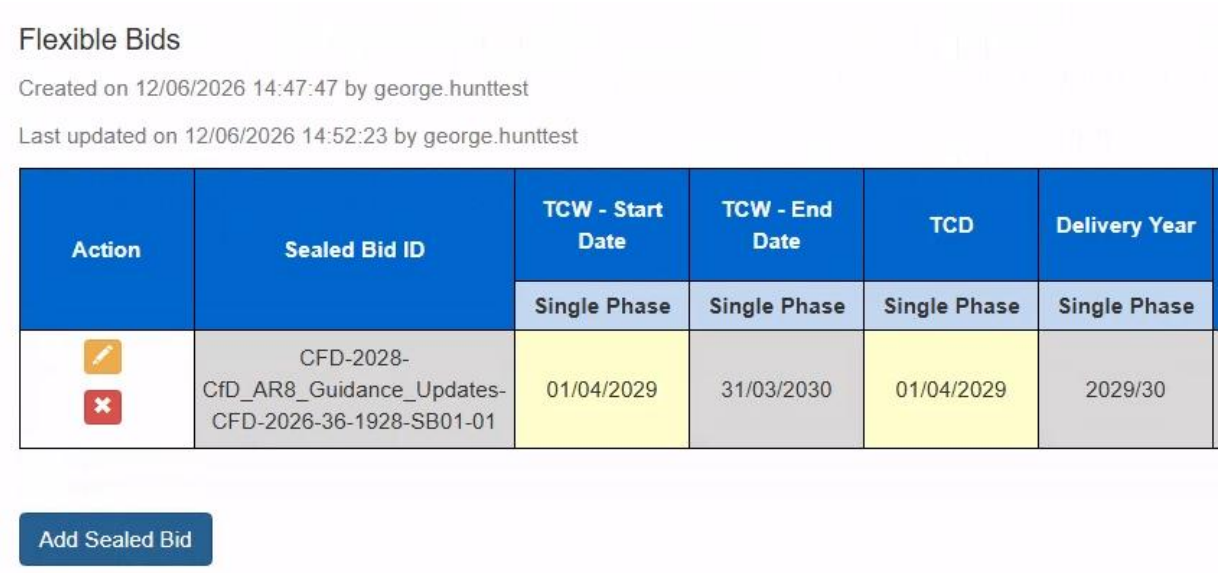


Figure 8 - Add 'another' Sealed Bid

4.5.6 The user will now be able to enter the required details of the flexible bid:

(a) Strike Price Bid (£/MWh) – 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 user should select the save button.



Figure 9 - Add New Sealed Bid

4.5.8 The user can repeat the process until the desired number of bids (up to a maximum of four) have been submitted.



Flexible Bids

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Last updated on 12/06/2026 15:02:28 by george.hunttest

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)
		Single Phase	Single Phase	Single Phase	Single Phase			
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	CFD-2028-CfD_AR8_Guidance_Updates-CFD-2026-36-1928-SB01-02	01/04/2030	31/03/2031	01/04/2030	2030/31	371.00	Yes	170.00
	CFD-2028-CfD_AR8_Guidance_Updates-CFD-2026-36-1928-SB01-03	01/05/2030	30/04/2031	01/05/2030	2030/31	371.00	No	170.00
	CFD-2028-CfD_AR8_Guidance_Updates-CFD-2026-36-1928-SB01-04	01/05/2029	30/04/2030	01/05/2029	2029/30	371.00	No	165.00

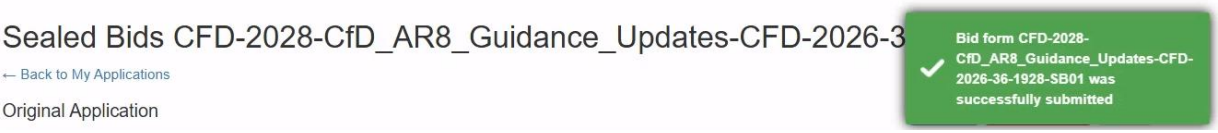
Figure 10 - Total bids created

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

4.6 Submit the Sealed Bid Form

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

4.6.2 When selecting 'Submit' a pop-up message will be displayed stating "Are you sure you wish to submit the form, and all bids contained within it?". Select Yes to submit.



