

It is hereby notified that tenders are invited for **Contract No. GE/2022/24, Landslip Prevention and Mitigation Programme, 2020, Package C, Landslip Prevention and Mitigation Works**. The works mainly comprise upgrading of some 28 government slopes and retaining walls and natural terrain hazard mitigation works to some 2 natural terrain study areas in Hong Kong Island, New Territories and Outlying Islands. The works are scheduled to commence in December 2023 and will take about 42 months to complete.

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, 5th Floor, Low Block, Queensway Government Offices, 66 Queensway, Hong Kong.

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 total file size of all documents attached to 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. 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, Public Works 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.

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.

If a tropical cyclone warning 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/today.htm>).

Forms 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 Mr. Y. C. KOO, Director, Fugro (Hong Kong) Limited at 10/F, Fugro House—KCC2, 1 Kwai On Road, Kwai Chung, New Territories, Hong Kong (Telephone No.: 2577 9023; Fax No.: 2895 2379; Email Address: fhk@fugro.com).

Selective tendering is adopted. Contractors on the List of Approved Suppliers of Materials and Specialist Contractors for Public Works—Landslip Preventive/Remedial Works to Slopes/Retaining Walls who also meet the qualifications and conditions for participation stipulated in the tender documents are invited to tender.

Contractors will be liable to have their names removed from the approved list if they fail or refuse to implement an accepted tender.

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 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/>).

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