

CIVIL ENGINEERING IMPROVEMENT WORKS AT WU KING ESTATE
AND SHUI PIN WAI ESTATE

NOTICE OF PRE-QUALIFICATION OF TENDERERS

Pre-qualification of tenderers is hereby invited for the Civil Engineering Improvement Works Contract at Wu King Estate and Shui Pin Wai Estate. The tender to be invited will be covered by the Agreement on Government Procurement of the World Trade Organization.

The scope of works under the contract mainly comprises replacement of underground water supply pipes, reconstruction of estate roads, and rehabilitation and replacement of underground drains and sewers at Wu King Estate and Shui Pin Wai Estate. The contract is expected to commence in December 2024 with contract period of about 30 months.

Only contractors satisfying the following criteria are eligible for pre-qualification:—

- (a) being on the Development Bureau (DEVB) List of Approved Contractors for Public Works in Group A, Group B or Group C contractors ^{Note 1} in the Roads and Drainage Category, and not being restricted or suspended from tendering or removed from the list(s) when being considered for admission to the pre-qualified tenderers list, tender invitation, tender return and tender award;
- (b) being on the Buildings Department (BD) Register of General Building Contractors, and not being restricted or suspended from tendering or removed from the list when being considered for admission to the pre-qualified tenderers list, tender invitation, tender return and tender award;
- (c) not being imposed any regulatory action by the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA) ^{Note 2} for works of similar nature when being considered for admission to the pre-qualified tenderers list, tender invitation, tender return and tender award;
- (d) undertaking or having completed at least ONE similar local roads and drainage improvement works contract, as a Main Contractor within the past three years ^{Note 3} with value over HK\$20M, for HA, DEVB, quasi-government bodies or private developers, with satisfactory performance ^{Note 4};
- (e) having a track record of satisfactory performance ^{Note 4} for all its current and completed HA projects and DEVB projects in the Roads and Drainage/Waterworks Category in the past three years ^{Note 3};
- (f) joint venture will not be considered in this pre-qualification exercise;
- (g) having acquired ISO 9001 certification with scope of certification covering roads and drainage works; and
- (h) demonstrating reasonable understanding of the contract requirements and capacity of delivering quality works in a timely manner during the pre-qualification interview.

Project briefing on essential details and particular requirements of the contract will be held at the following time and venue:—

Time : 9.30 a.m. on 28 March 2024 (Thursday)

Venue: Conference Room, 4/F, Block 2, Housing Authority Headquarters, 33 Fat Kwong Street, Kowloon, Hong Kong

Contractors who are interested in the project briefing shall register and nominate not more than one (1) representative to attend, on or before 25 March 2024.

Contractors who are interested in the pre-qualification to tender for the captioned contract are requested to submit the following information:—

- (a) reply letter for expression of interest;
- (b) company profile;
- (c) copy of ISO 9001 certificate(s);
- (d) declaration of restriction by DEVB and BD;
- (e) contractor's experience; and
- (f) statement of confirmation of acceptance of related company restriction, tender irregularity restriction and probity requirement.

Proforma for registration of project briefing and submission of information for pre-qualification of tenderers as mentioned above are obtainable from:—

Civil Engineering Management Unit

4/F, Block 1, Housing Authority Headquarters,

33 Fat Kwong Street, Kowloon, Hong Kong

(Enquiries if any are to be made to Mr. Victor W. T. LAU (Civil Engineer/Management 2) at Tel.: 2761 6993 or email: (victor.lau@housingauthority.gov.hk), or Ms. Iris P. M. CHAN (Senior Civil Engineer/Management) at Tel.: 2761 7521 or email: (pmpm.chan@housingauthority.gov.hk))

A Pre-qualification Panel of Housing Department will check and assess the contractors' submissions and their performance records. Only those who can satisfactorily demonstrate their experiences and capabilities as required together with a record of satisfactory performance will be invited to tender.

Reply letter and submission of information for pre-qualification of tenderers (i.e. Items 6(a) to 6(f)) shall be enclosed in a covering envelope (Pre-qualification Evaluation Envelope) labelled with the captioned contract title, and addressed to the Chairman, Tender Opening Committee, Hong Kong Housing Authority. Applications shall reach the Hong Kong Housing Authority before 10.00 a.m. Friday, 12 April 2024 in one of the following ways:—

- (a) be deposited personally in the Hong Kong Housing Authority Tender Box situated at Ground Floor, Block 2, Housing Authority Headquarters, 33 Fat Kwong Street, Kowloon, Hong Kong; or
- (b) be sent by post or courier to:—

The Chairman, Tender Opening Committee,
c/o Receipt & Despatch Unit,
The Hong Kong Housing Authority,
Basement 1, Block 2,
Housing Authority Headquarters,
33 Fat Kwong Street, Kowloon,
Hong Kong

The submission closing time will automatically be deferred to 10.00 a.m. on the first working day (excluding Saturday) of the following circumstances:—

- (a) if tropical cyclone warning signal No. 8 or above is hoisted and remains in force for any duration within two (2) hours before the submission closing time on the submission closing date; or
- (b) if a black rainstorm warning or 'extreme conditions after super typhoons' is announced by the Government (*via* the Information Services Department) and remains in force for any duration within two (2) hours before the submission closing time on the submission closing date; or
- (c) when the Director of Housing announces the closure of the Housing Authority Headquarters Building due to unforeseen circumstances and the Housing Authority Headquarters Building remains closed for any duration within two (2) hours before the tender closing time on the tender closing date.

For the avoidance of doubt, the submission closing time will remain unchanged if black rainstorm warning signal or tropical cyclone signal No. 8 or above, or 'extreme conditions after super typhoons' is lowered or cancelled or the Housing Authority Headquarters Building is reopened, two (2) hours or more before the submission closing time on the submission closing date.

Late submissions shall not be considered. Inclusion on the pre-qualified tenderers list will be at the entire discretion of the Hong Kong Housing Authority and no explanation whatsoever will be given under any circumstances.

15 March 2024

Rosanna LAW *Director of Housing*

Note 1 Probationary contractors in Group A will not be considered in this pre-qualification exercise.

Note 2 It is also applicable to contractor whose key management staff (i.e. director) has been involved in serious incident(s).

Note 3 Counting from the due date of submission for pre-qualification as stipulated in the Gazette Notice.

Note 4 Not exceeding one 'Adverse' report in the past three years in each of the concerned contracts. If no performance reports on HA or DEVB projects in the past three years is available, confirmation on satisfactory performance for project(s) under BD's control from the Client, or Authorized Person/Registered Structural Engineer/Registered Geotechnical Engineer will be considered.