

Offshore Wind Prequalification NS25-1R – Questions and Answers

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This document will be updated with answers to questions regarding offshore wind Prequalification NS25-1R as they are received.

Please submit any questions to landtenure@cnsor.ca

1. **Q:** Do supply companies need to submit the Offshore Wind Prequalification NS25-1R Form?
A: No. Prequalification is only required for companies who wish to hold a share in a Submerged Land Licence or become an Interest Owner and participate in the offshore wind Call for Bids.
2. **Q:** What is the “applicable legislation” regarding mandated disclosure in Section I and under what circumstances would the legislation override the confidentiality protections?
A: In the *Accord Acts*, there is a general rule of confidentiality or privilege protection of information or documentation submitted for the purposes of Part II. This applies to information and documentation submitted for Prequalification. Note that the Federal Energy and Natural Resources Canada and Provincial Department of Energy Ministers are entitled to this information or documentation as well if they request it of us. The privilege protection still applies to any information or documentation obtained by Ministers through this request. Further, the information or documentation is subject to the third-party confidentiality provisions in the federal *Access to Information Act* and personal information is subject to the *Privacy Act*.
3. **Q:** Will the list of qualified operators be kept confidential in perpetuity, or would the confidentiality provisions terminate at a future time?
A: The CNSOER intends to keep the list of any participants in the Prequalification process confidential in perpetuity.
4. **Q:** Regarding Section IV, Part A, is the question asking for those actions taken against the applicant that may affect applicant’s ability to finance, develop, and/or operate an offshore wind project offshore of Nova Scotia, or how the actions may have affected applicant’s ability to advance other projects in the past, present, and/or future?



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A: Section IV, Part A responses should include anything that may affect the applicant's ability to finance, develop, and/or operate an offshore wind project both generally and in Nova Scotia. If there are ongoing actions or actions within the past five years, an explanation of how these actions impacted the applicant's ability to advance other past or present projects should be included as part of the description of these actions.

5. **Q:** How does the second paragraph of prompt Section IV, Part A differ from the first paragraph? Should the applicant just focus on actions from the last five years, or a longer period?

A: Section IV requires the disclosure of any *ongoing* actions as well as any *resolved* in the past five years. The first paragraph requires the submission of *ongoing* actions; the second paragraph requires any *resolved* in the past five years. If relevant, both ongoing and resolved actions are expected in the response.