

It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in duplicate are invited for **Contract No. TK/2013/01—Site Investigation for Tseung Kwan O—Lam Tin Tunnel**. The works mainly comprise marine and land ground investigation in Kwun Tong and Tseung Kwan O areas, including drillholes and in-situ testings and laboratory testing of soil and rock samples. The works are scheduled to commence in April 2014 and will take about 10 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, 28 February 2014. 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, 28 February 2014, 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 AECOM Asia Company Limited, 8th Floor, Grand Central Plaza, Tower 2, 138 Sha Tin Rural Committee Road, Sha Tin, New Territories, Hong Kong (Contact Person: Mr. Conrad NG, Telephone No.: (852) 3922 9000, Fax No.: (852) 3922 9797).

Contractors on List of Approved Suppliers of Materials and Specialist Contractors for Public Works—Ground Investigation Field Work Group II or joint ventures with participation of local and/or overseas contractors with the lead participant or the major shareholder being on 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 is covered by the Agreement on Government Procurement of the World Trade Organization.

A charge will be levied for the delivery of the 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 the 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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