

It is hereby notified that tenders are invited for **Contract No. DE/2022/15—Term Contract for Provision of Sampling and Analyzing of Samples for Various Sewage Treatment Facilities in Urban Area, Lantau and Outlying Islands to the Drainage Services Department (2023-2026)**. This is a 36-month term contract for the sampling and testing of samples for various sewage treatment facilities in Urban Area, Lantau and Outlying Islands. The services are scheduled to commence in August 2023 for completion in August 2026.

Tenderers must submit completed tenders in both soft and hard copies. The soft copy of the completed tenders must be submitted *via* the e-Tendering System and the hard copy must be 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. The hard copy of the tenders must be deposited in the tender box as specified in this tender notice ('Specified Tender Box') before the tender closing time. Both hard and soft copies must be submitted before 12.00 noon on Friday, 31 March 2023. Late tenders or tenders not submitted *via* the e-Tendering System or tenders not deposited in the Specified Tender Box will not be accepted.

For tender submission made *via* the e-Tendering System, tenderers should ensure that data transmission must be completed before the tender closing time. Tenderers are required to use the organizational e-Cert to sign the tender before submission *via* the e-Tendering system. Attention is drawn to the time required for the certification authority to issue the organizational e-Cert. Tenderers are advised to apply for organizational e-Cert well in advance of the tender closing date. Tenderers should ensure that the accounts of the e-Tendering System are valid well in advance of the tender closing date. Tenderers with invalid accounts or accounts without valid passwords will not be able to access the e-Tendering System to download the tender documents, submit tender queries and tenders. Details of the procedures for application of an e-Tendering System account, Terms and Conditions, Frequently Asked Questions and User Manual of the e-Tendering System are available on the website (<https://www.gov.hk/en/theme/etendering/ets/>).

The hard copy of the tenders must be sealed and 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. The hard copy of the tenders must be deposited in the tender box as specified in this tender notice ('Specified Tender Box') before the tender closing time.

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, 31 March 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, 31 March 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 (<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/today.htm>).

Forms of tender and further particulars may be downloaded *via* the e-Tendering System. Further enquires can be made *via* the e-Tendering System or tenderers can contact Sewage Treatment Division 2 of Drainage Services Department, at 2/F, Administration Building, Stonecutters Island Sewage Treatment Works, Ngong Shung Road, Ngong Shuen Chau, Kowloon, Hong Kong (Contact Person: Mr. SAM Kai-pong, Derek, Telephone Number: (852) 2195 3460; Fax Number: (852) 2991 4233; Email Address: dkpsam@dsd.gov.hk).

Open tendering is adopted. All interested contractors who are accredited under the Hong Kong Laboratory Accreditation Scheme (HOKLAS) within the test categories of environmental testing are invited to tender.

This tender is not covered by the Agreement on Government Procurement of the World Trade Organization ('WTO GPA') and will not involve electronic auction

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 on the Internet at (<https://pcms2.gld.gov.hk/>).

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