

A scenic view of several sailboats on a body of water. The sailboats have various colored sails, including white, teal, yellow, and red. In the background, there are several tall industrial chimneys or smokestacks against a blue sky with scattered white clouds. A semi-transparent teal banner is overlaid across the middle of the image, containing the text for the information session.

RESS 2 Information Session

6th January 2022



Intro & Housekeeping

- Happy New Year.
- Please mute your mic and turn off camera.
- We will run through presentation.
- There will be an opportunity for questions at the end.

Agenda

- RESS 2 Auction Timetable
- Upcoming milestones
- RESS Auction Platform and registration
- Useful tips
- Q&A

RESS 2 Auction Timetable

Process ¹	Event	Date & Time
Info	Publish RESS 2 Auction Timetable	Fri 29 October 2021 17:00
Info	Qualification Information Pack Publication Date	Tue 23 November 2021 10:00
Qualification	Qualification Application Opening Date	Tue 7 December 2021 10:00
Qualification	Qualification Application Closing Date	Thu 13 January 2022 17:00
Qualification	Bid Bond Posting Date	Thu 13 January 2022 17:00
Qualification	Provisional Qualification Decision date	Fri 4 March 2022 17:00
Qualification	Application for Review Closing Date	Tue 8 March 2022 17:00
Qualification	Final Withdrawal Date	Tue 22 March 2022 17:00
Qualification	Application for Review Decision Date	Tue 22 March 2022 17:00
Qualification	Qualification Decisions Submission Date	Tue 29 March 2022 17:00
Qualification	Notice of Dissatisfaction by Participants Date	Tue 29 March 2022 17:00
Qualification	Final Qualification Decisions Date	Thu 14 April 2022 17:00
Auction	Auction Information Pack Publication Date	Mon 25 April 2022 17:00
Auction	Auction Submission Opening Date	Mon 2 May 2022 10:00
Auction	Auction Submission Deadline Date	Mon 9 May 2022 12:00
Auction	Auction Completion Date	Tue 10 May 2022 17:00
Auction	Provisional Auction Results Date	Tue 17 May 2022 17:00
Auction	Notice of Dissatisfaction by Participants Date	Mon 23 May 2022 17:00
Post Auction	Final Auction Results Date	Tue 14 June 2022 17:00
Post Auction	Notice of Award Date	Tue 21 June 2022 17:00

Upcoming milestones

- **13/01/22: Qualification Application Closing date**
 - All applications must be submitted by 17:00
 - If not submitted by gate closure applications in draft will change to 'expired'
- **13/01/22: Bid Bond posting date**
 - Bid bond must be posted by this date
 - Please ensure to include reference number in transaction
 - Please include the amount on the bid bond forms
- **Qualification Clarifications**
 - TSO May seek clarifications on applications or qualification between application submission and Provisional qualification decisions
 - Request for clarifications will be sent via the RESS Auction Platform and email and will include the required response timeline
- **04/03/22: Provisional Qualification Results date**
 - Results will be published on a member private basis via the RESS Auction Platform
- **08/03/22: Application for review closing date**
 - Application for review form should be completed and submitted via the RESS Auction Platform by 17:00
- **22/03/22: Final withdrawal date**
 - Withdrawal form should be completed and submitted via the RESS Auction Platform by 17:00



Registration on the RESS Auction Platform

If you have not applied to register for the RESS Auction Platform, please do so without delay.

- **RESS Authorised User form ([RAU1](#))**
 - Read instructions carefully
- **Verification Process**
 - Legal name of applicant and project name should match TSO/DSO records from connection process
 - If Legal name of Applicant and/or Project name is/or will be different to TSO/DSO records, please provide supporting evidence (e.g. novation, change to project name)
- **Proof of Director**
 - Please provide evidence of directors of the company (e.g. CRO records, board minutes)

RESS Team will seek clarifications where necessary.



