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This document neither amends nor waives any requirement in the Call for Applications.

Question #1: If a system is proceeding through an IACS AiP from a ships classification society and that IACS member confirms the developer's system is being built in compliance with global ship building standards for open ocean waterways, which far exceeds any TRL standard - will this be acceptable under eligibility rules?

Answer #1: *No, the requirement set out in Section 3.1(e) is that the proposed technology must have at least a TRL 7 using the definition of TRL 7 from [European Marine Energy Centre Technology Readiness Level](#).*

Question #2: Does the technology need to reach Technology Readiness Level (TRL) 7 at the time the contract is awarded, ie during 2025 or is it sufficient for the technology to achieve TRL 7 before installation and grid connection prior to 2030?

Answer #2: *Section 3.1(e) states that the proposed technology must have at least a TRL 7 using the definition of TRL 7 from [European Marine Energy Centre Technology Readiness Level](#). In order to be eligible to participate in the Call for Applications, the Applicant's proposed technology must have at least TRL 7 on or before the Application Submission Deadline for its Application to be evaluated.*

Question #3: Could I please have a Word type document and or template that we can use to populate your application in full please?

Answer #3: *Yes, any registered Applicant can obtain an MS Word version of the Call for Applications by emailing the Procurement Administrator at nstidalprocurement2025@poweradvisoryllc.com with the request. The official version of the Call for Applications will be the .pdf version posted to www.NSTidalProcurement2025.com website. In the event of any discrepancy between the MS Word version and .pdf version on the website, the website version shall prevail and resolve the conflict.*

Question #4: Can an Applicant respond to the Call for Applications if it is not a Canadian legal entity?

Answer #4: *Yes. An Applicant does not need to have a Canadian entity to apply. Please review Section 4.5.1 of the Call for Applications with regard to registration with Nova Scotia 'Registry of Joint Stock Companies requirement for the MRE Licence.*

Question #5: If we were unable to progress our project prior to MRE licence submission would there be any financial penalties?

Answer #5: *The question is unclear to us. You can only develop a project once a licence has been granted. You will need to consult legal counsel to determine what financial liability could arise if a project could not be advanced to completion.*

Question #6: Other than the initial Application Fee, fees associated with Nova Scotia company registry and MRE licence, are there any other fees?

Answer #6: *It is difficult for us to answer this question since we do not know the details of what is being developed. Applicants need to undertake their own investigations to determine if other fees might be incurred in developing their project.*

Question #7: According to DFO's "revised staged approach", a single device must be first installed for one year and demonstrate that no unacceptable impacts to fish are observed before being allowed to deploy more devices. What warranties and recourse do we have in case we are not allowed to finalize the project and deploy more devices?

Answer #7: *You will need to consult the draft MRE Licence and PPA to determine what recourse is available to you. You may also wish to seek legal advice on this matter.*

Question #8: With this staged installation constraint, an in-service date at the latest 31/12/2030 for the full array does not seem to be realistic as it would mean starting the construction of the first device end of 2025 / beginning 2026 (considering less than 3 months to secure DFO's permit). Is this deadline for the in-service date slightly negotiable or is it acceptable to have the first device only commissioned at this date?

Answer #8: *No, the deadline for putting the Project in-service is not negotiable. Please review Section 3.1 of the template MRE Licence in Appendix B of the Call for Applications. The Minister has discretion to issue a licence and PPA for a single device, but this determination needs to be made based on the specific facts of the situation, so we cannot be more definitive now.*

Question #9: According to DFO's "revised staged approach", there is a limit of 5 MW per berth. Can you confirm that it is possible to have an 8MW project and that DFO will deliver the permitting for such a project?

Answer #9: We do not see a 5 MW limit on the project size per berth in the document to which you refer, and we do not believe that DFO has any such limitation.

Question #10: Can we get the survey information on berth B subsea cable from FORCE?

Answer #10: Pursuant to Section 3.5 of the Call for Applications, this request can be made of FORCE.

Question #11: In order to avoid multiple bids, and considering a total available power of 13MW, is it possible to put a conditional bid on one berth as for UK's CfDs? It means that for instance for berth B we propose a tariff (PPA-1) for 8MW and a greater one (PPA-2) for 5MW. In this case, if one applicant has a better evaluation than us and is awarded 8MW on Berth E, our application can still be considered with 5MW on Berth B (evaluated on the basis of PPA-2). If there is still Berth B and 8MW available, as this conditional bid has a lower tariff, it will have a greater evaluation and then gets prioritised.

Answer #11: No. In such circumstances we request that multiple Applications be made.