

It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in duplicate are invited for **Contract No. 8/LANDS/21, Upgrading/Improvement Works to Lands Department Slopes in the Southern Regions**. The works consist of upgrading/improvement works to about 220 man-made slopes and retaining walls maintained by Lands Department, and ground investigation works to about 35 of them, in the Southern Regions covering Hong Kong Island, Kowloon, Tsuen Wan, Kwai Tsing, Sai Kung and Islands Districts. The works are scheduled to commence in May 2021 for completion in December 2024.

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 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, 5 March 2021. 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 a 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, 5 March 2021, the tender closing time will be postponed to 12.00 noon on the first working day after the tropical cyclone 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, 5 March 2021, 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 AECOM Asia Company Limited at 9th Floor Grand Central Plaza, Tower 2, 138 Shatin Rural Committee Road, Sha Tin, New Territories, Hong Kong. (Telephone No.: 3922 9000, Fax No.: 3922 9797).

Selective tendering is adopted. Contractors on the List of Approved Suppliers of Materials and Specialist Contractors for Public Works—Landslip Preventive/Remedial Works to Slopes/Retaining Walls, who also meet the qualifications and conditions for participation stipulated in the tender documents 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.

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 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 (<https://www.gld.gov.hk/egazette/english/index.html>).

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