Qualification

- Application for qualification are submitted via the RESS Auction Platform.
- Application closing date is **13/01/2022**.
- Please refer to the [RESS Auction Platform User Guide](#).
- If you encountering issues logging in to the RESS Auction Platform, please contact us at RESS@Eirgrid.com detailing the issue.

Please note:

- Reference numbers are generated automatically and not issued by email.
- An application reference number is generated when an application created and saved in draft for the first time.



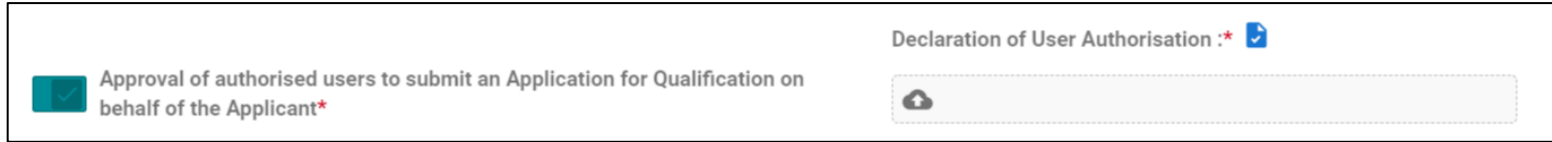
Qualification - Useful tips

- **Eircode field for addresses outside of Ireland**
 - Applicant Address Eircode field cannot accept postal codes outside of Ireland.
 - Enter correct postal code in 'Applicant Address Line 4' as shown below.
 - Use dummy Eircode R02R222 in the Applicant Address Eircode field as shown below.

Applicant Address Line 1:* <input type="text" value="1 Main Street"/> <i>Maximum length is 100 characters</i>	Applicant Address Line 2: <input type="text" value="London"/> <i>Maximum length is 100 characters</i>	Applicant Address Line 3: <input type="text"/> <i>Maximum length is 100 characters</i>	Applicant Address Line 4: <input type="text" value="ADC 1234"/> <i>Maximum length is 100 characters</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Postal Address Matches Applicant Address	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agreement To DECC Sending Notice Of Award And All Accompanying Documentation To This Postal Address*		
Postal Address Line 1:* <input type="text"/>	Postal Address Line 2: <input type="text"/>	Postal Address Line 3: <input type="text"/>	Postal Address Line 4: <input type="text"/>
Applicant Address Country:* <input type="text" value="United Kingdom"/>	Applicant Address County:* <input type="text" value="United Kingdom"/>	Applicant Address Eircode/Postcode:* <input type="text" value="R02R222"/> <i>Maximum length is 7 characters</i>	

Qualification - Useful tips

- **Declaration of User Authorisation**
 - Please upload RAU1 form here.



The screenshot shows a web form interface. On the left, there is a teal envelope icon followed by the text "Approval of authorised users to submit an Application for Qualification on behalf of the Applicant*". On the right, the text "Declaration of User Authorisation :*" is displayed next to a blue document icon. Below this text is a dashed-line rectangular box containing a grey upload icon (a house with an arrow) and a light grey input area.

- **Templates**
 - There are no templates for the following mandatory upload fields in the Auction Platform
 - Declaration of user Authorisation – Please upload RAU1 form here
 - Evidence of full planning permission – This will be a Final Grant of Planning Permission from a local authority or an Order from An Bord Pleanála.
 - Certified Applicant Structure Chart – An organisational chart which must be certified by a practicing solicitor

Withdrawal/Review via RESS Auction Platform

Withdrawing from RESS 2

- Template can be found in the QIP
- To be completed and signed by a RAU by 22/03/22

Application List							Create New
Application Reference	Project	Party Applicant	Last Updated	Last Updated By	Status		
RESS2022-0151	Test 1	Test 1	05/01/2022 12:48:29	Jane Kane	Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none">DetailWithdraw	

Submitting a review

- Template can be found in the QIP
- To be completed and signed by a RAU by 08/03/22
- Only available after Provisional Qualification Results

Application List							Create New
Application Reference	Project	Party Applicant	Last Updated	Last Updated By	Status		
RESS2022-0151	Test 1	Test 1	05/01/2022 13:18:56	Jane Kane	Provisionally not Qualified	<ul style="list-style-type: none">DetailWithdrawSubmit for Review	

[User guide](#) will be updated with detailed steps on the above.



