



**NIGERIAN AGIP EXPLORATION LIMITED (OPERATOR)**  
**NIGERIAN NATIONAL PETROLEUM COMPANY LIMITED**  
**SHELL NIGERIA EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION COMPANY LIMITED CO-VENTURE PARTNERS**

**REQUEST FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION**  
**PROVISION FOR ENGINEERING, PROCUREMENT, CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION EPCI OF**  
**FLOATING PRODUCTION, STORAGE AND OFFLOADING (FPSO) FACILITY FOR ZABAZABA**  
**DEVELOPMENT**

## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Nigerian AGIP Exploration (NAE) Limited as Operator of the Zabazaba field (PML 103) and Etan (PML102) invites interested and reputable companies with relevant experience to indicate an Expression of Interest (EOI) for the Engineering, Procurement, Construction installation (EPCI) services of Floating Production Storage and Offloading (FPSO) unit for the Zabazaba and Etan development project. Zabazaba and Etan deepwater fields are located at about 140 kilometers offshore Nigeria in water depths of up to 2000 meters. The two fields are about 40km apart with a seafloor canyon between them. Development will be phased considering Zabazaba (PML103) first and then Etan (PML102). The requested duration of works (from Contract Award to Sail Away) is 33 months.

The development concept is based on a new hub, with a standalone spread moored FPSO with nameplate oil processing capacity of 150 kbopd and 1.7 MMbbls (minimum) nominal storage capacity. The subsea network consists of subsea horizontal tree systems, manifold systems, production and water injection risers and flowlines including a gas export line.

The Zabazaba development will be through a deepwater subsea network consisting of 15 production and 7 water injection wells, 27km of production flowlines and risers, 15km of water injection flowlines and risers, 140km gas export pipeline and riser and a 40km umbilical system (note: lengths provide here are approximate and will be subject to respondents' final field layout development).

The scope of the FPSO EPCI, the subject of this EOI request includes the Hull, Topsides modules, Transport, Installation, Commissioning and start-up of the fully functional FPSO.

NAE hereby invites only capable, reputable and competent Nigerian and International Companies (herein referred as "Respondents") with the requisite and demonstrable expertise, experience, skilled manpower and technology to a response in accordance with this notice for expression of interest. Thereafter, for those companies meeting NAE requirements, shortlisting and inclusion in the bid list.

Please visit the Nigerian Petroleum Exchange Portal [www.nipex-ng.com](http://www.nipex-ng.com) for further details.

## 2.0 SCOPE OF WORK

The scope of work shall include, but is not limited to, the following activities:

- Front-End Engineering Design (FEED) Design Competition
- Detailed design of the mooring, hull and topsides
- Construction of the FPSO Hull
- Procurement and fabrication of Topsides equipment/modules
- Design, procurement and installation of an Integrated Control and Safeguarding System (ICSS).
- Transportation, installation, integration and pre-commissioning of the Topsides modules
- Transportation, offshore installation and pre-commissioning of the FPSO
- Commissioning and start-up operations

## 3.0 MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

- 3.1 Evidence of Main Construction Yard Ownership.
- 3.2 Evidence of technical capability and experience in performing detailed engineering design, project management and procurement for similar sized project or, if not available in whole or in part, commitment to execute an agreement on exclusive basis for partnership with a Vendor having such capabilities (in whole or in part) as detailed above.
- 3.3 Confirm Nigerian registration, partnership with Nigerian registered company OR willingness to partner with Nigerian registered company if successful at this pre-qualification stage (if Respondent is not a Nigerian registered entity).
- 3.4 Provide Registration No & Category (Include CAC Form C02 & C07 and NUPRC Permit and COREN Certificate)
- 3.5 Provide Valid Tax clearance for the past 3 years.

**Failure to submit any of the MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS may result in disqualification of respondent.**

## 4.0 PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the mandatory requirements above, only those Respondents able to demonstrate and substantiate with relevant verifiable documents of proven experience, available resources and readiness to undertake the work will be considered for the subsequent formal tendering phase. In consideration of this, the Respondents are required to provide together with the Mandatory Requirement as per paragraph 3 before, the evidence of the following

### 4.1 TECHNICAL CAPABILITY & HSE MANAGEMENT

Respondents are required to provide the following documentation, to accompany their submission:

- a) A cover letter summarizing the contents of the pre-qualification submission.
- b) Respondent's pre-qualification submission must demonstrate their ability to execute the scope of work as described in Section 2 herein. Only those Respondents able to demonstrate and document proven experience, available resources, and readiness to undertake the work as requested in the Pre-qualification Questionnaire will be considered, including the following:
  - Proven experience of engineering and fabrication FPSO Hull and Topsides.
  - Evidence of large Hull – Very Large Crude Carrier (VLCC) sized FPSOs – fabrication experience within the past 10 years.
  - Proven Start-up and Ramp-up capabilities for FPSO projects.
  - Evidence of fast-tracked projects with delivery in less than 36 months from contract award to sail-away large Hull – Very Large Crude Carrier (VLCC) sized FPSOs – fabrication experience within the past 10 years.
  - Availability to provide commercial offer in less than 6 months through a design competition approach.
  - Provide validity of Quality Management System in accordance with the requirements of ISO9001 and certified by ISO approved and registered quality assurance company. Provide ISO9001 certificate.
  - Provide evidence of HSE Management System as implemented for the delivery of FPSO Systems and for any similar executed projects in the past 10 years and the company interfaces with Subcontractors HSE system

### 4.2 FINANCIAL CAPABILITY

- Provide Company audited financial statements for the last three (3) years. Please provide certified translations where accounts are published in a language other than English.
- Provide financial statements of Operating Company and Ultimate Guarantor (e.g. Parent, holding companies etc.).
- Have you previously received short term financing of up to US\$300million? If yes, provide evidence.
- Provide evidence of Project Finance plan for similar executed work showing the contract duration.

