



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- 1. Can the deadline for questions be extended?**
 - a. NYSERDA cannot guarantee responding to additional questions, but additional questions may be submitted to OffshoreWind@nyscrda.ny.gov.
- 2. Is a crane that is acquired to complete a port project, and remains on site on a permanent basis, considered a "fixed asset"? A fixed asset, also known as a capital asset, is a tangible piece of property, plant, or equipment that is owned or managed with expectations that it will continuously help generate income.**
 - a. Yes – a crane or similar asset that remains fixed on site on a permanent basis will be considered eligible in response to OSWSCRFP24-1, as detailed in Section 2.
- 3. Will either or both of OSWSCRFP24-1 or OSWSCRFP24-2 provide funding for development of offshore wind construction and O&M vessels (including SOVs, CTVs, feeder barges, rock scouring vessels, CLVs, etc.)**
 - a. A facility that manufactures offshore wind vessels to serve offshore wind construction and operation may be considered supply chain manufacturing. Please see Section 2 of the RFP for further detail. Only the costs of fixed assets and site infrastructure are eligible uses of funding, as noted in Section 2 of the RFP. Funds may not be used to cover Soft Costs, but Soft Costs associated with the Project should be included in the total project cost and will count toward the non-New York State Funding match. Earlier this year NYSERDA released [OSWRFI24-1](#) which proposed an approach to supporting the development of port manufacturing related to OSWSCRFP24-2.
- 4. Will either or both of OSWSCRFP24-1 or OSWSCRFP24-2 provide funding for retrofitting of vessels used in offshore wind projects to be methanol or ammonia compliant?**
 - a. Please see response to question 3.
- 5. Would a mobile service platform providing services to the offshore wind energy industry be eligible for funding under the Supply Chain Manufacturing Track?**
 - a. Please see response to question 3.
- 6. If there are modifications to a port that acts as a primary base of operations supporting a mobile service for offshore wind energy, or a manufacturing facility for use in the offshore wind supply chain, would civil works and equipment purchase costs be eligible for funding under OSWSCRFP24-1?**
 - a. The acquisition, demolition, construction, renovation, repair or replacement only of fixed assets and site infrastructure related to the port would be eligible for funding, as detailed in Section 2 of the RFP.
- 7. Will NYSERDA prioritize projects which provide lasting economic impact beyond development of offshore wind projects?**
 - a. As described in Section 3 of the RFP, the importance of positive impacts on the State's economy from developing a New York based offshore wind supply chain will be considered, including ability of the project to support future generations of offshore wind development, recognizing possible growth.

- 8. Will NYSERDA prioritize projects which create jobs in any particular region of New York State?**
 - a. Total incremental job creation in New York State will be considered as noted in Section 3 of the RFP. Please also refer to Section 3 of the RFP in relation to Disadvantaged Communities.
- 9. How will NYSERDA evaluate development of a port designed to provide shared infrastructure to reduce cost rate base, versus a port designed to support individual offshore wind projects?**
 - a. Please see Section 2.3 of the RFP. Projects with the greatest impact on the offshore wind supply chain, taking into account the ability to support multiple offshore wind projects.
- 10. Will NYSERDA prioritize the development of one large port, or multiple ports?**
 - a. The evaluation process, as described in the RFP, will balance the ability to provide the greatest support to the offshore wind industry with the ability to support multiple supply chain projects.
- 11. Will NYSERDA prioritize working with NY-based companies, or solely NY job creation?**
 - a. As described in Section 3, ability to create jobs in New York as well as experience that demonstrates the ability to bring a project to fruition in New York will be considered.
- 12. How will NYSERDA evaluate positive environmental impact of projects, both during construction and through lasting environmental impact?**
 - a. Mitigation or reduction of climate change impacts in the development and operation of the Project and resulting Facility will be considered; please see section 4.2.4.2. of the RFP for more detail.
- 13. For non-New York State Funding, does NYSERDA have preferences for funding types secured (e.g., DOE LPO versus private capital)**
 - a. As noted in Section 3 of the RFP, projects will be evaluated favorably based on their ability to demonstrate their funding request as “last mile”, such that all other private and public funding sources have been sought/utilized to the extent possible and the provision of the requested funds will allow the Project to proceed to completion, the credibility of the funding source, and the level of funding provided by offshore wind industry firms.
- 14. What is the expected timeline for project milestones from award to completion, and how flexible is this timeline?**
 - a. As different types of projects will have different development milestones associated with them, timelines should be reflective of the realistic time required to complete the specific project. However, as noted in Section 3 of the RFP, projects that can reach commercial operation in a timeframe that will support the near-term offshore wind industry will generally be favored.