

It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in duplicate are invited for **Contract No. IS/2023/01—Ground Investigation—Marine Works**. The works mainly include:—

- (i) Marine ground investigation works including drillholes, in-situ testing and laboratory testing.

The works are scheduled to commence in August 2023 and will take about 42 months to complete.

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 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, 2 June 2023. 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 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 June 2023, 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, 2 June 2023, 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 Ms. CHENG Nga See, Ellen, Chief Engineer/Lantau 4, Sustainable Lantau Office, Civil Engineering and Development Department at No. 13 Tung Chung Waterfront Road, New Territories, Hong Kong (Telephone Number: (852) 2231 4436; Fax Number: (852) 2577 5040).

Selective tendering is adopted. Contractors on the List of Approved Suppliers of Materials and Specialist Contractors for Public Works in Group II under the Ground Investigation Field Work Category or joint ventures with participation of local and/or overseas contractors with the lead participant or the major shareholder being a contractor on the List of Approved Suppliers of Materials and Specialist Contractors for Public Works in Group II under the Ground Investigation Field Work Category who also meet the following qualifications and other conditions for participation stipulated in the tender documents are invited to tender:—

- (i) the tenderer, or the participants/shareholders collectively in case of a joint venture tenderer, has completed at least one ground investigation contract, with an adjusted contract value not less than HK\$60 million, in or outside Hong Kong, within the past fifteen (15) years counting from the original date set for the close of tender. The adjusted contract value shall be the awarded contract value being adjusted to the current price level as stipulated in the tender document.

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 List of Approved Suppliers of Materials and Specialist Contractors for Public Works in Group II under the Ground Investigation Field Work 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 by 25 April 2023 to Chief Engineer/Lantau 4, Sustainable Lantau Office, Civil Engineering and Development Department at No.13 Tung Chung Waterfront Road, New Territories, 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 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 on the Internet at (<https://pcms2.gld.gov.hk/>).

31 March 2023

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