Sealed Bids CFD-2028-CfD_AR8_Guidance_Updates-CFD-2026-3

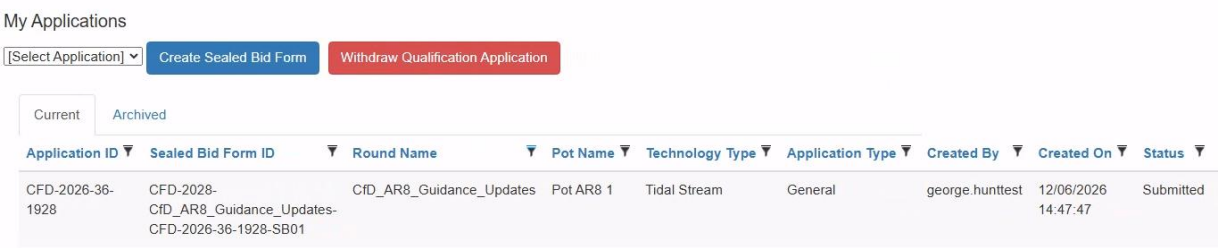
← Back to My Applications

Original Application

Bid form CFD-2028-CfD_AR8_Guidance_Updates-CFD-2026-36-1928-SB01 was successfully submitted

Figure 11 - Sealed Bid Form Submitted Successfully

4.6.3 Following this action the sealed bid will then be visible as submitted in the sealed bid module under the My Applications section.



My Applications

[Select Application] Create Sealed Bid Form Withdraw Qualification Application

Current Archived

Application ID	Sealed Bid Form ID	Round Name	Pot Name	Technology Type	Application Type	Created By	Created On	Status
CFD-2026-36-1928	CFD-2028-CfD_AR8_Guidance_Updates-CFD-2026-36-1928-SB01	CfD_AR8_Guidance_Updates	Pot AR8 1	Tidal Stream	General	george.hunttest	12/06/2026 14:47:47	Submitted

4.7 Clearing Validation Errors

4.7.1 If validation errors are shown when the sealed bid form is attempted to be 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.



Figure 12 - Example of Sealed Bid Validation Errors

4.7.2 To clear the validation errors, the user 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 user should repeat this process for all the flexible bids containing errors and then re-submit until a successful submission notification is received.



Figure 13 - Sealed Bid submission acceptance message

4.8 Withdrawing a Sealed Bid Form

4.8.1 To withdraw a sealed bid form that has been submitted the user should navigate to the sealed bid module. The user should then view the submitted sealed bids and then select **Withdraw SB** to remove the applicable sealed bid form.

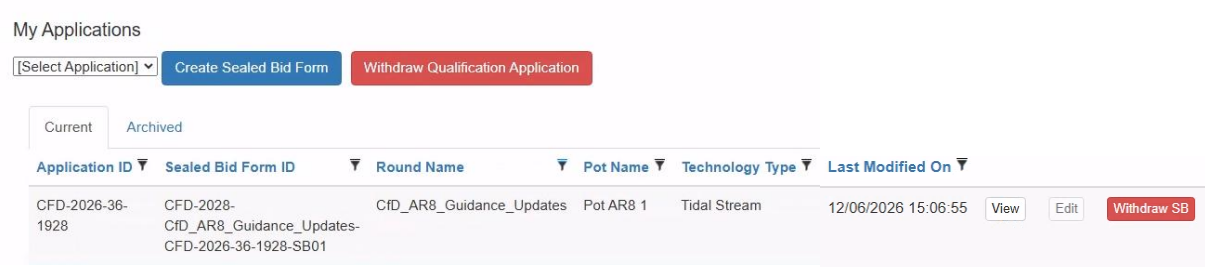
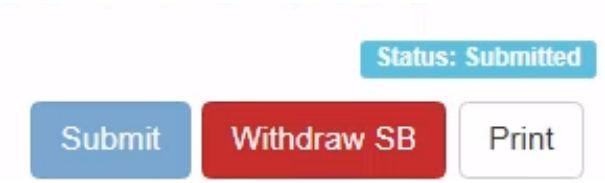


Figure 14 - Submitted Sealed Bids

4.8.2 This action will take the user into the sealed bid form, and to complete the process, the user should select the **Withdraw SB** icon.

