

Electricity Network Innovation Competition Full Submission
Supplementary Answer Form

Project: WPD Telecoms Templates for a Low Carbon Future

Tick if this answer has been provided verbally: ☐

Project code	WPDNIC001	Question Number	Q8
Question date	08 th September 2015	Answer date	11 th September 2015
Submission section question relates to	5.2.2.3		
Topic	Telecoms vendors		
Question	What approach will be taken to ensuring that telecoms vendors are engaged early enough in the process?		
Notes on question			
Answer	<p>WPD have already started vendor engagement during the FSP development process to ensure the validity of assumptions regarding vendor of interest within the project and de-risk delivery thereafter. This has been highlighted within FSP section '4.e.2 – Reasonable Endeavour to attract external funding'.</p> <p>As the first step of the robust process applied by WPD within all procurement activities, both hardware vendors and solution providers were contacted with a view to involvement within Telecoms Templates, 65 positive responses were received. The process applied utilized the Achilles supplier information service, although WPD and their collaborators know of further vendors/ solution providers whom may wish to test their products/ systems during the trial which do not operate within Achilles. Therefore it is planned that further supplier engagement activities will be completed post-project award as a output of the stakeholder interviews and workshops which operate as the predecessor to the Laboratory Test Environment</p>		

	Design, a relationship demonstrated within 'Appendix 3: Detailed Project Delivery Schedule'.
Attachments	