Communication channels

- **Distribution list** – all key updates
- **Email** – direct emailing where necessary e.g. queries, issues.
- **RAP** – Direct messages can be received via the RAP, these will appear in ‘Messages’
- **Website** – document publications

FAQ updates 1.0.2

- 5.1.3 – removed as was based on RESS 1 Terms and Conditions. Please refer to section 8.4 of RESS 2 Terms and Conditions.

Q&A

Q1. When I post a Bid Bond can the RESS Team provide Acknowledgment of receipt?

A1. Emails will not be issued Acknowledging receipt of Bid Bonds. Please ensure that you have evidence of this transaction with your Bank. If the TSO require any further information on Applicants for Qualification (including Bid Bonds), clarification will be sought via the Auction platform and email.



Q&A

Q2. I represent an Applicant that has registered 2 grid connection positions (one in ECP2.1 and a second in ECP2.2). I have registered both on the Auction Platform under the Applicant's name. Is it possible to bid the ECP2.1 and ECP2.2 capacity under one single bid, as that is the ultimate intended site arrangement post grid merge?

A2. A RESS 2 Project can have only one Connection Agreement or be issued with one Connection Offer through the ECP process. Either:

- a. Both projects are progressed independently as two separate projects and this will remain the case over the term of the support. Or,
- b. Where the Applicant is seeking to submit a single RESS 2 Project based on two or more merged Connection Agreements or ECP Projects, a letter is required from the relevant System Operator confirming receipt of a complete application to change the contracting party in a Connection Agreement or an ECP Applicant (legal entity) to the Applicant and to merge the projects under one Connection Agreement / ECP Project. In the case of merge between two connections, the submitted application is not sufficient and confirmation in the form of a letter is required from the relevant System Operator.



Q&A

Q3. Could you clarify why there are 3 different values for Overall plant size, Offer Quantity and Maximum export capacity (all in MW ac)? In which scenarios would these values be different? What is the purpose of the Overall plant size value and how will it be used in the auction ? In a case where this value may vary between the auction and the commissioning of the plant what value should be inserted?

A3. See section 2.7.2 of the FAQ;

Offer Quantity is a numerical field only where applicants are to insert their Offer Quantity for RESS 2. This must be less than or equal to the Maximum Export Capacity. “Description of the Overall Plant Size – Aggregate Installed Rating for the Project” is a free text field where you can provide the expected Installed Capacity of the RESS 2 Project, which may be greater than the Offer Quantity but within the limits specified in the Terms and Conditions.

For example, a renewable generator may have a MEC of 50 MW. An Applicant when submitting an Application for Qualification can submit an Offer Quantity of no greater than 50 MW. The Applicant may be considering installing equipment with an Installed Capacity of 52 MW (and this would not result in a breach of its planning consents or other requirement). It should put 52 MW in Description of the Overall Plant Size – Aggregate Installed Rating for the Project. The Applicant may ultimately install 50 MW. So long as the actual Installed Capacity is greater than 90% and less than 120% of the Offer Quantity and does not breach any of the legal requirements of the project (planning, site control, etc.). This example is provided for information purposes. Please consult the Terms of Conditions for full specification of the limits that apply to Installed Capacity.

Material changes to the plant or equipment specified in the Application for Qualification need to be approved by the Minister in accordance with 11.2 of the Terms and Conditions. In the Application for Qualification, the basic components of the RESS 2 Project should be specified in the Application for Qualification. It is not necessary to specify equipment provider or the ratings of individual components.



