The Offshore Wind Sector Deal committed industry to work alongside local government to help bolster the UK’s regional offshore wind ‘clusters’. Clusters are a collaboration between developers and the regional supply chain, public sector and education bodies. The ambition is to increase the industry’s productivity, competitiveness and innovation, while helping to grow these coastal economies.

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- Advanced Manufacturing
- Subsea Innovation
- Operations and Maintenance
- Fabrication
- Decommissioning
- Testing and Demonstration
- Innovation and business incubation
- Specialist Engineering
- Construction

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The development of UK clusters

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5. **East Anglia**
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6. **Solent**
   - The Solent is a leader in the field of composites and the region’s companies have been successful in applying this expertise to the offshore wind industry; from MHI Vestas Offshore Wind producing 80-metre blades at their facility on the Isle of Wight, to Seacat Services and South Boats manufacturing vessels for the industry.

7. **Celtic Sea Cluster**
   - Founded on existing offshore renewable and marine businesses and their supply chains, the cluster draws on regional offshore renewables R&D excellence and technology transfer from the fixed offshore wind, wave and tidal, and oil and gas sectors.

8. **North West and North Wales**
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