

ADVANCE CIVIL ENGINEERING WORKS FOR PUBLIC HOUSING
DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS BATCH 14 (2024–2026) AND
ADVANCE CIVIL ENGINEERING WORKS FOR PUBLIC HOUSING
DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS BATCH 15 (2024–2026)

NOTICE OF PRE-QUALIFICATION OF TENDERERS

Pre-qualification of tenderers is hereby invited for the ‘Advance Civil Engineering Works for Public Housing Development Projects Batch 14 (2024–2026)’ and ‘Advance Civil Engineering Works for Public Housing Development Projects Batch 15 (2024–2026)’ Contracts at various sites at various Districts in Hong Kong.

The contracts mainly comprises the following works:—

- (a) road/junction improvement and associated works;
- (b) relocation/modification of bus lay-by and associated works;
- (c) drainage connection, improvement and associated works; and
- (d) sewerage connection, improvement and associated works.

The ‘Advance Civil Engineering Works for Public Housing Development Projects Batch 14 (2024–2026)’ and ‘Advance Civil Engineering Works for Public Housing Development Projects Batch 15 (2024–2026)’ Contracts are expected to commence in Q2/2024 and Q3/2024 respectively with a contract period of approximately 24 months.

Only contractors satisfying the following criteria are eligible for the pre-qualification:—

- (i) They must be currently Group A, Group B or Group C contractors in the ‘Roads and Drainage’ category on the Development Bureau’s ‘List of Approved Contractors for Public Works’ (including probationary contractors in the list(s) and Registered General Building Contractors with the Buildings Department;
- (ii) They must be undertaking or having completed at least one similar local roads and drainage works contract (with contract value of over \$20M) as a Main Contractor within the past three years (preceding the due date of submission for pre-qualification as stipulated in this Gazette Notice) for the Housing Authority (HA), other government departments of HKSAR, quasi-government bodies or private developers; and with experience in traffic/utilities diversion and excavation permit application. The contract under consideration must be located in built-up areas;
- (iii) They must have less than 10% of ‘Adverse’ reports for all their on-going or completed HA or other government ‘Roads and Drainage’ works contracts in the past three years (preceding the due date of submission for pre-qualification as stipulated in this Gazette Notice);
- (iv) They must have acquired ISO 9001 certification with scope of certification covering roads and drainage works;
- (v) They must meet the capital requirements set out in ‘Notes for Submission of Financial Information for Financial Evaluation’ collected separately from the office of Civil Engineering section 1, 13th floor, Pioneer Centre, 750 Nathan Road, Kowloon from Friday, 27 October 2023.
- (vi) They are not being restricted or suspended from tendering or removed from the Development Bureau’s ‘List of Approved Contractors for Public Works’ in the ‘Roads and Drainage’ category and Buildings Department’s ‘List of Registered General Building Contractors’ when being considered for admission to the pre-qualified tenderers list, tender invitation, tender award; and
- (vii) They are not being imposed any regulatory action by HA for works of similar nature when being considered for admission to the pre-qualified tenderers list, tender invitation, tender award.

Contractors, who can satisfactorily demonstrate the fulfillment to the pre-qualification criteria above, will be invited to the pre-qualification interview separately after they have expressed interest to tender.

Contractors who are interested in the pre-qualification to tender for the two above-mentioned contracts are requested to submit the following information with their application, in duplicate:—

- (I) Their company profiles including management structures;
- (II) Details of their contract(s) mentioned in item (ii) of the pre-qualification criteria, including nature and scope of the contract(s), commencement and completion dates of the contract(s), sum of the contract(s), names and contact details of the employer(s);
- (III) Records of HA and other government departments' performance assessment on all their current and completed 'Roads and Drainage' works contracts in the past three years (preceding the due date of submission for pre-qualification as stipulated in this Gazette Notice);
- (IV) Certified true copy of their ISO 9001 certification indicating scope of certification covering roads and drainage works; and
- (V) Schedules of information for financial evaluation. The set of schedules entitled 'Submission of Financial Information for Financial Evaluation' can be collected from the office of Civil Engineering section 1, 13th floor, Pioneer Centre, 750 Nathan Road, Kowloon from Friday, 27 October 2023. The completed schedules are to be enclosed in a separately sealed and confidential envelope addressed to 'Finance Sub-division, Risk Management Unit of the Hong Kong Housing Authority'.

Contractors must confirm:—

- (A) in writing their acceptance of 'related company restriction' when accepting the pre-qualification invitation, as follows:—

'We confirm to comply with the 'related company restriction' ^{Note 1} that only one of our related companies is allowed to submit tender for a particular contract. Non-compliance will render our tender submitted by our related companies null and void and not being considered by HA.';

- (B) their agreement to abide by this expression of interest to pre-qualification of tenderers for the period of 6 months from the date fixed for receiving the same and it shall remain binding upon them and may be accepted at any time before the expiry of this period;
- (C) in writing their acceptance of 'tender irregularity restriction' when accepting the pre-qualification invitation, as follows:—

'Without prejudice to the rights and remedies which HA may have, should we fail to submit tender after we have committed to do so or withdraw our tender after submission, our participation in future pre-qualification/tendering exercise will be adversely affected, as such failure has reflected the poor attitude and sincerity of a tenderer in preparing and submitting a tender.'; and

- (D) in writing their acceptance of 'probity requirement' when accepting the pre-qualification invitation, as follows:—

'We shall be responsible for our own good behaviour as well as that of our sub-contractors, employees and agents. We shall incorporate the company probity/ethical integrity requirements (i.e. company Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct as applicable) into the contracts/agreements with our counterparties including sub-contractors, suppliers and agents to ensure that they would uphold the same standards of honesty and integrity. We shall advise our sub-contractors, employees and agents that they are not allowed to offer or give any advantage or excessive entertainment to any of HA employees or members of their family, or to solicit or accept any advantage or excessive entertainment from other sub-contractors, employees and agents in relation to the services under any HA contract. We may be subject to regulatory actions if we, our sub-contractors, employees or agents have committed any offence under the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance in relation to any HA contract. In addition, we may be subject to regulatory actions for our poor integrity such as negligence, misconduct and impropriety, or that of our sub-contractors, employees or agents unless the misconduct is not within the control of us, or for bringing disrepute on HA in relation to any HA contracts.'

Application in writing including completed schedules mentioned in item (V) above shall be labelled with titles of the two above-mentioned contracts, addressed to the Chairman, Tender Opening Committee, Hong Kong Housing Authority, and reach HA before 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 24 November 2023 (Hong Kong Time) in one of the following ways:—

- (1) be deposited personally in the Hong Kong Housing Authority Tender Box situated at Ground Floor, Block 2, Housing Authority Headquarters, 33 Fat Kwong Street, Kowloon, Hong Kong, or

(2) be sent by post or courier to:—

The Chairman, Tender Opening Committee,
c/o Receipt and Dispatch Unit,
The Hong Kong Housing Authority,
Basement 1, Block 2,
Housing Authority Headquarters
33 Fat Kwong Street, Kowloon
Hong Kong

Late submissions shall not be considered. Only those contractors who can satisfactorily demonstrate possession of the necessary experience and capability as well as fulfillment to the pre-qualification criteria above will be allowed to tender. Inclusion in the list of tenderers will be at the entire discretion of the Hong Kong Housing Authority.

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Note 1 Companies are deemed to be related if their relationship falls within the meaning of 'related parties' as defined in the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants—Hong Kong Accounting Standard (HKAS 24) on Related Party Disclosures. For relevant definitions and updates on 'related parties', please refer to the HKICPA's website.