Q&A

Q4. In relation to projects with planning permission that are subject to a judicial review, what happens to the bid bonds for projects that lose their judicial review and this occurs post March 22nd after the Final Withdrawal Date?

A4. If new information affecting an Application for Qualification becomes available, this should be submitted without delay to RESS@Eirgrid.com.

As per section 9.3.4 of the RESS 2 Terms and Conditions, a bid bond can be returned in four specific circumstances:

1. Up to 22nd March: the Application for Qualification can be **withdrawn** and the Bid Bond returned.
2. 23rd March - 29th March: it may be possible to reflect this information in the submission of Final Qualification Decisions to the Minister (such that the Applicant **does not qualify** in respect of this project and the Bid Bond would be returned). 29th March - 14th April: the Minister may be able to take this information into account (such that the Applicant **does not qualify** in respect of this project and the Bid Bond would be returned).
3. After 14th April, if the project has been qualified, where the Qualified Applicant in respect of the project is **unsuccessful** in the RESS 2 Auction (and has otherwise complied with the Terms and Conditions), then the Bid Bond would be returned.
4. Otherwise, assuming that the Applicant would not be in a position to proceed with the project (i.e. they would not be able to **execute an Implementation Agreement**), the Bid Bond would be drawn down on.

Q&A

Q5. Considering that ECP2.2 projects are eligible to take part in the auction and the nature of the ECP process is to allow the generator to work with the Network Operator to establish the optimum MEC for the project, can the Offer Quantity reduced after the project has been deemed eligible for specific cases where the network operator's advice is to do so?

Consider the case where a project has a 10MW application being considered in the ECP2.2 batch. ESB Networks advises that the 10MW export requires significant upgrades upstream of the distribution substation that would result in connection costs that would make the project to be unviable. ESB Networks also advises that if the project was to reduce the MEC to 8MW, they would avoid the significant upstream upgrades required to connect. Can the Offer Quantity be reduced to accommodate this recommendation?

A5. Information submitted in an Application for Qualification cannot be amended after Qualification Application closing date except where there is a clarification sought by the TSO.



Q&A

Q6. We are having issues uploading our completed director declarations to the online portal. When uploading we get the error message 'File could not be uploaded. Please try again'. Can EirGrid please clarify the full technical specifications of the files (e.g. MB size limits, file names etc.) which can be accepted by the portal?

A6. Max File size is 15MB. We recommend keeping the file name to a minimum and to not use special characters.



Q&A

Q7. Bid Bond Required Amount. Our onshore wind project's expected installed capacity is 33.2 MW. However, the MEC (MW) figure included in the ECP-2.2 Initial List of Projects for Category A is 40 MW. Can our Offer Quantity (MW) be the 33.2 MW? Is our bid bond in turn based on this 33.2 MW?

A7. Yes, the Offer Quantity can be less than the MEC.

As per section 6.4.17, the Bid Bond value in RESS 2 is €6 per MWh, where the MWh value is the **Deemed Energy Quantity** for one year for the RESS 2 Project calculated pursuant to Section 6.6.4 and multiplied by 1,000 to convert from GWh to MWh

As per section 6.6.4, for the purposes of winner selection, each such **Offer Quantity** (OQo) will be converted into a **deemed energy quantity** ("Deemed Energy Quantity" or "DEQ") in GWh/year as follows:

$DEQ_o = OQ_o \times 8760 \times RCf_t / 1000$, where RCf_t refers to the Renewable Capacity Factor for the eligible technology t.

Therefore, the Bid Bond value is based on the Offer Quantity (converted into deemed energy quantity).



Q&A

Q8. Entity Details

On the entity details tab of the platform, must we provide details for each of the below or can we just provide details of the Principal Owner if this is the only one relevant?

- **Applicant**
- **Entity to which Applicant has revealed pricing information**
- **Entity which applicant is aware of contingent arrangements**
- **Entity which applicant is aware of pricing information**
- **Principal owner**

A8. Entity details must be provided for all entities that fit into one of the above categories. In the above example if principle owner if the only relevant entity, then 2 entities but be populated; Applicant and Principle Owner. It is not necessary to enter entities for categories that do not apply in respect of the RESS 2 Project.

