

EnergyNet Wales

MAXIMISING THE BENEFIT TO THE WELSH
ECONOMY FROM THE ENERGY INDUSTRY

EnergyNet Wales is an initiative established by the Welsh Assembly Government to maximise the benefit to the Welsh economy from the expanding energy industry in Wales and beyond. The programme assists developers and operators through the development of a supply chain of Wales-based companies that can meet the needs of the energy industry. EnergyNet Wales is active in, and provides support across, the complete energy value chain from primary fuel extraction, through generation, transmission and distribution networks, and at all stages of project lifecycle from feasibility study to decommissioning.

As the energy industry evolves, a diverse mix of renewable energy is expected to make an increasingly-important contribution to the power generation mix. Wales has significant renewable energy potential and, in the short-to-medium term, biomass, onshore wind and offshore wind projects are all actively being progressed.

EnergyNet Wales is engaged with the DBERR (DTi) initiative 'Doing Business with Wind Turbine Manufacturers', which acts as a link between UK companies and the major turbine manufacturers. The EnergyNet Wales team is also forging close links with the majority of developers of wind energy projects within Wales.

Recognising the substantial marine resources offered by the Welsh coastline, EnergyNet Wales is also seeking to provide support to early stage projects employing emergent wave and tidal stream energy generation technologies through the promotion of new supply chains.

Membership of EnergyNet Wales seeks to offer a wide range of benefits to developers, operators and suppliers in the energy industry.

For suppliers, EnergyNet Wales' priority is to assist Welsh companies to win an increasing share of the opportunities offered by the energy industry in Wales by providing:-

- ◆ Tracking and dissemination of information about energy industry opportunities
- ◆ Improved visibility of energy project Tier 1 and Tier 2 contractors and buyers
- ◆ Advice regarding sector prequalification and contracting strategies
- ◆ Opportunities for networking with potential partners and clients
- ◆ Guidance on routes to potential funding and support for suppliers seeking to expand their involvement in the energy industry

EnergyNet Wales seeks to assist Developers and Operators by:-

- ◆ Providing access to a supply chain of companies based in Wales
- ◆ Enabling costs to be driven out of the value chain by improved delivery and flexibility from local companies
- ◆ Facilitating demonstration of socio-economic benefits to Wales and the local community
- ◆ Enhancing positive perceptions of project benefits to local community

For further information on how your company can benefit from EnergyNet Wales, please visit us at www.energynetwales.org.uk or contact Martin Brown (Welsh Assembly Government) on 01792 224505 or John Roughsedge/Clive Poole (Jacobs) on 0161 962 1214.