



Research, Development and Demonstration

WEICan seeks expressions of interest for collaborative R D & D of developmental technologies with significant potential applications for the Canadian Wind Industry

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The Wind Energy Institute of Canada (WEICan) is Canada's leading wind energy research and testing facility.

On the 14th August WEICan announced the beginning of a tender round in which it was seeking expressions of interest from small turbine manufacturers that would be interested in having their turbines tested with a view to certification.

Since announcing the beginnings of that tender round WEICan has been contacted by a number of companies with prospective technology that has significant potential for the wind industry but which is not yet ready for testing leading to certification. Such companies are involved in blade manufacture, wind forecasting technologies, hybrid wind/diesel systems, battery storage devices, acoustic analysis, hydrogen generation and storage facilities and other areas.

These companies typically require testing facilities and/or financial assistance to further their development programs however they are not eligible to apply for such assistance under the terms of the tender round announced on 14th August. For this reason WEICan has allocated an additional sum, of up to \$200,000 for the purposes of conducting tests on the above mentioned technologies.

The nature of the tests will depend on the specific needs of the turbine in question. Where applicable tests will be conducted by WEICan in conjunction with its partner, DEWI – The German Wind Energy Institute. DEWI has a long history of RD&D activities with the European Union and is accredited in delivering Type Testing services in accordance with the IEC 61400 series.

To be considered for inclusion in this programme, technologies should have a high probability of success in Canadian wind energy markets.

Details will be published to the WEICan web site before the end of November. In the interim feel free to contact James Glennie (Director - Business Development) for further information.

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