

CONTRACT NO. GE/2022/14
JOINT CAVERN DEVELOPMENT AT ANDERSON ROAD QUARRY SITE
PWP ITEM NOS. 5792CL AND 7851CL

NOTICE OF PREQUALIFICATION OF TENDERERS

It is intended to invite tenders in the 4th quarter of 2022 from prequalified tenderers for Contract No. GE/2022/14—Joint Cavern Development at Anderson Road Quarry Site. The tenders to be invited will be 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 scope of works of the contract comprises the design and construction of caverns, adits and portals and the structural and architectural elements, both on surface land and within caverns, for reprovisioning of Public Works Central Laboratory (PWCL) and building of Government Records Service's new Archives Centre at Anderson Road Quarry site, and the subsequent demolishing of the existing PWCL Building in Kowloon Bay. The contract is scheduled to commence in the 1st quarter of 2023 and will take about 80 months to complete.

Confirmed contractors on the List of Approved Contractors for Public Works in Group C under the Site Formation Category or joint ventures with participation of local and/or overseas contractors with at least one of the participants or shareholders being a confirmed contractor on the List of Approved Contractors for Public Works in Group C under the Site Formation Category, who also meet the following requirements and other qualifications and conditions for participation stipulated in the prequalification documents are invited to apply for prequalification:—

- (1) The applicant, or the participants/shareholders collectively in case of a joint venture applicant, has undertaken at least one completed Design and Build contract, with an adjusted contract value not less than HK\$900 million in or outside Hong Kong within the past 15 years counting from the original date set for the close of receipt of prequalification submission;
- (2) The applicant, or the participants/shareholders collectively in case of a joint venture applicant, has undertaken at least one completed or ongoing construction contract involving the construction of underground tunnel(s) or cavern(s) by drill and blast method with the largest transverse cross-sectional area of not less than 50 square metres and with total excavation volume of not less than 48 000 cubic metres, with an adjusted contract value not less than HK\$400 million in or outside Hong Kong within the past 15 years counting from the original date set for the close of receipt of prequalification submission; and
- (3) The applicant, or the participants/shareholders collectively in case of a joint venture applicant, has undertaken at least one completed building works contract, with an adjusted contract value not less than HK\$400 million in or outside Hong Kong within the past 15 years counting from the original date set for the close of receipt of prequalification submission.

(The adjusted contract value shall be the original contract value being adjusted to current price level as stipulated in the prequalification documents.)

In case of a joint venture applicant, the requirement in either paragraph (1) or (2) below has to be satisfied:—

- (1) the lead participant or major shareholder is a confirmed Group C contractor included in the List of Approved Contractors for Public Works under the Site Formation Category; OR
- (2) the lead participant or major shareholder is a contractor who is not enlisted in any service category under the List of Approved Contractors for Public Works and the List of Approved Suppliers of Materials and Specialist Contractors for Public Works. In this case,
 - (i) the total percentage participation of participant(s) or shareholder(s) who is/are confirmed Group C contractor(s) included in the List of Approved Contractors for Public Works under the Site Formation Category is at least 40%;

- (ii) the percentage participation of the lead participant or major shareholder is no more than 60%; and
- (iii) the lead participant or major shareholder has completed, in the capacity of main contractor, at least two construction contracts involving site formation works, each of an adjusted contract value not less than HK\$1,500 million, in or outside Hong Kong, within the past 7 years counting from the original date set for the close of receipt of prequalification submission. The adjusted contract value shall be the original contract value being adjusted to current price level as stipulated in the prequalification documents.

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

Contractors not yet on the List of Approved Contractors for Public Works in Group C under the Site Formation Category may also submit a prequalification application if they submit a request for participation together with a duly completed application for inclusion in the above-mentioned approved list/category by 17 June 2022 to Chief Geotechnical Engineer/Geotechnical Projects at Geotechnical Projects Division, Geotechnical Engineering Office, Civil Engineering and Development Department, 8th Floor, Civil Engineering and Development Building, 101 Princess Margaret Road, 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 date set for the close of receipt of prequalification submission. Details for making the application are available at:—

http://www.devb.gov.hk/en/construction_sector_matters/contractors/index.html

The prequalification documents are obtainable from AECOM Asia Co. Ltd. at 9th Floor, Grand Central Plaza, Tower 2, 138 Shatin Rural Committee Road, Shatin, New Territories, Hong Kong (Contact Person: Mr. Andrew Seto, Telephone Number: (852) 3922 8798; Fax Number: (852) 3922 9797; Email: (andrew.seto@aecom.com)).

A charge will be levied for delivery of the prequalification documents where the delivery of prequalification documents is requested by an applicant. A written request must be made.

Not more than four (4) applicants will be selected for tender invitations in accordance with the evaluation criteria stipulated in the prequalification documents.

Completed prequalification applications shall be submitted not later than 12.00 noon on Friday, 15 July 2022 to Chief Geotechnical Engineer/Geotechnical Projects at Geotechnical Projects Division, Geotechnical Engineering Office, Civil Engineering and Development Department, 8th Floor, Civil Engineering and Development Building, 101 Princess Margaret Road, Ho Man Tin, Kowloon, Hong Kong ('Specified Address'). Completed prequalification applications must be submitted to the Specified Address before the closing time. Applications not submitted to the Specified Address or late applications 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 and 12.00 noon on Friday, 15 July 2022, the 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 Specified Address at any time between 9.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon on Friday, 15 July 2022, the Government will announce extension of the application closing time until further notice. Following removal of the blockage, the Government will announce the extended application 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>).

Joint ventures satisfying the requirements stated in the prequalification documents will be considered.

The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region reserves the right to reject any application and to negotiate with any applicants about the terms of their offers.