

It is hereby notified that sealed tenders are invited for **Contract No. HY/2019/19—Initial Tree Data Collection Services for Highways Department, Hong Kong (Stage 2)—Cat. I Zone Areas in The New Territories and Expressways**. The scope of works includes carrying out a systematic tree survey to collect and verify attribute information of each individual tree within the vegetated areas maintained by the Highways Department within Cat. I Zone Areas in the New Territories and Expressways; and integrating the tree inventory geographic information system (GIS) data into the centralized tree inventory database of the Highways Department. The contract is scheduled to commence in January 2020 with a contract period of 24 months.

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, Public Works Tender Board, and placed in the Public Works Tender Box situated in Room 4128f on the 41st Floor, Queensway Government Offices, 66 Queensway, Hong Kong before 12.00 noon on Friday, 6 December 2019. 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. If tropical cyclone warning signal No. 8 or above is hoisted, or a black rainstorm warning signal or 'extreme conditions after super typhoons' announced by the Government is/are in force any time between 9.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon on Friday, 6 December 2019, the tender closing time will be postponed to 12.00 noon on the first working day after the tropical cyclone warning signal No. 8 is lowered, or the black rainstorm warning signal or the 'extreme conditions after super typhoons' announced by the Government has/have ceased to be in force. 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, 6 December 2019, 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 (in CD-ROM) are obtainable from the office of Landscape Division, Highways Department on the 5th Floor, Trade and Industry Tower, 3 Concorde Road, San Po Kong, Kowloon, Hong Kong (Contact Person: Mr. Simon TAM, Survey Manager, Telephone No.: (852) 3903 6654; Fax No.: (852) 2310 8438, E-mail: sm.lsc@hyd.gov.hk).

Open tendering is adopted. All interested contractors are invited to tender.

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 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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