

The East of England: Global Leader for Offshore Wind

Setting the Scene

The growth in **Offshore Wind** in the UK & Europe has, over the past few years been on an exponential scale and is set to continue at the same rate; quickly creating the biggest **Offshore Wind** market in the world. The sector now provides enough electricity to power more than 8 million UK homes and current plans will see the sector provide 20 % of the nation's power by 2020. It has the potential to create 1000's of jobs in the East of England.

The North Sea waters along the East of England coastline hold the greatest concentration of the UK's **Offshore Wind** energy production and the next 5-10 year will see this concentration grow even further.

The ports of Great Yarmouth, Lowestoft, Harwich and Wells are key hubs and through the EEEGR Members the region provides everything from Consenting Services, Pre-Construction Engineering, Construction Support Services and world class Operations & Maintenance Skills.

Quite simply, the regions **Offshore Wind** supply chain is the most complete and ready to go in the UK if not the world, and the EEEGR Offshore Wind SIG seeks to develop it further...

Rules of Engagement

Membership of the **Offshore Wind** SIG is by application, once involved members must attend at least 75% of our meetings. On occasions when our members are unable to attend, we welcome a nominated stand-in to attend the SIG on their behalf.

Objectives

The three key objectives of the EEEGR Offshore Wind SIG are:

- To provide a powerful voice that represents to the Offshore Wind Industry the capabilities & views of the EEEGR members in the East of England **Offshore Wind** supply chain.
- To provide a platform to secure new business opportunities for the EEEGR members in the East of England **Offshore Wind** supply chain.
- To promote the East of England as an **Offshore Wind** "Centre Of Excellence" both nationally and internationally and in so doing, help shape the regions future success.

Priorities & Work Scope

- To constantly challenge the make-up of the SIG and its direction, ensuring that it remains relevant and a voice to represent the EEEGR members.
- To drive forward the development and publication of the EEEGR Regional **Offshore Wind** Capability Matrix and ensure that it is published at all relevant events and highlighted to all relevant stakeholders.
- To organise a schedule of "Opportunity & Update" presentations from senior figures in the **Offshore Wind** development, OFTO & Tier 1 companies at every SIG meeting.
- To support the development of an **Offshore Wind** Supply Chain Code of Practice, that supports the goals of the EEEGR members in the East of England **Offshore Wind** supply chain.
- To provide **Offshore Wind** content support to the EEEGR team when they are organising and providing content to the SNS conference, **Offshore Wind** Week and the House of Commons.