4.8.3 When selecting 'Withdraw SB' a pop-up message will be displayed stating "Are you sure you wish to withdraw the form?". Select Yes to withdraw the sealed bid form.



4.8.4 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**'.

4.8.5 The user will now be able to submit a new sealed bid form for the Application if required.

4.8.6 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

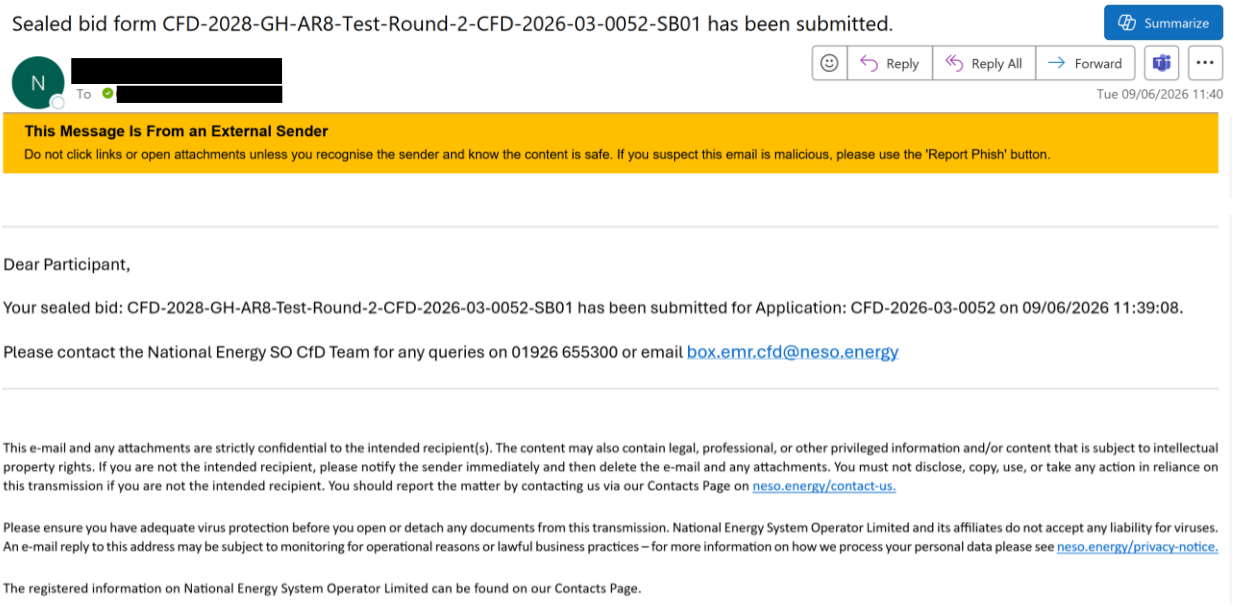
4.9.1 Sealed Bid notifications are sent to the Applicant company via email and the CfD Portal, with the sealed bids status being available to view on the CfD Portal immediately.

4.9.2 After submission of a sealed bid, the user(s)for the company account will receive an email notification confirming the action.

4.9.3 The user(s) for the company should review the notification to ensure formal confirmation has been received for the submission or withdrawal action for the Application.

4.9.4 There may be a slight delay of up to 30 minutes for the email or portal notification to be delivered. If no notification has been received after this time, then please feel free to 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 15 and 16.


Sealed bid form CFD-2028-GH-AR8-Test-Round-2-CFD-2026-03-0052-SB01 has been submitted.

