

SAPETRO

South Atlantic Petroleum Benin S.A.

Operator of Offshore Seme Field and Block – 1

Advert for Pre-Qualification of Contractors for the Provision of Drilling Rig (SAPETRO/SEME/11/020)

1) Introduction

South Atlantic Petroleum Benin SA (SAPETRO), operator of Seme Field and Block-1 invites interested and reputable companies with suitable and relevant experience for pre-qualification as a first step to the tendering opportunity to provide a Drilling Rig for the Seme Field and Block-1 offshore development and exploration drilling campaigns respectively. Block-1 is in water depth range of 27m-80m, and Seme Field which is a defined area within Block-1 is in water depth range of 27-30 meters, 15km from Benin Coast and 30 km from Cotonou Port. Contractor shall provide drilling rig with corresponding crew, capable of drilling and completing and providing ancillary services. The Work is expected to commence in third (3rd) quarter of 2012. The work locations shall be within SAPETRO's **areas** of operations in the Republic of Benin Territorial Waters.

2) Brief Description of the Work Scope:

The scope of work shall consist primarily of drilling and completing deviated wells.

Drilling Contractor shall provide a drilling rig with characteristics and equipment including but not limited to the followings:

Water Depth: 30m to 100m

Drilling Depth Capacity : 4000m 4000m

Mud System Standard: Standard

Waste Management; The rig should be properly equipped for zero discharge to meet the current Environmental Guidelines and Standard for the Petroleum Industry.

In addition to the foregoing **the** rig should be fully **certified by a recognized** authority and **allequipment/parts** must conform to API, IADC and all applicable minimum industry and international standards.

3) Mandatory Requirements:

To be eligible for tender, interested Bidders are required to be pre-qualified in the service mentioned above in item 2 Brief description of the scope of work. Only successfully pre-qualified Bidders will receive invitation to technical and commercial tenders. SAPETRO will communicate only with authorized officers of the companies and NOT through individuals or agent

Note: Interested bidders shall be required to submit 1 electronic copy

(CD) and 1 hard copy of the pre-qualification documents in a sealed envelope marked **CONFIDENTIAL: Drilling Rig Invitation for Pre-qualification (SAPETRO/SEME/11/020)** on the top right hand side of the envelope . The full name and address of the responding company or entity must be clearly marked on the submittals.

Pre-qualification packages shall be addressed to either of the following addresses:

1) South Atlantic Petroleum limited

11th Floor, South Atlantic Petroleum Towers

1, Adeola Odeku Street, Victoria island, Lagos

Attention: The Deputy Managing Director

2) South Atlantic Petroleum Benin SA

Lot H 27, Les Cocotiers – Cotonou

Republic of Benin

Attention; The Country Manager

4) Other Requirements

- 1) Company's Health, Environmental and Safety Policy including emergency contingency plan, medical and security evacuation plan and safety performance records indicating **fatalities**, lost time incident rate and total recordable incident rate during the last three (3) years (2008, 2009 and 2010),
- 2) Contractors Drug and Alcohol Policy.
- 3) Company profile including Shareholding and organizational structure, names and resumes for key **contacts/professional** personnel, with phone numbers and email addresses.
- 4) Evidence of work experience **on** at least five projects performed in the last 5 (five) years, with names of Operators representatives that can be contacted to verify work history.
- 5) Certificate of Incorporation,
- 6) Financial details, Audited account for the last three (3) years and evidence of financial support from reputable bank or financial institution,
- 7) Verifiable evidence of payment of taxes for the last three (3) years or the duration of the business (Company Income Taxes, Tax Clearance receipts and other statutory fees).

This is not an Invitation to Tender. Notwithstanding the submission of pre-qualification information, COMPANY is neither committed nor obliged to include any company on any bid list or to award any contract to any company and/or associated companies, subcontractors or agents.

COMPANY reserves the right to reject any and/or all pre-qualification packages.

All cost incurred in preparing any response to this Pre-qualification invitation shall be to the bidder's accounts.

Submission of interest shall close on the 24th of May 2011. Any pre-qualification package submitted after the deadline will be disregarded.

South Atlantic Petroleum Limited, 1 Adeola Odeku Street, Victoria Island, Lagos.