

It is hereby notified that tenders are invited for **Contract No. HY/2023/08—Central Kowloon Route—Remaining Works (Public Works Programme Item No. 461TH)**. The works mainly include:—

- (a) design and construction of landscaping works at Yau Ma Tei Landscaped Deck, Yau Ma Tei Rest Gardens, North Tree Park and Kai Tak Phase 2B Landscaped Deck;
- (b) improvement of a section of Kai Fuk Road of approximately 300 m in length;
- (c) planting of compensatory trees; and
- (d) associated civil works, electrical and mechanical works, road and drainage works, lighting works and establishment works.

The works are scheduled to commence in August 2024 and will take about 46 months to complete.

Tenderers must submit completed tenders in both soft and hard copies. The soft copy of the completed tender must be submitted *via* the e-Tendering System and the hard copy must be placed in the Government Secretariat Tender Box located at the lobby of the Public Entrance on the Ground Floor, East Wing, Central Government Offices, 2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong. Both hard and soft copies must be submitted before 12.00 noon on Friday, 3 May 2024. Late tenders or tenders not submitted *via* the e-Tendering System or tenders not deposited in the tender box as specified in this tender notice ('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 tender 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 tender must be deposited in the 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, 3 May 2024, 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, 3 May 2024, 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>).

Form of tender and further particulars must be downloaded *via* the e-Tendering System. Further enquiries can be made *via* the e-Tendering System or tenderers can contact the office of Arup—Mott MacDonald Joint Venture at Level 5 Festival Walk, 80 Tat Chee Avenue, Kowloon Tong, Hong Kong (Contact person: Mr. Ken CHAN, Telephone Number: 2268 3560 and Fax Number: 2268 3954).

Selective tendering is adopted. Contractors meeting all the following requirements (a) and (b) or joint ventures with participation of local and/or overseas contractors meeting the following requirement (c) are invited to tender:—

- (a) on the List of Approved Contractors for Public Works in Group C under the Roads and Drainage Category;
- (b) having completed at least one (1) works contract involving public open space landscaping works in or outside the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region with an adjusted contract sum of not less than four hundred (400) million Hong Kong dollars within the past ten (10) years counting from but excluding the original date set for the close of tender. The adjusted contract sum shall be the award contract sum being adjusted to current price level as stipulated in the tender documents;
- (c) In case of a joint venture tenderer,
 - (i) the lead participant/major shareholder being on the List of Approved Contractors for Public Works in Group C under the Roads and Drainage Category; and
 - (ii) the participants/shareholders collectively having completed at least one (1) works contract involving public open space landscaping works in or outside the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region with an adjusted contract sum of not less than four hundred (400) million Hong Kong dollars within the past ten (10) years counting from but excluding the original date set for the close of tender. The adjusted contract sum shall be the award contract sum being adjusted to current price level as stipulated in the tender documents.

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 Contractors for Public Works in Group C under the Roads and Drainage 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 12 April 2024 to Chief Engineer 2/Major Works, Major Works Project Management Office, Highways Department, at 6th Floor, Ho Man Tin Government Offices, 88 Chung Hau Street, Ho Man Tin, Kowloon, 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.

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 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://pcms2.gld.gov.hk/>).

15 March 2024

Jimmy P. M. CHAN *Director of Highways*