It is hereby notified that tenders are invited for Contract No. 2055EM23T—Triennial Term Contract for the Maintenance and Repair, Alteration and Additions to Fire Service Installations in Venues of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Maintained by Hong Kong Maintenance Sub-division TWO of General Engineering Services Division. The works include operation, maintenance, alteration, addition and improvement of fire service installations in various venues of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region maintained by Hong Kong Maintenance Sub-division TWO of General Engineering Services Division. The works are scheduled to commence in November 2024 and will take about 36 months to complete.

The tender closing time and date is at 12.00 noon on Friday, 9 August 2024.

A tenderer must submit its tender in electronic format *via* the Electronic Tendering System for works contracts ('e-TS(WC)'). Late submission will not be accepted.

In addition to the electronic submission, a tenderer may opt to submit its tender in hard copy as well. Submission in hard copy is optional and it will not be used unless falling within the exceptions stated in the conditions of tender. If a tenderer opts to submit a hard copy tender in addition to electronic submission, the tenders must be sealed, 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, Public Works Tender Board and placed in Public Works Tender Box located in Room 503, 5/F, Low Block, Queensway Government Offices, 66 Queensway, Hong Kong. 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.

The tender closing date may be extended under the following circumstances:—

- (a) If tropical cyclone signal No. 8 or above, or a black rainstorm warning signal is hoisted or if 'extreme conditions after super typhoons' announced by the Government is in force at any time between 9.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon on the tender closing date, the tender closing time will be extended 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. Saturday is not counted as a working day. The announcements on 'extreme conditions after super typhoons' will be made *via* press releases website of the Information Services Department (http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/today.htm);
- (b) If there is a 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 the tender closing date, the Government will announce extension of the tender closing date and time until further notice. Following removal of the blockage, the Government will announce the extended tender closing date and time as soon as practicable. The announcements will be made *via* press releases website of the Information Services Department (https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/today.htm); or
- (c) If there is any other reason which in the Government's view shall affect the close of tender, the Government will notify tenderers of the extension in tender closing date and time *via* the e-TS(WC) and/or emails.

The tender documents are included in the Electronic Dissemination Package ('EDP') which can be downloaded from the e-TS(WC) *via* this link (https://www1.ets.gov.hk/eTp_ext/views/index. zul). Hard copy of the EDP will not be issued.

Regarding the use of e-TS(WC), tenderers should take note of the following:—

- (i) Prior to downloading tender documents, tenderers must register an account on the e-TS(WC).
- (ii) Certain electronic files required to be submitted with the tender require digital signature(s). Tenderers are advised to apply for the Organizational e-Cert in advance and ensure its validity.
- (iii) Tenderers are reminded to ensure that data transmission is completed before the close of tender.

- (iv) Detailed information on procedures for application of an e-TS(WC) account, Terms and Conditions of Use and Participation, User Manual and Frequently Asked Questions can be found on the website (https://www.gov.hk/en/theme/etendering/ets).
- (v) For general enquiry, please call 3997 1844 and for technical support, please call 6310 9329.

Selective tendering is adopted. Contractors on the List of Approved Suppliers of Materials and Specialist Contractors for Public Works in Group II under the Fire Service Installation 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 Fire Service Installation Category, who also meet the qualifications and conditions for participation stipulated in the tender documents are invited to tender.

Contractors not yet on the List of Approved Suppliers of Materials and Specialist Contractors for Public Works under the category of Fire Service Installation (Group II) 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 23 July 2024 to General Engineering Services Division, 6/F, Electrical and Mechanical Services Department, 3 Kai Shing Street, 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:—

https://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/).

28 June 2024

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