

It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in duplicate are invited for **Contract No. RF K519— Facility Upgrading of Tai Po Civic Centre (Programme No. 62RE)**.

The works include upgrading the existing facilities of Tai Po Civic Centre at 12 On Pong Road, Tai Po comprising expansion and enhancement of the auditorium, black box theatre, ancillary facilities and outdoor facilities. The total construction floor area is about 7 538 square metres. The contract is scheduled to commence in November 2021 and for completion in October 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, 2 July 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 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, 2 July 2021, 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/has 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, 2 July 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 tenders and further particulars are obtainable from the Quantity Surveying Branch, Architectural Services Department, 33rd Floor, Queensway Government Offices, 66 Queensway, Hong Kong.

For enquiry, please contact Ms. Emily IP, Project Quantity Surveyor (Telephone No. (852) 2867 4469, Fax No. (852) 2596 0356, Email Address: iphke@archsd.gov.hk).

Selective tendering is adopted. Confirmed contractors in Group B/contractors in Group C on the List of Approved Contractors for Public Works for Buildings Category or joint ventures with participation of local and/or overseas contractors with the lead participant or the major shareholder being on the above-mentioned approved list/category/groups who also meet the qualifications and conditions for participation stipulated in the tender documents are invited to tender.

The detailed requirements for joint ventures with participation of local and/or overseas contractors, if applicable, are stipulated in the tender documents.

Contractors not yet on the above-mentioned approved list/category/groups 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/groups by 8 June 2021 to Chief Quantity Surveyor/2 of Architectural Services Department, 33rd 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:—

<https://www.gld.gov.hk/en/our-services/procurement/contract-award-notice/>

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