

It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in duplicate are invited for **Contract No. HY/2014/09, Central Kowloon Route—Ho Man Tin Access Shaft (Public Works Programme Item No. 461TH)**. The works mainly comprise:—

- (a) construction of a vertical access shaft at Ho Man Tin approximately 100 m deep and 21 m internal diameter for the Central Kowloon Route project;
- (b) ground investigation works comprising 39 nos. boreholes and the associated fieldwork and laboratory testing; and
- (c) horizontal directional coring approximately 3 615 m long and the associated fieldwork and laboratory testing.

The works are scheduled to commence in July 2017 and will take about 18 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 located on the Ground Floor, North Point Government Offices, 333 Java Road, North Point, Hong Kong, before 12.00 noon on Friday, 17 March 2017. 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, 17 March 2017, 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 tenders and further particulars are obtainable from the office of Arup—Mott MacDonald Joint Venture at 20th Floor, AIA Kowloon Tower, Landmark East, 100 How Ming Street, Kwun Tong, Kowloon, Hong Kong (Contact person: Mr. Louis LAU, Telephone Number: 2828 5757 and Fax Number: 2827 1823).

Selective tendering is adopted. Contractors meeting all the following requirements (a) and (b) and (c) or joint ventures with participation of local and/or overseas contractors meeting the following requirement (d) are invited to tender:—

- (a) on the List of Approved Contractors for Public Works in Group C under Roads and Drainage Category or in Group C under Site Formation Category;
- (b) having completed in the past fifteen (15) years at least one roads and drainage contract in or outside the Hong Kong SAR with an adjusted contract sum of not less than HK\$130 million, counting from the original date set for the close of tender. The adjusted contract sum shall be the award contract sum being adjusted to current price level as stipulated in the tender documents;
- (c) having completed in the past fifteen (15) years at least one contract in or outside the Hong Kong SAR involving excavation of tunnel, cofferdam, shaft, or basement structures by the use of drill and blast method using explosive with excavation volume not less than 4 000 cubic metres, counting from the original date set for the close of tender; and
- (d) in the case of a joint venture tenderer, the lead participant or the major shareholder in the joint venture meets the requirements (a) above; and the joint venture (collectively assessed as one entity) meets the requirements (b) and (c) above.

The detailed requirements on the tenderer's qualification and those for joint ventures with participation of local and/or overseas contractors, if applicable, are stipulated in the tender documents.

Contractors not yet on the List of Approved Contractors for Public Works in Group C under the Roads and Drainage Category or in Group C under the Site Formation Category may also submit a tender if they submit a request for participation together with a duly completed application for inclusion in the above-mentioned approved list/category(ies) by 14 February 2017 to Chief Engineer 2/Major Works, Major Works Project Management Office, Highways Department, at 6th Floor, Ho Man Tin Government Offices, 88 Chung Hau Street, Ho Man Tin, Kowloon, Hong Kong, meet the qualifications and conditions for participation, and the application for inclusion is duly approved on or before the tender closing date. Details for making the application are available at:—

http://www.devb.gov.hk/en/construction_sector_matters/contractors/index.html

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 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 with 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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