



NATIONAL HYDROCARBONS CORPORATION

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Open International Invitation to Tender No. 001/AOIO/SNH/CSPM-OP/20 of 10 January 2020 for the conduct of a feasibility study for a 3D seismic acquisition project onshore Douala/Kribi-Campo Basin

1. Purpose of the Tender

The National Hydrocarbons Corporation (NHC) hereby launches an Open International Invitation to Tender (AOIO) for the selection of a company to carry out a feasibility study for a 3D seismic acquisition project onshore Douala/Kribi-Campo basin, hereinafter referred to as the "Area of Interest".

2. Scope of work to be carried out

The successful bidder of this Call for Tenders will be responsible for carrying out the feasibility study of the 3D seismic acquisition project in the "Area of Interest".

As such, he must perform the following services:

a) Collect the data and information needed for the Study from the NHC or the administrations in charge of the environment, lands, wildlife, forests, maritime or inland waterways, industrial risks, tourism, etc., and hold working sessions with the NHC to this end.;

b) Learn about the Area of Interest, and carry out a mapping of the technical, geophysical, environmental, topographical and social challenges to be overcome in order to carry out the intended program, and identify the operational choices and actions to be taken for proper seismic acquisition planning;

c) Identify stakeholders, communities and actions to be taken to support the project;

d) Make recommendations for the design, organization and technical and operational planning, the selection of the acquisition parameters of the seismic campaign, based on relevant field data, the physical specificities of the soil and the available technology, in particular as regards the positioning of the profiles, the opening of the trails, the seismic source, the drilling, the devices, the recording according to the acquisition area (land, swamp, stream), equipment, type and quantity of local labor required, location of camps, supplies, logistics and security of Teams and materials, the duration of the acquisition as well as the optimal calendar period for the sequence of the acquisition according to its phases (equipment mobilization, topography, layering, recording, pretreatment, etc.)

e) Estimate the cost of this planned seismic campaign by detailing it by categories (topography, drilling, seismic equipment, mobilization, demobilization, layering, etc.), while suggesting possible options for cost and time optimization;

f) Provide the necessary maps, photographs and illustrations to support field observations and recommendations;

g) Prepare the Terms of Reference for the selection of a Quality Assurance /Quality Control Expert for the survey in question;

h) Prepare the Terms of Reference for the selection of a seismic contractor responsible for carrying out the seismic field campaign;

i) Prepare and submit a full report of the completed feasibility study.

3. Duration for execution

The maximum duration set by SNH for the conduct of the above-mentioned feasibility study is four (04) months.

4. Number of lots

This Invitation to Tender comprises one (01) lot.

5. Conditions for participation

Participation in this Invitation to Tender is open to national and international companies or groups of companies specialised in carrying out onshore 3D seismic acquisition surveys, and having proven experience in this domain.

6. Funding

Services covered under this Invitation to Tender will be funded by the 2020 Budget of the National Hydrocarbons Corporation.

7. Withdrawal of the Tender File

The Tender File (TF) may be physically withdrawn at working hours, upon publication of this Notice, at the Secretariat of the NHC Markets Unit, located at its Headquarters in Yaoundé, or electronically at CelluleDesMarches@snh.cm.

The withdrawal of the TF will be made upon presentation of proof of payment of the non-refundable sum of five hundred thousand (500 000) CFA francs or seven hundred and sixty-three (763) euros, at the NHC cash office in Yaoundé, or NHC account at BICEC Cameroon and whose references are below:

Bank: 10001; Agency: 06860; Account: 12270660000; Key:53; Banking Domiciliation: Yaoundé Center; Iban : CM2110001068601227066000053; Bic : ICLRCMXXXX

8. Time limit to acquire the Tender File

The date line to acquire the Tender File is **14 February 2020** at 15:00 local time.

9. Preparatory meeting and visit of the Area of Interest

In order to ensure that the Tenderers understand all the objectives of the mission and the context in which it is involved, the NHC will organise a meeting with the companies that have acquired the Tender Dossier, **Monday 17 February 2020** at 10:00 local time at the SNH Representation building in Douala, Cameroon.

The meeting shall be followed by a visit to the site where the services will be provided, in the Douala/Kribi-Campo basin. The duration of this site visit will be four (4) days.

Companies that have acquired the Tender Dossier are invited to participate in these activities, and the related costs are at their expense.

The NHC will conduct and expedite the preparatory meeting and the visit of the site of realization of the services that are obligatory, under penalty of not issuing the certificate of visit by the NHC.

