



NATIONAL HYDROCARBONS CORPORATION

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Open International Invitation to Tender No.001/AOIO/SNH/CSPM-OP/2025 of 24/07/2025 to conduct the decennial inspection of the Bipaga-1/Mpolongwe-2 gas pipeline of the National Hydrocarbons Corporation in Kribi, South Region, Cameroon

1. Purpose of the Invitation to Tender

The National Hydrocarbons Corporation (SNH) is launching an Open International Invitation to Tender for the decennial inspection of its Bipaga-1/Mpolongwe-2 gas pipeline in Kribi, in the South Region, Cameroon.

2. Number of lots

This invitation to Tender consists of one (01) lot.

3. Conditions for participation

This Invitation to Tender is open to national and international companies and groups of companies, with proven experience in carrying out inspection of gas pipelines and evaluation of the integrity of cathodic protection systems.

4. Funding

The services, which are the subject of this Invitation to Tender, are financed by the SNH budget for the 2025 fiscal year.

5. Consultation and Collection of the tender documents

The Tender Documents (DAO) can be consulted and collected during working hours, as soon as this Notice is published, at the Secretariat of the SNH Contracts Unit, located at its Head Office Building in Yaoundé, Cameroon, or by email (attn. : CelluleDesMarches@snh.cm).

The collection of the DAO will be done at the aforementioned Secretariat, upon presentation of proof of payment of the non-refundable sum of One Million (1,000,000) CFA Francs, net of any fees or bank charges, into the SNH bank account opened at BICEC Cameroon, with the following account details: Bank: 10001; Agency: 06860; Account Number: 12270660000; Key: 53; Branch: Yaoundé-Centre; IBAN: CM211000106860 1227066000053; Bic: ICLRCMXXXX.

6. Deadline for acquiring the Tender Document

The deadline for acquiring the Tender Document is set for **Friday, 05th September 2025, at 3:00PM (local time, GMT+1)**.

7. Clarifications to the Tender Document

Any Bidder wishing to obtain any clarification of the Tender File may make a request by written correspondence or e-mail addressed to the SNH Public Contracts Unit (CelluleDesMarches@snh.cm), which must be received **no later than forty-eight (48) hours before the date of the pre-bid or preparatory meeting**.

SNH will respond during the pre-bid meeting to requests for clarification received. A copy of the response indicating the corresponding question asked will then be sent by SNH Public Contracts Unit to all the companies that participated in the pre-bid meeting.

SNH reserves the right not to give any written response to verbal questions. Any misinterpretation by a bidder of the documents of the Tender File that has not been the subject of an addendum will be rejected and the Project Owner will not be held responsible.

8. Date, time and venue of the pre-bid meeting

In order to ensure that the Bidders understand all the aspects of the project and the context in which it is involved, SNH is organising a pre-bid meeting with the consulted companies on **Thursday 11th September 2025, at 10:00 AM (local time, GMT+1)**, at the Bipaga-1/Mpolongwe-2 gas pipeline Terminal Station in Mpolongwe, South Region, Cameroon. This meeting will be followed by a visit to the work site.

The purpose of the pre-bid meeting and the site visit will be to provide clarification on any questions, particularly of a technical nature, that may arise.

Failure of a Bidder to attend the pre-bid meeting and/or the site visit is grounds for disqualification.

A certificate of visit, signed by SNH, will be issued to participating companies.

It is understood that the related costs of participation at this meeting and the site visit, shall be borne by the consulted companies.

9. Submission of bids

Each bid, drafted in French or English, shall be submitted in seven (7) copies of which one (1) is an original and six (6) are copies, labelled as such. The bid must be deposited, in a sealed envelope, at the Secretariat of the Public Contracts Unit of SNH, P.O. Box 955 Yaoundé, Tel.: (237) 222 20 98 64, Fax: (237) 222 20 98 69, **latest Thursday 02nd October 2025 at 12:00 AM (local time, GMT+1)**. The bid, deposited against a receipt, must be labelled as follows :

"To the attention of the Executive General Manager of the National Hydrocarbons Corporation :

Open International Invitation to Tender N°001/AOIO/SNH/CSPM-OP/2025 of 24/07/2025 for the decennial inspection of the Bipaga I-Mpolongwe II gas pipeline of the National Hydrocarbons Corporation in Kribi - South Region of Cameroon "

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To be opened only during the opening session"

10. Bid Bond

Under penalty of rejection of the bid, each bidder must include in the administrative documents a bid bond of **six million CFA francs (6 000 000)**, 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 validity period of the bid bond is one hundred and twenty (120) days with effect from the deadline for the submission of bids.

11. 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 Document.

12. 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 eighty points out of one hundred (80pts/100). The opening of bids A and B will take place at the SNH Head Office building in Yaoundé, **Thursday 02nd October 2025 at 1:00 PM (local time, GMT+1)**, by the **Special Committee for the Award of Contracts relating to the Petroleum Operations**.

The companies consulted, or their duly authorised representatives with perfect knowledge of the file, may attend the bid opening sessions.

13. Duration of Execution

The maximum duration set by SNH for the execution of the work covered by this invitation to tender is **sixty (60) working days**.

14. Evaluation of bids

* Elimination criteria

- a) Incomplete administrative file, technical bid or financial bid or non-compliance of one of the documents (including that of the members of the consortium, if applicable) 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, falsification or non-compliance of an administrative or technical or financial document ;
- c) Absence or non-compliance of the bid bond ;
- d) Services proposed by the bidder are non-compliant with the minimum defined in the Terms of Reference ;
- e) Technical bid score less than eighty out of one hundred points (80pts/100) ;
- f) Unqualified technical staff of the Bidder ;
- g) Absence of the duration of work or duration of work is more than the maximum prescribed duration ;
- h) Absence of proof of having carried out at least one (01) gas pipeline inspection contract within the last ten (10) years. In the case of a consortium, absence of proof for one of the Members of the consortium of having already carried out at least one (01) contract for the inspection of gas pipelines during the last ten (10) years ;
- i) Lack of evidence of participation in the preparatory meeting and site visit.

* Essential criteria for evaluating technical bids

No.	Essential criteria	Score
1	Presentation of the bid	5 points
2	Understanding of the context of the project	5 points
3	Understanding of the objectives of the project	5 points
4	Experience of the Bidder in carrying out inspection work of gas pipelines (internal inspection and evaluation of integrity of cathodic protection system of pipelines)	45 points
5	References of the key technical staff that the bidder proposes to assign to the inspection of the gas pipeline project	45 points
Technical score (Nt)		100

15. Award of the Contract

The Contract under this invitation to tender will be awarded to the bidder who is qualified after evaluation of the technical bids (technical score equal to or higher than 80.00 points/100), and who has submitted the «lowest» financial bid.

16. Validity period of bids

Bidders will remain bound by their bids for a period of ninety (90) days, with effect from the deadline for the submission of bids.

16. Additional information

Additional information can be obtained during working hours at the Public Contracts Unit of SNH at the following address: P.O. Box 955 Yaoundé, Tel.: (237) 222 209 864, Fax (237) 222 209 869, email address: CelluleDesMarches@snh.cm.

Signed Adolphe MOUDIKA
Executive General Manager