

Participation conditions for the Offshore Innovation Award 2021

- 1 The **Offshore Innovation Award 2021 (OIA 2021)** honours companies, universities or individuals for outstanding products for offshore wind energy use.
- 2 The OIA 2021 is organised by the Renewable Energy Hamburg Cluster (EEHH) and DNV.
- 3 All companies, scientists, universities, institutes or other individuals with an affiliation with the offshore wind energy sector can submit an entry for the *Offshore Innovation Award 2021*.
- 4 Entries for the OIA2021 can be submitted by e-mail in the period from 25.03.2021 to 18.04.2021 to how.innovationaward@dnv.com.
- 5 Entries must be submitted in a pdf or Microsoft Word document with a maximum of 2 A4 pages. The content should contain the following information:
 - (1) Presentation of the applicants, individuals and company,
 - (2) Presentation of the innovation (in approx. 1,000 characters),
 - (3) Explicit description of the added value for offshore wind energy, best of all with regards to the following criteria: capital investment costs, operating costs and energy yield, while focussing on electricity generation costs (approx. 1,000 characters),
 - (4) Reason why this innovation does not already exist (approx. 500 characters),
 - (5) Please also include a company logo and picture in the files.
- 6 A 'product' as defined in OIA2021 is a material item, e.g. a technical-commercial product or system or a service product, which can be repeatedly manufactured or offered as the same model. The product must be either already available on the free market and/or be offered on the free market, or already be in (test) operation at the point in time of the entry.
- 7 In order to be considered for the *Offshore Innovation Award 2021* selection procedure, the submitted product must offer an evident change or improvement to the standard products available on the market and have potential for significantly reducing the costs of offshore wind farms. Products that have been on the market for more than two (2) years cannot be considered as an innovation without significant changes having been made to the original state.
- 8 The submitted entries for the *Offshore Innovation Award 2021* shall be assessed in a preselection by representatives from EEHH and DNV as the organisers of the Hamburg Offshore Wind 2021 (HOW 2021) digital conference. The evaluation criteria are listed under item 9.

Only entries that are submitted in due time and which meet the entry criteria will be assessed. The preselection by the event organisers, EEHH and DNV, is binding; all participants of the OIA2021 agree to accept this decision. No legal action may be initiated.
- 9 The evaluation criteria for the preselection for the *Offshore Innovation Award 2021* are:
 - 1) The value of benefit in practice and market success,
 - 2) Degree of (technical) innovation,
 - 3) The potential for significant cost reduction for offshore wind farms,
 - 4) Overall professional impression,
 - 5) Practical feasibility.

- 10 The three (3) entries (pre-selected parties) with the highest number of points are given the opportunity to present their product during a separate Innovation Award Event associated to the main Event of the HOW2021 digital Event on 28. April 2021. Participation of the pre-selected parties in the end selection at this HOW2021 follow-up Event is only possible if a representative of the participating company or institution presents digitally themselves in person. If no personal digital presentation is possible, participation in the final selection is excluded. Three selected teams receive entry to the HOW Offshore Innovation Award digital event for 2 persons per pre-selected party.

EEHH and DNV retain the right to clarify any unclear issues regarding the entry within the entry period and up until the 27. April 2021 event via a question-and-answer process with the applicant/applicant team.

- 11 The Prize winner of the pre-selected parties is selected by a public vote during the HOW2021 Innovation Award digital event on 28. April 2021. Only a single first prize is awarded, which is documented by a certificate and which is mentioned in the public relations work of the organisers, EEHH and DNV and in the online conference documentation. The three pre-selected entries are presented to the public with a maximum of 10 minutes per entry (and a maximum of six slides). The general public at the Innovation Award digital event determines the winners (via online/electronic voting).
- 12 All participants must expressly agree to the participation conditions of the *OIA2021* prize award. Agreement is given in connection with the entry on the event website, **<https://www.erneuerbare-energien-hamburg.de/de/events/uebersicht/details/hamburg-offshore-wind-conference-2021-new-momentum-for-german-offshore-wind.html>**
- 13 Until the prize is awarded, all technical and commercial details of the entries shall be treated in confidence by EEHH and DNV; during and after the prize award ceremony, technical and commercial details of entries may be published, insofar as they have been submitted or presented.
- 14 No legal action may be initiated. Participants in the award process agree that at no time, either before, during, or after the *OIA2021* prize competition, shall legal steps be initiated against the organisers EEHH and DNV regarding the preselection and final selection by the public of the entries.
- 15 Every applicant to the *OIA2021* must at their own responsibility ensure that the materials provided by them do not infringe any patent/protection rights or intellectual property rights of another individual, company or institution. The organisers of the *OIA2021* are excluded from all liability for damage of all kinds arising from the infringement of this obligation by the applicant. Should an applicant or prize winner be guilty of an infringement of rights, which is only detected after the prize award, their prize will be withdrawn and they are required to return their prize.
- 16 Prize winners have the right to state in PR and advertising measures, on letter paper and other documents intended for publication that they are a winner of an *OIA2021* award.
- 17 All three applicants pre-selected in the pre-selection shall be invited in due time to the HOW2021 Innovation Award digital event by EEHH and DNV.
- 18 For the purpose of processing the entries, EEHH and DNV shall if necessary store and further process personal data as well as the submitted product information. The applicants agree when submitting the entry to the storage and further processing of this data.