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### Invitation to Tender Launch Notification: Mid-Term (Y-1) Stability Market, Round 1 2025/2026

Following the launch of the Mid-Term (Y-1) Stability Market Expression of Interest (EOI) window, and the completion of the EOI consultation, ESO are launching the one-stage Invitation to Tender (ITT) for Round 1 (delivery year 2025/2026) of the Mid-Term (Y-1) Stability Market on the Ariba tender platform.

ESO are seeking proposals for the provision of stability services between 1 October 2025 and 30 September 2026. Only those who formally express an interest in Round 1 of the Mid-Term (Y-1) Stability Market are being invited to the ITT.

#### Publication of ITT Documents

The full ITT pack has been published on Ariba to registered bidders only. Registered bidders should refer to the full ITT pack on the Ariba platform in the first instance. In parallel, ESO are making a portion of the ITT pack available on the Mid-Term (Y-1) Stability Market webpage.

Document	Brief Overview
<b>Mid-Term Stability Market 25_26 Instructions to Tenderers - ITT</b>	This document sets out key information and rules in relation to the Mid-Term Stability Market Tender. This should be read in conjunction with the Contract Award Criteria in particular. The version provided in this ITT tender pack is an updated version of the Instructions to Tenderers following the EOI.
<b>Mid-Term Stability Market 25_26 Contract Award Criteria</b>	This document sets out the technical and economic assessment methodology that ESO will follow in the assessment of Tender Submissions, which will be carried out to identify the most economically efficient solution or combination of solutions. Tenderers should take time to review this document in detail to understand how their Tender Submission is going to be assessed. The version provided in this ITT tender pack is an updated version of the Contract Award Criteria following the EOI.
<b>Mid-Term Stability Market 25_26 Query Log</b>	This document should be used by Tenderers to submit tender queries to ESO through the Ariba Message Board for the duration of the tender window. Please refer to the Instructions to Tenderers for more information on the query process. This document has only been made available on the Ariba tender platform.
<b>Mid-Term Stability Market 25_26 Technical Specification</b>	The technical specification outlines the technical performance requirements. The specification is written on a technology-neutral basis to ensure that a variety of technology types can participate in the ITT. The version provided in this ITT tender pack is an updated version of the technical specification published at EOI stage.

<b>Mid-Term Stability Market 25_26 Eligibility Criteria</b>	This document outlines the Eligibility Criteria that need to be met. The version provided in this ITT tender pack is an updated version of the eligibility criteria published at EOI stage.
<b>Mid-Term Stability Market 25_26 Proving Test Document</b>	This document will be published shortly after ITT launch, detailing the Proving Tests that providers will need to complete prior to service provision in line with the requirements of the contract. This document was not published at EOI stage.
<b>Mid-Term Stability Market 25_26 Feasibility Study Requirements</b>	This document details the Feasibility Simulation requirements as part of the tender submission. This document was not published at EOI stage.
<b>Mid-Term Stability Market Contract Terms</b>	The contract terms are made up of three documents: the Framework Agreement, the Standard Contract Terms and the Tender Acceptance Letter. The version of these documents provided in this ITT pack have been updated following the receipt of consultation feedback at EOI stage.
<b>Mid-Term Stability Market 25_26 Indicative Payment Calculator</b>	We have provided an Excel document that sets out an illustrative calculation of availability and utilisation payments. This document was also shared at EOI stage. Please note: In the case of any discrepancy to the formulae in the Standard Contract Terms, please notify us as soon as possible and note that the formulae in the Standard Contract Terms shall apply during the contract term.
<b>Mid-Term Stability Market 25_26 Technical Submission Proforma</b>	Tenderers are asked to complete this Excel form as part of this ITT to detail the technical capability of their proposed solutions. <u>This form must be completed and submitted on Ariba to ESO by the tender submission deadline.</u> This document has only been made available on the Ariba tender platform.
<b>Mid-Term Stability Market 25_26 Feasibility Study Template</b>	Tenderers are asked to complete this Word template as part of this ITT to detail the results of the feasibility studies for their proposed solutions. <u>This form must be completed and submitted on Ariba to ESO by the tender submission deadline.</u> This document has only been made available on the Ariba tender platform.
<b>Mid-Term Stability Market 25_26 Commercial Submission Proforma</b>	Tenderers are asked to complete this Excel form as part of this ITT to detail the commercial offering of their proposed solutions. <u>This form must be completed and submitted on Ariba to ESO by the tender submission deadline.</u> This document has only been made available on the Ariba tender platform.
<b>Mid-Term 25_26 Tenderer Declaration</b>	Tenderers are asked to complete this form as part of this ITT to declare the validity of their tender submission. <u>This form must be completed and submitted on Ariba to ESO by the tender submission deadline.</u> This document has only been made available on the Ariba tender platform.

Please note at the Expression of Interest and Consultation stage we indicated an overall requirement of 7GVA.s inertia between 2025 and 2026. ESO are currently reviewing the requirement for the 2025-2026 delivery year using more recent information and considering developments that have occurred since the calculation of the original requirement. ESO will either confirm the 7GVA.s requirement (and its associated utilisation profile) or communicate the new requirement (and its associated utilisation profile) by the **16 February 2024**.

### Final Opportunity to Express Interest for Round 1 (2025/2026) of the Mid-term Stability Market

The expression of interest window is still open if you wish to bid into Round 1 (delivery year 2025/2026) of the Mid-Term Stability Market and have not yet formally expressed an interest. Your company has until the backstop deadline of **5pm 26 January 2024** to express an interest.

To express an interest please email [box.stability@nationalgrideso.com](mailto:box.stability@nationalgrideso.com) confirming the following details:

- Expression of interest
- Company Name as per Companies House
- Company registration number as per Companies House
- Nominated Contact (multiple contacts can be provided if necessary)
- Contact Phone Number (for each contact provided)
- Contact Email Address (for each contract provided)
- Postal Address
- Company Ariba ID information (if available)

If your company has already expressed an interest, you do not need to do so again.

**Please note that only those who express their interest by this deadline will be invited to the ITT on Ariba. ESO will not accept any expressions of interest received after this deadline.**

### Next Steps

Following the tender submission deadline, the received Tender Submissions will be assessed in accordance with the Contract Award Criteria. Upon completion of this assessment, the successful solutions will be identified, and the outcome of this ITT will be communicated to Mid-Term (Y-1) Stability Market participants before publishing the results on the ESO website.

Yours sincerely,

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