



CAIRN ENERGY INDIA PTY LIMITED

(Incorporated in New South Wales, Australia – ACN 002 066 784)

GLOBAL EXPRESSION OF INTEREST / PRE-QUALIFICATION FOR PROVISION OF INDEPENDENT LEG JACK UP DRILLING UNIT (ILJDU) AND VARIOUS DRILLING/COMPLETION/MARINE SERVICES BLOCKS: RAVVA, PALAR AND CB/OS-2

Introduction

Cairn Energy India Pty Ltd. (“CEIL”) is the Operator of the Offshore CB/OS-2, Ravva and Palar blocks located in the West and East Coasts of India. CEIL is planning to conduct drilling campaigns in these three blocks during Q3 2010.

CEIL seeks an Expression of Interest under international Competitive Bidding (ICB) procedures from suitably experienced drilling rig and services contractors who wish to receive Tender Documents to provide services in support of the drilling campaigns in these offshore blocks. Only Contractors who have a minimum of five years experience in providing the below mentioned Services, any or a combination of, in support of an offshore Drilling campaign shall be considered.

Specifics

Only those Contractors who can comply with all of the following and can, by their submission, demonstrate a successful track record, listing previous projects, current Services projects in progress, clients, and client key contacts who may be approached, in each of the areas below should respond to this Notice. The Contractor must submit details for the following:

- Organisational outline proposal detailing their nominated management, staff, and business process support to carry out an Offshore Drilling campaign for all types of wells.
- A demonstrable capability to mobilise and commence work to meet CEIL’s schedule. The Contractor’s experience in mobilising on schedule shall be clearly stated.
- Particular experience of providing Services in offshore Drilling operations and flexibility to accommodate CEIL’s programme is paramount.
- The Contractor shall submit details of his Management, Operating and Maintenance schemes with copies of their certification.
- A willingness to develop a close long term relationship with CEIL.
- The Contractor must demonstrate that they have sufficient financial standing to commence and continue an operation of this magnitude.
- Have an appropriate comprehensive Health, Safety and Environmental management system in place which promotes, aligns with and upholds CEIL’s and the Contractor’s HSE commitments. Details and copies of their certification must be submitted.
- Audited financial statements for the last three years

Drilling Programme

Block CB/OS-2 : Firm wells : Two ; Optional wells :One

Block Ravva: Firm wells: Six ; Optional wells: Two

Block Palar: Firm wells: Three

Requirement

Drilling Unit for Block CB/OS-2

Independent Jack Up Drilling Unit with the following specification

- Rated Drilling Capacity: 16,000 to 20,000 ft
- Rig Design: ILJDU's with Le Tourneau Class 116 or 116C or Baker Marine Pacific Class 375 or Keppel FELS Class B Design
- Draft at Load lines less than or equal to 18ft
- Leg length below the hull: 220ft
- Capability to drill with ,store and handle synthetic oil based mud(SBM)
- Pointed Spud can design with strong legs to operate in water depths of 8 meters to 50 meters

Services for both CB/OS-2 , Ravva and Palar

The Contractor shall submit his response to this Expression Of Interest stating which of the following Services he wishes to be considered for inclusion on the bid list(s). In addition the Contractor shall indicate which, if any, Services he would be willing to bid for on a Bundled basis.

Services comprise, inter alia, the following:

1. AHTS – Supply Vessels and Offshore Supply Barges
2. Directional Drilling, MWD, LWD & Deviation Monitoring services
3. Wireline Logging Services
4. Casing, Tubular and Completion handling (make-up and running) services
5. Cementing Services
6. Drilling Tools, Fishing Tools & Services
7. Mud Logging Services
8. Drilling and Completion fluids and Mud Engineering
9. Solids Control, Filtration, Centrifuges and SBM cuttings processing / disposal
10. Cased Hole DST and Subsea services
11. Well Testing (Surface test equipment and services)
12. Tubing Conveyed Perforation Services
13. Bottomhole sampling services
14. Hydraulic Bolt Torquing & Cold Casing Cutting Services
15. Rig Positioning & Site Survey Services
16. Coring Services
17. Well bore cleanout services
18. Sand Control Services
19. Core Handling, Preservation & Analysis services

20. Weather Forecasting services
21. Third Party Inspection of Tubulars services
22. Supply of Liner Hanger Equipment & Accessories
23. Supply of Drill Bits
24. Supply of Casing Accessories (Float equipment & accessories)
25. Supply of Wellheads
26. Supply of Casings & Tubings
27. Supply of Completion Equipment

Synchronization of drilling campaigns

CEIL is considering (i) sharing of ILJDU hired for CB/OS-2 for drilling in Palar (ii) sharing of various services among all the blocks . To facilitate this, CEIL will be considering issuing of combined Tenders .Those bidders who had already submitted their EOI's for Palar block drilling campaign requires to submit separate EOI's for Ravva and CB/OS-2 drilling campaigns if they are interested in participating in Tendering exercise for these two blocks.

Interested Contractors who can fulfil all of the Specifics listed above must submit their response including the details and references stated above, in writing and by e-mail not later than 10 (ten) days from the date of this publication. Please also state clearly the particular service / services from the list above (e.g. 1 – Provision of AHTS) on the envelope. The envelope shall be superscribed with “**Provision of Drilling Rig and various services: Blocks Ravva, Palar and CB/OS-2 - Prequalification 2010**” and shall be addressed to:

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