



## Energy transition gets real as Scotland's INTOG process opens for bidding - SOWEC reaction to Crown Estate Scotland INTOG announcement

- Today, 10 August 2022, the Crown Estate Scotland announced the opening of registration for the Innovation and Targeted Oil and Gas leasing round
- This round follows on from the announcement in January 2022 of 24.8GW of new offshore wind projects with 17 bidders securing access to seabed as part of the ScotWind leasing round
- SOWEC is supporting ScotWind bidders to work together to deliver greater benefits to Scotland through supply chain opportunities, and sees that INTOG will be a catalyst in this supply chain growth.

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Today Crown Estate Scotland announced the opening of registration for its new Innovation and Targeted Oil and Gas leasing round. Registration is open until 24 August, at which point bidders have 3 months to submit a bid. Split into two parts, bidders can either propose Innovation sites to help aid learning for the scale up of floating offshore wind, or larger (targeted oil and gas) sites providing power to oil and gas platforms around Scotland's coastline.

Projects coming forward are expected to be floating offshore wind projects, meaning that Scotland could soon have a pipeline of approximately 20GW of floating offshore wind in the next decade. That scale of growth puts Scotland and the UK at the forefront of the global development of floating offshore wind.

The INTOG announcement follows the successful conclusion of the ScotWind leasing round in January 2022. Since then, the Scottish Offshore Wind Energy Council has been working with ScotWind developers to coordinate sector efforts to support Scottish supply chain growth. Developers have signed up to a Collaborative Framework Charter and are working closely together to look at supply chain opportunities around Scottish ports.

**SOWEC industry co-chair Brian McFarlane** said: "INTOG is a great opportunity to build on the success of ScotWind, helping both to fast track innovation at scale, and add to Scotland's already world-leading pipeline.

“INTOG also helps build ever closer links between oil and gas operators and offshore wind developers to accelerate Scotland’s energy transition.

“However, more needs to be done to ensure Scotland’s supply chain and ports are ready. SOWEC is already working with all ScotWind developers to look at options for Strategic Investment, and would hope to be able to bring successful INTOG bidders into this important work in due course.”

### **Editors Notes**

- The announcement of the INTOG leasing round can be found [here](#).
- The [Scottish Offshore Wind Energy Council](#) (SOWEC) is a partnership between the Scottish public sector and the offshore wind industry. Co-chaired by Ivan McKee, Minister for Business, Trade, Tourism & Enterprise, and Brian McFarlane of SSE
- SOWEC’s mission is to coordinate and grow the sector, ensuring the Scottish offshore wind industry is more sustainable, competitive, and commercially-attractive, both domestically and in the global offshore wind market.
- The Collaborative Framework Charter can be found [here](#). SOWEC will work with ScotWind winners to develop these principles and put in place a framework with Scottish ports, with an initial focus on supply of floating offshore wind platforms.