

Llywodraeth Cymru Welsh Government

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Paul Davies Welsh Parliament Paul.Davies@senedd.wales

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Dear Paul,

I write in response to WQ90782: What is the Welsh Government doing to support supply chain companies to build the resilience and capability to take advantage of opportunities in the renewable energy industry?

There are a number of ongoing activities around our Manufacturing Action Plan (MAP) and general business support programmes. Areas of particular focus are the wind sector – both onshore and offshore, marine energy and the use of renewable energy products in the built environment.

Business Wales and Sell2Wales sit at the core of our business support offering to Welsh businesses. They support supply chain companies to build resilience and take advantage of opportunities, including in the renewable energy industry.

Business Wales has proactively supported a range of events and supply chain engagement focussed on renewable energy and the wider net zero agenda including for Prosperity Energy, Floventis, RWE Awel y Môr and Five Estuaries, Morlais and the Optimised Retrofit Programme, with more events in the pipeline.

The MAP Delivery Group, which includes the Welsh Government Lead on Public Sector Procurement, has identified three initial areas of spend, which will provide immediate and long-term opportunities for Wales-based manufacturers. These cut across both public and private sector contracts and include the potential supply chains for Fixed and Floating Offshore Wind.

We are undertaking supply chain mapping and are in the process of establishing a dynamic platform for buyers and prime contractors to access information on these potential Welsh suppliers.

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We are utilising this intelligence by working closely with offshore wind project developers and industry-leading Tier 1 companies to promote the capability and expertise of businesses in Wales.

Yours sincerely,

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