

Questions and answers

Distributed Energy

Why is ETI looking for expressions of interest and not project proposals?

We aim to bring together the strongest possible consortia to address the challenges identified. Our process is designed to facilitate the development of new collaborations.

How much of the funding for a project can ETI provide?

There is no upper limit on the proportion of funding that ETI can provide for a particular project. However, some funding in cash or in kind from project participants is likely to be a valued component of most projects.

Is ETI subject to limits on state aid intensity?

The public sector funding for ETI is subject to EU state aid rules. This limits the proportion of public sector funding for a particular project depending on the classification of the type of work being carried out. ETI expects that most of the work it funds will be “industrial research” and eligible for at least 50% public sector funding. This may be matched by ETI industry member contributions to fully fund the project. The EU Commission is considering the application for state aid approval for ETI.

Is ETI working with other funders?

ETI is funded by the Technology Strategy Board (TSB) and the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) with some additional funding from the Department for Transport. These organisations, together with colleagues from the Department for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform (BERR), are engaged directly in ETI’s strategy and programme development. Carbon Trust colleagues have also been involved in developing the strategy for ETI. The Chief Executive of ETI has been invited to be a member of the Energy Research Partnership www.energyresearchpartnership.co.uk.

Will ETI Industry Members also be bidding for ETI funding?

All ETI Industry Members may be engaged in a small way in ETI projects as part of their interest in supporting the overall goals of ETI.

The ETI industry members (Rolls-Royce, Caterpillar, Shell, EDF, E.ON UK and BP) may also bid for funding from ETI as part of ETI projects. This is one of the strengths of ETI, as these companies bring engineering expertise and a potential route to commercialisation. Rolls-Royce, BP and E.ON are already considering bidding for funding from ETI as part of

the development of projects in offshore wind and Rolls-Royce, EDF and E.ON are considering bidding for funding in marine energy.

If any of the ETI Industry Members choose to bid, they will be engaged in the project development process in the same way as other organisations. ETI Industry Members bidding for ETI funding will not take part in the selection process as assessors.

What is ETI's position on intellectual property (IP)?

ETI members have agreed some IP principles. These are flexible and can be adapted to suit a particular project. As a starting point, provision needs to be made for the necessary background IP to be protected and made available to the project and for arising IP to be owned by the most appropriate project partner. ETI industry members have licensing rights for 7 years.

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