Q&A

Q9. For the Grid Connection Contract Reference Number on the platform, can we leave TBC in the answer field? Our project is included on the ECP-2.2 Initial List of Projects for Category A.

A9. Yes, this field can be left as TBC until a reference number is received. Once a reference number is received please email this information to RESS@Eirgrid.com



Q&A

Q10. Company headed paper

Must the Bid Bond Applicant Submission Form (R2BB1) and Bid Bond Applicant Return Form (R2BB2) be completed on company headed paper or can we just complete the template forms as issued by RESS? Are any of the forms, landowner consents, declarations etc. required to be completed on company headed paper?

A10. As the Bid Bond forms pertain to the deposit / withdrawal of monies to / from the TSO RESS Account, we require that they are completed on company headed paper. Other forms do not need to be completed on company headed paper. See 6.1.2 in FAQ document.



Q&A

Q11. With the COVID situation can all applications be submitted electronically by email by the 13th January (with funds lodged also by that date)? Or does the application still have to be hard copy?

A11. See 2.5.14 of FAQ document; Hardcopies are not required by the Qualification Application Deadline and should follow within 4 weeks after this date.

Q&A

Q12: When entering the entities details on the platform the postcode cell doesn't work with the format of foreign postcodes. It is a mandatory field. What should we put to make it valid?

A12. Addressed in the slides.



Q&A

Q13. When a holding company owns different SPV, each an Applicant, how is the inter-SPV relationship to be considered in the “Relationship to Applicant” field, considering “Entity which Applicant is Aware of pricing information” and “Entity to which Applicant has revealed Pricing Information” would both apply?

A13. Entities should be entered for all *Relationships to Applicant* that apply or may apply in the future.

If an entity is ‘aware’ of pricing information, then select “Entity which Applicant is Aware of pricing information”

If an applicant has ‘revealed’ pricing information to an entity, then select “Entity to which Applicant has revealed Pricing Information”.



Q&A

Q14. In the “Relationship to Applicant” field. The “Applicant Owner”, should it apply to all indirect owners of the applicant, only the direct owner or only the final beneficiary owner?

A14. To satisfy 6.4.13 (b), we require the legal name and registered address or address of principal place of business of all entities with an ownership or equity interest that are listed in the Declaration of Bidding Independence. We also require the Applicant's company number. We do not require further details of entities with an ownership or equity interest beyond what is required under the Declaration for Bidding Independence.



Q&A

Q15. In the preference tab there is a “Solar Preference Category” and a “All project Preference Category”, this was relevant to RESS 1 but how does this apply for RESS 2 considering there is no Solar Preference Category?

What should a solar project select?

A15. This is addressed in the RESS Auction Platform User guide in section 5.3;

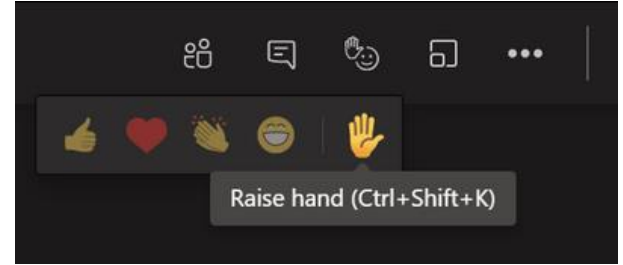
Please only select a category for the Auction the Application for Qualification is being prepared for. As Solar Preference Category is not a preference category as per the RESS 2 Terms and Conditions, please do not select this.



Q&A

- Further questions?

1. Please raise your hand (using Raise Hand icon ↑)
2. We will call your name.
3. Unmute your mic. Ask question. Mute mic.
4. Once you have asked one question, lower hand.
5. If you have another question, raise hand again.



Thank You

