



Contracts for Difference: Stakeholder Bulletin

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Allocation Round 4 opens

The fourth allocation round of the Contracts for Difference scheme has opened to applications today (13 December 2021).

- [Read the government press release](#)

Clarification on flexible bids

It has been brought to the attention of the government that there is ambiguity in information published in the Allocation Framework for Allocation Round 4 (AR4) and on the AR4 microsite in relation to flexible bids. Specifically, this relates to whether any of an applicant's sealed bids need to have the same capacity and/or target dates as those in their original application.

The government would like to clarify that, for the purposes of AR4, there is no requirement for any of the sealed bids to have the same capacity and/or target dates as those in the original application, but all flexible bids may have differing capacities and/or target dates, subject to the other constraints of the Contracts for Difference (Allocation) Regulations 2014 (as amended) and Rules 11 and 12 of the Allocation Framework.

The Frequently Asked Questions on the AR4 microsite have been updated to reflect this. The government intends to address any remaining ambiguities in the Allocation Framework in this regard ahead of future allocation rounds.

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