

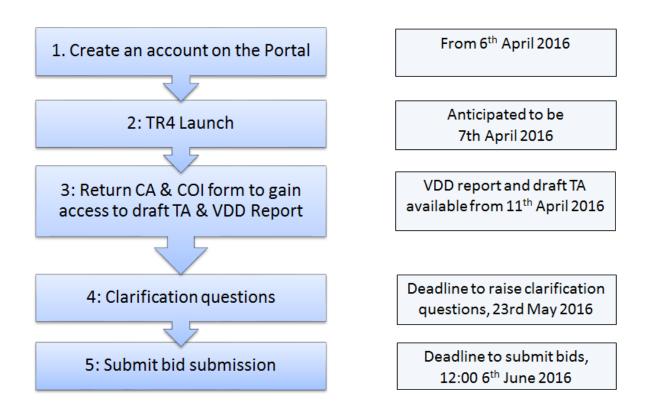
Next Steps for Participation in the Tender Round 4 (TR4) Enhanced Pre-Qualification (EPQ) Stage

The EPQ stage of TR4 will be run using the Ofgem Tendering Portal (the Portal); https://ofgem.bravosolution.co.uk.

We plan to make the EPQ Document available on the Portal and the Ofgem website on 7th April 2016.

To participate in the EPQ Stage for TR4, all entrants are required to create a user account on the Portal and express their interest in order to gain access to further project specific data. Please be aware that the draft Transfer Agreements (TA) and Vender Due-Diligence (VDD) report will only be made available to Bidders once a signed Conflicts of Interest Declaration (COI) and Confidentiality Agreement (CA) in respect of the Qualifying Project have been received by Ofgem and have been confirmed as acceptable. Please note that the VDD report is replacing the Information Memorandum (IM) that has been made available in previous tender rounds.

Guidelines to complete this process are provided below.





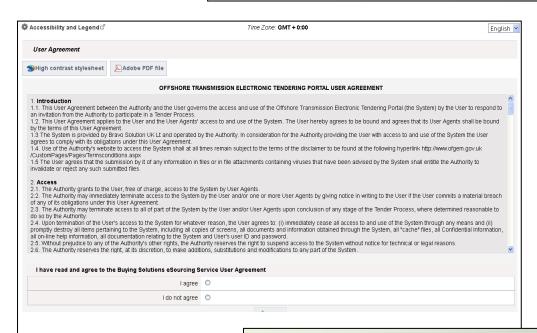
1. Create an account on the Portal



 To participate in the TR4 EPQ stage, you are required to create an account on the Ofgem Tendering Portal.

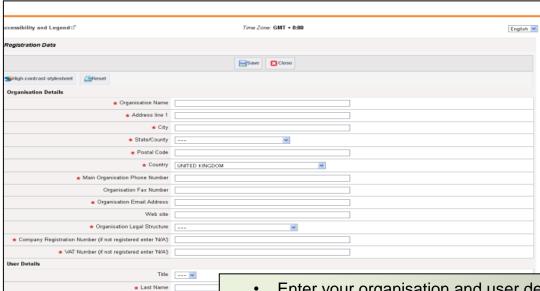
To do this:

- Visit the Portal at https://ofgem.bravosolution.co.uk.
- Select the "Click here to register" link on the main page (circled in red).



You are required to agree to the Portal user
 Agreement by clicking on "I Agree" button and then
 "Continue"





- Enter your organisation and user details into the Registration Data form. Click "Save"
- An automatic email will be sent to you confirming your username and temporary password. When logging in for the first time the system will prompt you to change this to something more memorable.

Once logged in, click on "PQ open to all applicants" where the TR4 EPQ documentation can be accessed. At this point you are able to "Express your Interest" for TR4. By selecting this you will be able to participate in the EPQ stage



The EPQ Document will be published:

- on the Ofgem website:
 https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/electricity/transmission-networks/offshore-transmission-tenders
- on the Portal https://ofgem.bravosolution.co.uk.

The CA and COI declaration will be available for download from the Portal only



3: Return CA and COI to receive draft TA & VDD Report

The relevant COI and CA for each Qualifying Project will need to be signed and submitted via the messaging area of the portal before access to the draft TA and VDD Report for the Qualifying Project can be provided. These documents must not be amended.

Once Bidders have completed the relevant COI declaration and CA to Ofgem's satisfaction, Ofgem will send the draft TA and VDD Report to Bidders via the messaging area in the Portal. Ofgem will endeavour to review returned and completed CAs and COIs in a timely fashion; however Bidders should factor in a turnaround of at least 2 working days. **The earliest we anticipate these documents being available is 11 April 2016**.

4: Clarification questions

Bidders may seek clarifications from Ofgem in relation to any aspect of the EPQ Document or the information provided in the VDD Report. All such clarifications are to be made via the messaging area of the portal and must be made no later than **23rd May 2016** to ensure a response is provided.

5: Submit bid submission

The deadline for EPQ submissions is anticipated to be 6 June 2016. Late submissions of bids will not be accepted.

Further Information



If you have any questions concerning the EPQ please contact: tendercoordinator@ofgem.gov.uk

For further assistance in using the Portal please contact Bravo Solution at:

- Email: help@bravosolution.co.uk

- Tel: 0800 368 4850

Further guidance on how to use the Portal, including how to complete a bid submission, can be found on the Ofgem Tendering Portal by clicking on 'Offshore transmission help', once you have created an account and logged-in at https://ofgem.bravosolution.co.uk