

It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in duplicate are invited for **Contract No. 5/WSD/13: Replacement and Rehabilitation of Water Mains, Stage 4 Phase 1 and Stage 4 Phase 2—Mains in Northern and Eastern New Territories (Public Works Programme Item Nos. 9189WC and 9191WC)**. The works are scheduled to commence in October 2013 and will take about 27 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 Secretariat Tender Box situated in the lobby of the Public Entrance on the Ground Floor, East Wing, Central Government Offices, 2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong, before 12.00 noon on Friday, 23 August 2013. Late tenders will not be accepted.

In the event a tropical cyclone warning signal No. 8 or above or a black rainstorm warning signal is in force between 9.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon on Friday, 23 August 2013, the tender closing time will be postponed to 12.00 noon on the first working day of the following week. An announcement of the change will be made through the radio.

Forms of tender and further particulars are obtainable from Black & Veatch Hong Kong Ltd., 25th Floor, Millennium City 6, 392 Kwun Tong Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong (Telephone No.: (852) 2601 1000, Fax No.: (852) 2601 3988).

Contractors on the List of Approved Contractors for Public Works in Group C for Waterworks (confirmed) or joint ventures with participation of local and/or overseas contractors with the lead participant or the major shareholder/one of the members being on the List of Approved Contractors for Public Works in Group C for Waterworks (confirmed) 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 is covered by the Agreement on Government Procurement of the World Trade Organisation.

A charge will be levied for the 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 mark.

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.

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