Summarize

N [redacted]

To [redacted]

Reply | Reply All | Forward

Tue 09/06/2026 11:40

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-2028-GH-AR8-Test-Round-2-CFD-2026-03-0052-SB01 has been submitted for Application: CFD-2026-03-0052 on 09/06/2026 11:39:08.

Please contact the National Energy SO CfD Team for any queries on 01926 655300 or email box.emr.cfd@neso.energy

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Figure 15 - Example email notification following sealed bid submission

Title	Round	Pot	From	Date Received
Sealed bid form CFD-2028-GH-AR8-Test-Round-2-CFD-2026-03-0052-SB01 has been submitted.	GH-AR8-Test-Round-2	Pot 26	[redacted]	09/06/2026 11:39:31

Figure 16 – Example portal 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 (shown in the system as 'Qualification Appeal Submitted') can withdraw their Application from the CfD process in the sealed bid submission window, without incurring the Non-Delivery Disincentive.

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.

5.1.3 Additionally, If an Applicant does not submit a sealed bid on or before the Submission Closing Date, the Applicant's Application will be treated as withdrawn. This is stated in Rule 16.3 of the Contract Allocation Framework for Allocation Round 8.

5.2 Process Steps for Withdrawing a CfD Application

5.2.1 To withdraw an application the user 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**".

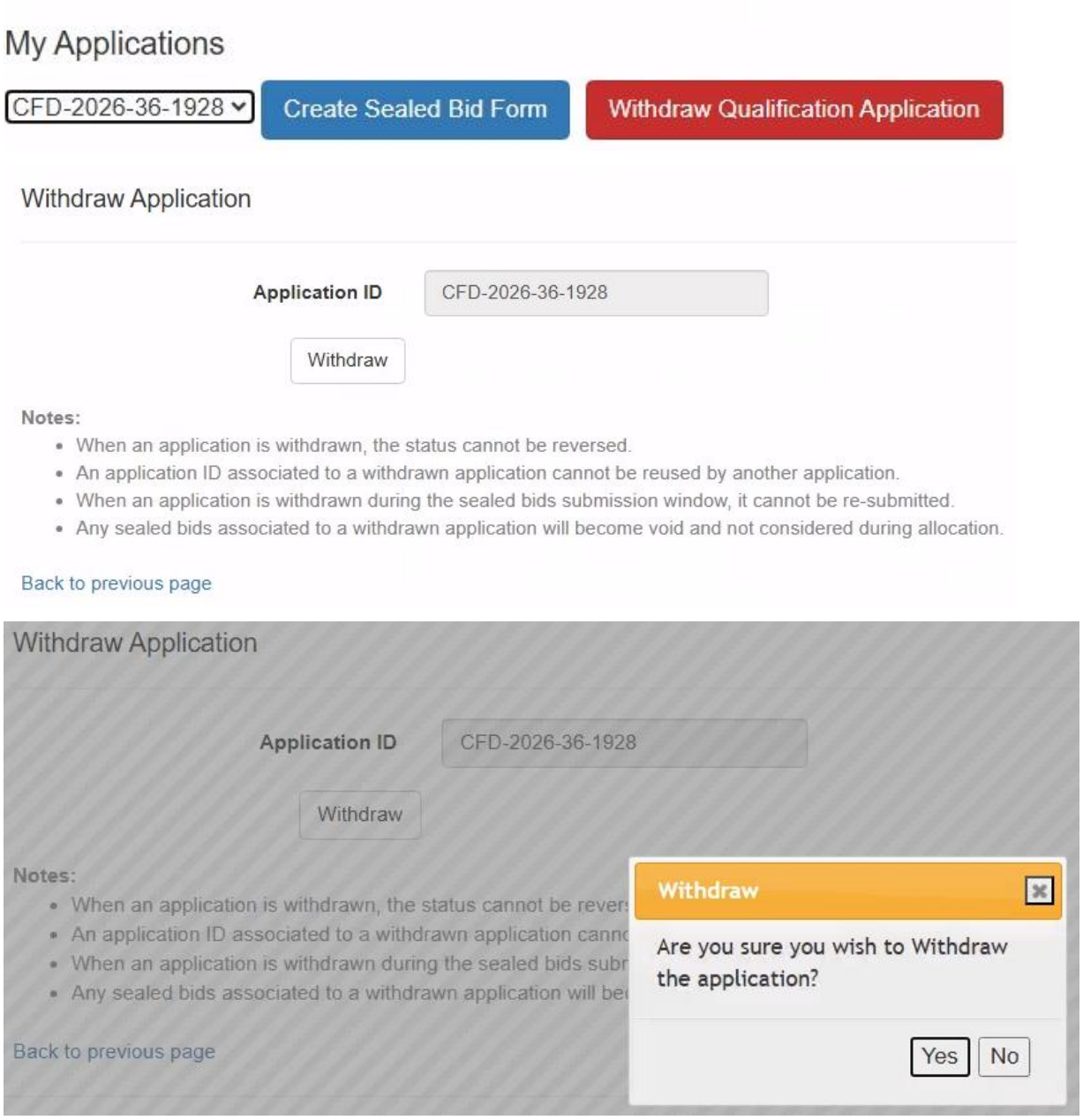


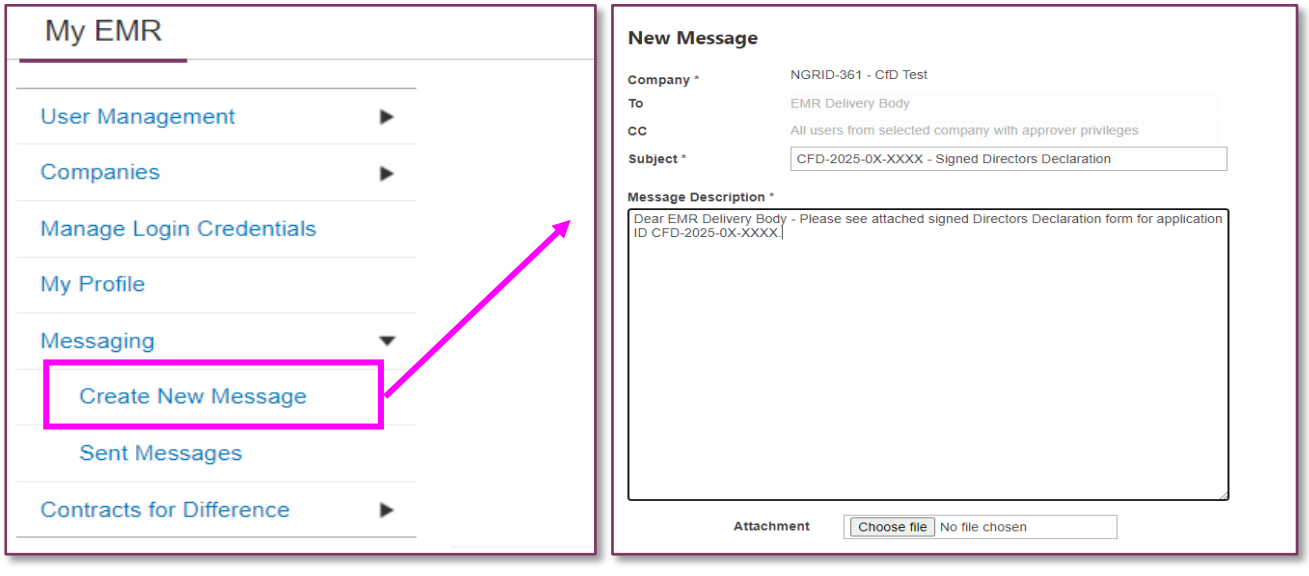
Figure 17 - Application Withdrawal process during the sealed bid window

5.2.4 Once this action has been completed then the user 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'**.

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 16.5 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 on the NESO CFD 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 completed template 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 16.5 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.



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.

User: Main Administrator or Deputy Main Administrator account description on the EMR Portal. These account types have the correct privileges to create, submit and withdraw sealed bids.

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