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## French Offshore Tender – Too Little, Too Late?

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The French government announced it will hold an offshore wind tender sometime in Q2 2011 for 3 GW of capacity representing over €10B in potential investment.

France faces an uphill battle to meet its 6 GW offshore wind target for 2020, having been plagued by wind permitting issues and low feed-in-tariffs. One of the more formidable issues facing France is the development of an offshore production hub to support the ambitions of its 6 GW tender.

Major turbine vendors such as Siemens and GE Wind have announced plans to localize offshore facilities in the UK's lucrative offshore market. The close proximity of production centers in the UK and Germany may inhibit the ability of major turbine vendors to further expand production to support the French tender.

The Flash Note examines the ability of the French tender to spur the development of a strong domestic supply chain anchored by French turbine OEMs AREVA and Alstom.

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