

It is hereby notified that tenders are invited for **Contract No. 05/HY/2018—Highways Department Term Contract (Management and Maintenance of Expressways and High Speed Roads in New Territories East, Kowloon East and Hong Kong Island 2019–2025)**. This is a 6-year maintenance term contract from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2025. The works mainly comprise the management and maintenance of expressways and high speed roads including associated slopes, highway structures, tunnels, landscaping and minor improvement works in New Territories East, Kowloon East and Hong Kong Island.

For paper-based tender submission or tender submission in the form of CD-ROM or DVD+/-R, tenderers must complete and submit sealed tenders in duplicate. 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 at 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, 21 December 2018. Tenders must be deposited in the tender box as specified in this tender notice ('Specified Tender Box') before the tender closing time. Late tenders and tenders not deposited in the Specified Tender Box will not be accepted.

Tenderers who have become Registered Suppliers for works procurement under the e-Procurement System may submit tenders via the e-Procurement System. Details of the tender notice, and Terms and Conditions, Frequently Asked Questions and User Manual of the e-Procurement System are available on the websites of Highways Department (https://www.hyd.gov.hk/en/tender_notices/contracts/prequalifications_and_tender_notices/index.html) and the e-Procurement System (<https://www.gov.hk/eprocurement>) respectively. 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, 21 December 2018, 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. In case of blockage of the public access to the location of the Specified Tender Box at any time between 9.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon on Friday, 21 December 2018, the Government will announce extension of the tender closing time until further notice. Following removal of the blockage, the Government will announce the extended tender closing time as soon as practicable. The above announcements will be made *via* press releases on the website of Information Services Department (<http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/today.htm>).

Forms of tender and further particulars are obtainable from the office of the New Territories Region, Highways Department on the 2nd Floor, Ho Man Tin Government Offices, 88 Chung Hau Street, Ho Man Tin, Kowloon (Contact Person: Mr. T. K. LOK, Telephone No.: (852) 2762 3955, Fax No.: (852) 3586 2142, E-mail address: setct.nt@hyd.gov.hk). Tenderers who have become Registered Suppliers for works procurement under the e-Procurement System may also log in to the system to download the tender documents.

Selective tendering is adopted. Contractors on the List of Approved Contractors for Public Works in Group C (confirmed) for Roads and Drainage Category or joint ventures with participation of local and/or overseas contractors with the lead participant or the major shareholder being on the List of Approved Contractors for Public Works in Group C (confirmed) for Roads and Drainage Category who also meet the qualifications and conditions for participation stipulated in the tender documents are invited to tender.

Contractors not yet on the List of Approved Contractors for Public Works in Group C (confirmed) for Roads and Drainage 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 on or before 5 December 2018 to Chief Highway Engineer/New Territories East, New Territories Region, Highways Department on the 2nd Floor, Ho Man Tin Government Offices, 88 Chung Hau Street, Ho Man Tin, Kowloon, 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(s) 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 the 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.gldetb.gov.hk>).

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Jimmy P. M. CHAN *Director of Highways*