It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in duplicate are invited for Contract No. SS J504—Construction of Water Supplies Department Headquarters and Correctional Services Department Headquarters Building in Chai Wan (Programme No. 129KA).

The works include the construction of two office towers (i.e. Water Supplies Department Headquarters with Hong Kong and Islands Regional Office and Correctional Services Department Headquarters) with a podium, to provide general office accommodations and other government accommodations including workshops of Water Supplies Department, command centre, data centre, central supplies unit and recreational facilities of Correctional Services Department, dental clinic, storage areas, departmental carpark, public car parking spaces for private vehicles and other ancillary facilities, together with associated building services installations, drainage and external works. The construction floor area is approximately 96 000 square metres. The site area is approximately 9 790 square metres. The contract is scheduled to commence in July 2020 and for completion in June 2023.

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, 14 February 2020. Tenders must be deposited in the tender box as specified in this tender notice ('Specified Tender Box') before the tender closing time. Late tenders or 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 at any time between 9.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon on Friday, 14 February 2020, 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, 14 February 2020, 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 tenders and further particulars are obtainable from the Architectural Services Department, Quantity Surveying Branch, Architectural Services Department, 33rd Floor, Queensway Government Offices, 66 Queensway, Hong Kong.

For enquiry, please contact Ms. Fanny CHU, Project Quantity Surveyor (Telephone No.: 2867 4104, Fax No.: 2596 0356, Email Address: (chuwf2@archsd.gov.hk)).

Selective tendering is adopted. Confirmed Contractors on the List of Approved Contractors for Public Works in Group C for Buildings Category or joint ventures with participation of local and/or overseas contractors with one of the members being on the above-mentioned approved list/category/group who also meet the following qualifications and other conditions for participation stipulated in the tender documents are invited to tender:—

- (a) The contractor or at least one participant/shareholder in a joint venture tenderer is a confirmed Group C contractor on the List of Approved Contractors for Public Works for Building Category; and
- (b) The contractor or any one of the participants/shareholders in a joint venture tenderer must have completed at least one 'qualifying contract'. Qualifying contract means building contract (in Hong Kong or any place outside Hong Kong) with an adjusted original contract sum not less than HK\$700 million with substantial building services installations (including plumbing and drainage) not less than HK\$190 million, and with the substantial completion date within the past 10 years counting from and including the original date set for the close of tender (i.e. between 15 February 2010 and 14 February 2020). Only such contracts with substantial completion date falling within the above stated period will be considered.

In the case of a joint venture tenderer:—

- (1) at least one participant or shareholder is a contractor in the List of Approved Contractors for Public Works in Group C (confirmed) under Buildings Category; and
- (2) the total percentage participation of participant(s) or shareholder(s) who is/are contractor(s) included in the List of Approved Contractors for Public Works under the Buildings Category shall be at least 40%.

Contractors not yet on the above-mentioned approved list/category/group 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/group by 10 December 2019 to Chief Quantity Surveyor/4 of Quantity Surveying Branch, Architectural Services Department, 34th Floor, Queensway Government Offices, 66 Queensway, 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(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 on the Internet at (http://www.gld.gov. hk/eng/services_2_c.htm).

15 November 2019

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