Respondents should provide the name and full contact information of the officer in their company who has responsibility for responding to any potential Invitation.

To Tender (ITT) in the event that Respondent satisfies the requirements of the Pre-qualification. Respondents shall also provide a duly authorized and certified Power of Attorney for the said individual, verifying their authority to act on behalf of and to bind the Respondent in all matters related to the Pre-qualification.

The Pre-qualification exercise is a critical first step in the overall tendering process, and Respondents are advised to provide detailed responses to the Pre-qualification Questionnaire, to the required level of detail to enable NAE properly assess their capability, experience and readiness to participate in any tender.

### 5.0 SUBMISSION OF PREQUALIFICATION PACKAGE

Companies interested in responding to the EOI shall, on or before **1500 hours (GMT+1) on 14 May 2026**, send an email confirmation to the email address below stating their intention to respond to the EOI together with the provision of all information and supporting documentation required under Sections 3, 4 & 6 of this advert.

A Prequalification Questionnaire shall be issued via return email to all companies that confirmed their interest as stated above. Respondents shall then provide detailed answers and clarifications to the questionnaire.

The Prequalification package shall be submitted on or before **1500 hours (GMT+1) on 29 May 2026**, to the following email address: [zabazaba@nipex.com.ng](mailto:zabazaba@nipex.com.ng)

### 6.0 NIGERIAN CONTENT AND COMPANY REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

Respondents shall provide a written confirmation, signed by an authorized representative, stating their "readiness to comply with applicable Nigerian Content Requirements as will be approved by NCDMB (during ITT) in line with the provisions of the NOGICD Act (2010) and applicable enablers from 2024 Presidential Directives", before being considered eligible to proceed from the ITT into Commercial Phase of this process.

These NC Requirements that will be mandatory at ITT phase (Post-"PRE-QUALIFICATION") include but not limited to all respondents"

- i. All respondents are to be registered or bid through their local subsidiaries, or in partnership or in consortium with Nigerian registered companies. (Nigerian registered partners/companies" being referred to above must be companies with requisite, technical capabilities and established experience as may be determined by the Board via existing NCDMB Certifications and record of execution of previous EPC projects in the oil and gas industry.)
- ii. Respondents shall commit to engaging qualified Nigerian engineering company(s) and personnel to participate in the FEED for the FPSO package.
- iii. Respondent shall commit to engaging qualified Nigerian companies to undertake work scopes including but not limited to fabrication, construction and production of:
  - a. Pressure vessels
  - b. Pig Launchers and receivers
  - c. Service Air receivers
  - d. Methanol, Chemical Storage, Flare knockout, closed drain, buffer, cooling water, hot water expansion and other such drums
  - e. Scrubbers
  - f. Tanks
  - g. Separators
  - h. Small modules, topside and hull appurtenances, access tower, crane pedestal, riser supports, riser porches, riser Protectors, mooring line protection structures, caisson, caisson protectors, living quarters elements, boat berthing structures, muster stations, chemical /paint storage, workboat structures, radar masts, flare boom, suction piles, Helideck, interconnecting piping, spools and supports etc.
- iv. Respondents shall commit to engaging Nigerian companies in hook-up, pre-commissioning and commissioning activities, transport of FPSO and related equipment.
- v. In line with the NOGICD act 2010 and Nigerian Content Marine Vessels Categorization (NCMVC) scheme, respondents shall commit to giving first consideration to Nigerian built and /or Nigerian owned vessels in the tender process and for contract award. Foreign flagged vessels are only to participate in the execution when there is no Nigerian owned vessel with capacity for such job. Respondent shall provide Nigerian content marine vessel categorization certificate (NCMVC) for the proposed vessels to be deployed on the project.
- vi. Each Respondent's NCMVC shall clearly specify the category/s in which the vessel/s has been registered.
- vii. Respondents shall ensure Nigerian made and technical qualified products including paints, cables, nodes, bolts & nuts, cable panel etc. are given first consideration in line with section 12 of the NOGICD Act.

### 7.0 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- All costs incurred in preparing and responding to this EOI shall be to the respondents' accounts.
- This advertisement shall neither be construed as any form of commitment on the part of NAE to award any contract to any company and or associated companies, sub-contractors, or agents, nor shall it entitle respondents to make any claims whatsoever, and/or seek any indemnity from NAE and or any of its Partners by virtue of such companies having been responded to this EOI.
- NAE will communicate only with authorised officers of the pre-qualifying companies and NOT through individuals or agents.

**This advertisement is not an invitation to tender for the above services. There is no commitment or obligation, implied or otherwise, for NAE to issue a tender or enter into a contract. Participation in the pre-qualification exercise does not constitute or imply any commitment to any party or entitle any party to any indemnity or any form of payment from NAE.**