

It is hereby notified that tenders are invited for **Contract No. 1178EM23T—Triennial Term Contract for Operation and Maintenance of Air-conditioning Installations in Various Venues of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Maintained by Hong Kong Maintenance Sub-division ONE of General Engineering Services Division**. The scope of the Works includes operation, maintenance, alteration, addition and improvement of air-conditioning installations in various venues of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region maintained by Hong Kong Maintenance Sub-division ONE of General Engineering Services Division. The Contract is scheduled to commence in January 2024 for expiry in December 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 Public Works Tender Box situated in Room 503, 5/F., Low Block, Queensway Government Offices, 66 Queensway, Hong Kong. Both hard and soft copies must be submitted before 12.00 noon on Friday, 11 August 2023. Late tenders or soft copy of tenders not submitted *via* the e-Tendering System or hard copy of 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. The file size of the form of tender is limited to 100 MB. The total file size of all documents attached to the tender submission is limited to 10 GB and size of each file is limited to 500 MB. Tenderers should ensure that the accounts of the e-Tendering System are valid well in advance of the tender closing date. 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/>).

Hard copy sealed 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, Public Works Tender Board. 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, 11 August 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, 11 August 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/ctoday.htm>)

Forms of tender and further particulars must be downloaded *via* the e-Tendering System. To log in the system to download the tender documents, tenderers should hold valid accounts of the e-Tendering System. 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. Enquiries about this tender can be made *via* the e-Tendering System or to the following Project Engineer:—

Mr. HO Chung-yeung, Jeremy

Postal Address : General Engineering Services Division, 6th Floor, Electrical and Mechanical Services Department, 3 Kai Shing Street, Kowloon, Hong Kong

Telephone No. : (852) 3757 6079

Fax No. : (852) 3521 1090

Email : jeremyho@emsd.gov.hk

Selective tendering is adopted. Confirmed contractors on the List of Approved Suppliers of Materials and Specialist Contractors for Public Works under the category of 'Air-conditioning Installation (Group II)' or joint ventures with participation of local and/or overseas contractors with the lead participant or the major shareholder being a confirmed contractor on the List of Approved Suppliers of Materials and Specialist Contractors for Public Works under the category of 'Air-conditioning Installation (Group II)' 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 'Air-conditioning 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 28 July 2023 to Mr. HO Chung-yeung, Jeremy, General Engineering Services Division, 6th Floor, 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/>).

30 June 2023

PANG Yiu-hung *Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services*