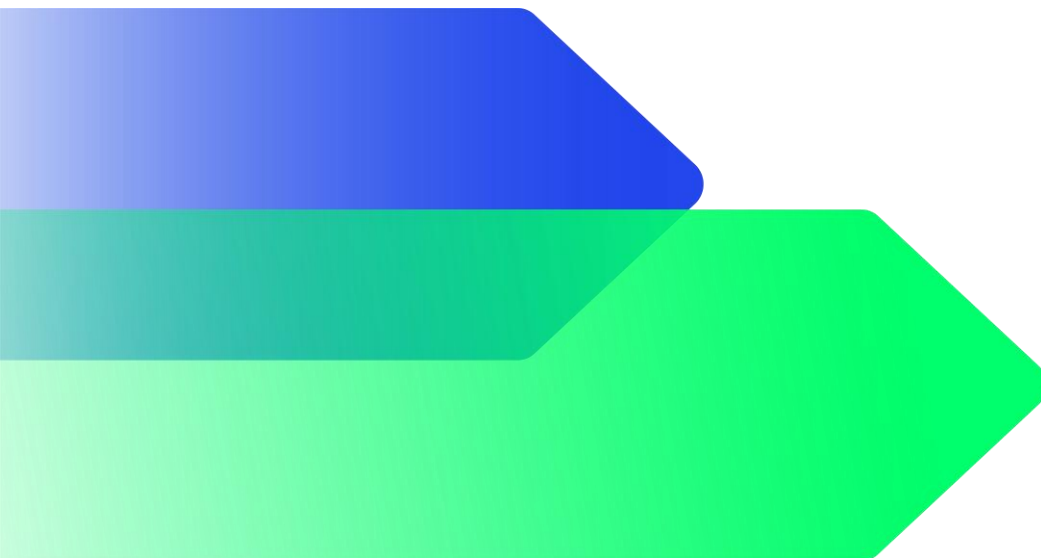


OFFSHORE WIND ACCELERATOR S4Y6

# Clarification Question Responses

TWG-Y – Coastal measurements for early-stage wind farm development

23 September 2025



#	Type	Question	Response
1	Generic	What is Carbon Trust's policy is regarding budgeting for indirect costs? i.e. Facilities and Administrative (F&A) costs or overhead; i.e. institutional costs that are not specifically allocable to individual sponsored projects but are real costs that we incur during day-to-day operations.	Indirect costs that do not fall under 'staff' and 'equipment/materials' costs in the bid price calculation sheet must fall under 'expenses'. Any costs you include must be operational costs that are directly attributable and reasonably allocable to the project.
2	Generic	Are small firms/teams at a disadvantage (e.g., 2 people), even if they have extensive experience? Are teams with more redundancy in case of staff unavailability given more preferential scoring?	<p>SMEs are welcome to bid for this project and are not at a disadvantage compared to other applicants.</p> <p>As detailed in Section 7.1, all bids will be evaluated based on 4 criteria: 1) Approach to work - 30%, 2) Experience – 30%, 3) Staff skills –20% and 4) Bid price – 20%. All submitted bids will be assessed against these criteria. We strongly encourage bidders to submit high-quality proposals and to demonstrate how they would manage potential staff unavailability during the project. We will then review all bids to ensure that project requirements are met.</p>

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