10. Submission of bids

Each bid, drafted in French or English, in seven (7) copies including one (1) original and six (6) duplicates labelled as such, must be submitted in a sealed envelope to the Secretariat of the Contracts Unit of the NHC, P.O. Box 955 Yaoundé, Tel.: (237) 222 20 98 64, Fax: (237) 222 20 98 69, latest Friday 06 March 2020 at 1:00 p.m., local time. The bids submitted against receipt, must be labelled as follows:

**"To the attention of the Executive General Manager of the National Hydrocarbons Corporation:
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SNH/CSPM-OP/20 of 10 January 2020 to conduct a
feasibility study for a 3D seismic acquisition project
onshore Douala/Kribi-Campo Basin"-confidential -
"to be opened only during the opening session"**

11. Bid bond

Under penalty of rejection of the offer, each bidder must include in the administrative documents a bid bond of **three million (3 000 000) CFA Francs or the equivalent amount in US dollars of four thousand five hundred and seventy four (4574) euros**, issued by a first class bank or financial institution accredited by the Ministry of Finance to issue bid bonds within the framework of public contracts.

The period of validity the bid bond is one hundred and twenty (120) days with effect from the deadline for the submission of bids.

12. Admissibility of bids

Under penalty of being rejected, the required administrative documents must be submitted in originals and copies certified as true by the issuing services or competent administrative authorities.

They must be dated less than three (3) months before the deadline for the submission of bids.

Any bid not compliant with the requirements of this Invitation to Tender and the Tender File shall be declared inadmissible, notably the absence of a bid bond or failure to comply with standard documents of the Tender File.

13. Opening of bids

The bids shall be opened in two (02) phases.

The first phase shall consist in the opening of **bids A** «administrative documents» and **bids B** «technical bids». This phase will be followed by the opening of bids C «financial bids» from Bidders whose technical offer scores are greater than or equal to seventy points out of one hundred (80pts/100).

The opening of bids A and B will take place at the NHC head office building in Yaoundé, on **Friday 6 March 2020 at 2 p.m. local time, by SNH's Special Committee for the Award of Contracts relating to the Petroleum Operations.**

Only bidders or their duly appointed representatives with perfect knowledge of the bid they are represented for may attend the opening session.

14. Evaluation of bids

* Elimination criteria

a. Incomplete administrative file or non-compliance of one of the documents after 48 hours granted by the **Special Committee for the Award of Contracts relating to the Petroleum Operations** to remedy the situation;

b. False declaration, substitution or falsification of administrative documents;

c. Absence of the methodology in the technical bid;

d. Services proposed by the bidder are non-compliant with the minimum defined in the Terms of Reference;

e. Technical staff of the Bidder non-compliant with the profile defined in the Terms of Reference;

f. Technical bid score less than seventy out of one hundred points (80pts/100);

g. Bid bond not compliant with the standard attached to the Tender File, and.

h. Absence of a certificate issued by the NHC for a visit of the facilities.

* Essential criteria for evaluating technical bids

N°	Essential criteria	Points
1	Presentation of the bid	5
2	Understanding of the context and objectives of the project	15
3	Methodology proposed by the bidder for the performance of the envisaged services	15
4	Bidder's experience in performing similar services	25
5	References of the key technical staff that the bidder proposes to assign to the project	30
6	Time limit for performance of services	10
	Total Technical score (Nt)	100

The evaluation of financial bids shall take place following the analysis of technical bids, and only for those bids that were not eliminated and have technical scores equal to or greater than seventy points out of one hundred (80pts/100)

The financial bid with the lowest amount shall have a financial score (Fs) of 100 points.

For the calculation of the other financial scores, the following formula shall be used:

$$Fs = 100 \times \frac{\text{Cost of the cheapest financial bid}}{\text{Cost of the financial bid considered}}$$

Technical and financial bids shall be weighted as follows:

Weight of the technical bid (Tw): 80%

Weight of the financial bid (Fw): 20%

The overall score (Os) of a bid is obtained by weighting the technical score (Ts) by the technical weight (Tw), and by weighting the financial score (Fs) by the financial weight (Fw), according to the following formula:

$$Os = (Ts \times Tw) + (Fs \times Fw)$$

The bid having the highest overall score (Os) will be considered as the "best bid". The other bids will be ranked according to descending order of the overall scores.

15. Award of the Contract

The contract under this Invitation to Tender shall be awarded to the bidder with the "best bid".

16. Conflict of Interest

The Successful Bidder for the Feasibility Study of the 3D seismic acquisition project, subject of this Call for Tenders, including all members of its group, if applicable, will not be eligible for the consultation on performing the 3D seismic acquisition.

17. Period of Validity period of bids

Bidders will remain bound by their bids for a period of one hundred and twenty (120) days, with effect from the deadline for the submission of bids.

18. Additional information

Additional information can be obtained during working hours at the Contracts Unit of the NHC, at the following address: P.O. Box 955 YAOUNDÉ, Tel.: (237) 2 22 20 98 64, Fax (237) 2 22 20 98 69, e-mail : celluleledesmarches@snh.cm.

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