

## REPUBLIC OF SURINAME



### MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

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The development of Shore Base Facilities in Suriname to serve the emerging Offshore Oil & Gas Industry in the Suriname Basin.

#### **REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

##### **1. Objective**

The purpose of this letter is to seek your interest for the development and operation of a shore base in Suriname (the Project). It is the intent that interested parties provide the Government of Suriname (GoS) with an Expression of Interest (EoI) on or before the due dates mentioned in this request. With this request, Government of Suriname seeks to test the appetite of the international and domestic markets for developing Shore Bases in Suriname, with a view to having a “fit for purpose” Shore Base in time to match the development of the offshore oil and gas industry. The main objective is to provide the GoS an option to explicitly endorse the best submissions.

This EoI request is open to international and Surinamese entities, either privately or publicly owned or a combination thereof. Only EoI’s that meet the general requirements set forth in section 3 will be considered.

##### **2. Background information**

After decades of offshore exploration, Suriname has made significant offshore hydrocarbon discoveries over the course of 2020 and 2021. These discoveries have intensified the offshore exploration and appraisal efforts of various license holders and provide a positive outlook for initial and subsequent offshore developments.

Currently, most of the offshore support is provided from Shore Bases outside Suriname. The GoS has made it a priority to ensure that Shore Base services from Suriname are in place to benefit the local economy in line with the offshore Oil & Gas developments, The GoS is fully aware that the existence of adequate and fully functional local Shore Base is crucial for the development of local content.

While the GoS is aware of various Shore Base initiatives being undertaken by the Surinamese private sector, it desires to ensure that any Shore Base development will adhere to World Class safety and quality standards in providing “state-of-the-art” services to the offshore oil and gas industry operators and their prime contractors. The objective is for Surinamese Shore Bases to become the most evident choice in terms of safety and quality standards, range of services and competitive advantages.

GoS recognizes that the extent of financing, development and operational expertise may require bundling of parties in consortia of various forms. Although the GoS has no specific preferences; EoI’s are expected to be fully compliant in all these areas. In case a sole respondent is not able to meet all requirements, the GoS encourages respondents to seek partnerships and confirm collaboration with other complementary parties.

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#### 3. Eligibility Criteria

A two-step process will be followed in the evaluation of the EoI. First an initial screening will be performed based on the criteria listed below.

##### Step 1:

- a) *Business Plan including:*
  - *Description of the proposed Project (including, where necessary, phased development and future expansion options)*
  - *Provisional financial projections including initial capital investment, revenues, operating costs, source of funding, capital structure (debt/equity), etc.*
- b) *Proof of financial means of the consortium or party*
- c) *Proof of access to funding for the Project*
- d) *Proof of origin of funds for the Project*
- e) *Proposed geographical location and dimensions of the Shore Base*
- f) *Proof of development and operational competency. Respondents shall have in their consortia a reputable Shore Base operator and a project developer. This shall be demonstrated by Memorandum of Understanding. Shore Base Operator's reputation shall be supported by a reference list and relevant certifications.*
- g) *Listing of key functionaries of each consortium partner, including certificates of good conduct. Such certificates shall be issued by the authorities from the country of residence of the functionaries.*

Respondents who have passed the initial screening will be invited to substantiate their response by providing additional (notional) information with regard to the following.

##### Step 2:

- h) *Further substantiation of items under step 1, where needed*
- i) *Level of current and future Local Content Development that the proposed Project will encompass*
- j) *High Level Project Development Plan with key milestones, including logistic solutions.*
- k) *Proof of access to the land at the proposed location, including the land for any expansion options*
- l) *Preliminary scoping document for an Environmental, Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) outlining they key issues to be addressed during the whole life cycle of the Project.*
- m) *Facilitating site visits by GoS project team to operational Shore Bases operated by respondent – consortium (Gos project team costs borne by GoS)*
- n) *Optional: proposal for co-financing of river dredging*

#### 4. Role of GoS

The GoS is not bound to accept any Expressions of Interest and retains the right to endorse one or more initiatives without incurring any liability to the interested parties. Endorsement can however only be granted after adherence to the Eligibly Criteria has been established and will entitle the respondent to support from the GoS in terms of the procedural application for permits.

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#### Clarification on GoS endorsement:

- Endorsement does entail that priority will be given in permitting processes
- An endorsed EoI (after passing step 2) does not replace the applicable permitting processes or any parts thereof
- The entire permitting application processes remain with the relevant government institutions
- Respondents who have not gained GoS endorsement, but who meet step 1 eligibility criteria, can still apply for permits at the relevant government institutions. GoS will not obstruct or interfere such applications.

The GoS does not intend to participate in any initiative and the role of GoS will be strictly limited to testing compliance with laws and regulations, good governance, selection of Eligible EoI's and the issuing of necessary permits.

GoS will not mediate in nor promote commercial contracts between eligible respondents and operators and/or prime contractors active in the Suriname – Guyana Basin. GoS will not give preferential treatment to consortia formed by or consisting of GoS owned entities.

#### 5. EOI submission Process

Activity	Due Date	Communication Channel
Publication of this Request for EOI	September 3, 2021	International
Pre-registration of consortia, submission of a single e-mail address for further notices.	September 3, 2021	investinSU@gov.sr
Pre-registration Closing Date / Start of Clarification Period	September 19, 2021	Clarification Requests to be Submitted to: investinSU@gov.sr
End of Clarification Period	October 19, 2021	Clarifications will be sent: b.c.c. to all registered consortia
Submission of Step 1 EOI	November 5, 2021	investinSU@gov.sr
EOI Receipt confirmation to all respondents	November 8, 2021	b.c.c. to all registered consortia
Outcome of step 1 Eligibility process	December 5, 2021	b.c.c. to all registered consortia
Request for Submission of Step 2 EOI	December 8, 2021	b.c.c. to all step 1 selected consortia
Submission of Step 2 EOI	January 3, 2022	investinSU@gov.sr
Outcome of Step 2 EOI	February 19, 2022	b.c.c. to all step 1 selected consortia
Endorsement letters	March 5, 2022	To all step 2 selected consortia

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**6. Confidentiality**

GoS warrants that it will not make public, or disclose to any third party, the information, or any part thereof, submitted by the respondents to this request for EOI.