

It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in duplicate are invited for Contract No. **NE/2015/08 Development of Kwu Tung North and Fanling North New Development Areas—Advance Works and First Stage Works—Stage 2 Ground Investigation Works**. The works mainly comprise land ground investigation in the Kwu Tung North and Fanling North New Development Areas and Sha Tin A Kung Kok, including trial pits, drillholes, boulder surveys, utility surveys, in-situ tests and laboratory testing of soil and rock samples. The works are scheduled to commence in June 2016 and will take about 23 months to complete.

Tenders must be clearly marked with the tender reference and the subject of the tender on the outside of the envelope (but should not bear any indication which may relate the tender to the tenderer) addressed to the Chairman, Central Tender Board, and placed in the Government Logistics Department Tender Box situated on the Ground Floor, North Point Government Offices, 333 Java Road, North Point, Hong Kong, before 12.00 noon on Friday, 29 April 2016. Late tenders will not be accepted.

If a black rainstorm warning signal or tropical cyclone warning signal No. 8 or above is in effect at any time between 9.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon on Friday, 29 April 2016, the tender closing time will be postponed to 12.00 noon on the first working day after the black rainstorm warning signal has ceased to be in effect or the tropical cyclone warning signal No. 8 is lowered. An announcement of change will be made through the radio.

Forms of tender and further particulars are obtainable from AECOM Asia Company Limited at 8th Floor, Grand Central Plaza, Tower 2, 138 Shatin Rural Committee Road, Sha Tin, Hong Kong (Telephone No.: (852) 3922 9000, Fax No.: (852) 3922 9797).

Selective tendering is adopted. Contractors on the List of Approved Suppliers of Materials and Specialist Contractors for Public Works—Ground Investigation Field Work Group II are invited to tender. Contractors will be liable to have their names removed from the approved list if they fail or refuse to implement an accepted tender.

This tender to be invited is covered by the Agreement on Government Procurement of the World Trade Organization and will not involve electronic auction. This notice also serves as a summary notice required under the Agreement on Government Procurement of the World Trade Organization.

A charge will be levied for delivery of tender documents where the delivery of tender documents is requested by a tenderer. A written request must be made.

The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region does not bind itself to accept any tender irrespective of whether the tender is the lowest bid or where the assessment of tenders is based on a marking scheme or formula approach, the tender has the highest overall score.

The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region reserves the right to negotiate with any tenderer about the terms of the offer.

Details of the award of this contract will be published in the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Gazette and made available on the Internet at (http://www.gld.gov.hk/eng/services_2_c.htm).

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