

It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in duplicate are invited for **Contract No. 21/WSD/21—Relocation of Diamond Hill Fresh Water and Salt Water Service Reservoirs to Caverns**. The works mainly comprise construction of the relocated Diamond Hill Fresh Water and Salt Water Service Reservoirs and associated pumping stations, the required caverns, tunnel and adits, and laying of water mains of diameters ranging from 250 millimetres to 800 millimetres with an approximate total length of 13 kilometres. The works are scheduled to commence in July 2022 and will take about 58 months to complete.

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, Central Tender Board and placed in Government Secretariat Tender Box situated at the lobby of the Public Entrance on the Ground Floor, East Wing, Central Government Offices, 2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong, before 12.00 noon on Friday, 22 April 2022. 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. 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, 22 April 2022, 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, 22 April 2022, 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 (<http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/today.htm>).

Forms of tender and further particulars are obtainable from Binnies Hong Kong Limited at 43rd Floor, AIA Kowloon Tower, 100 How Ming Street, Kwun Tong, Kowloon, Hong Kong (Contact Person: Mr. Stephanus SHOU, Telephone Number: (852) 2601 1000; Fax Number: (852) 2601 3988; E-mail Address: shouwl@binnies.com).

Selective tendering is adopted. Contractors or joint ventures with participation of local and/or overseas contractors meeting all the following requirements (a), (b) and (c) are invited to tender:—

- (a) (1) a Group C contractor on the List of Approved Contractors for Public Works under both the categories of:—
 - (i) Waterworks; and
 - (ii) Roads and Drainageon the original date set for the close of tender or, if this has been extended, the extended date; OR
- (2) a joint venture satisfying the following requirements:—
 - (i) the lead participant/major shareholder is a Group C contractor on the List of Approved Contractors for Public Works under the category of Waterworks or Roads and Drainage on the original date set for the close of tender or, if this has been extended, the extended date;
 - (ii) at least one (1) participant/shareholder (which for the avoidance of doubt can be the lead participant/major shareholder) is a Group C contractor on the List of Approved Contractors for Public Works under the category of Waterworks on the original date set for the close of tender or, if this has been extended, the extended date; and
 - (iii) at least one (1) participant/shareholder (which for the avoidance of doubt can be the lead participant/major shareholder) is a Group C contractor on the List of Approved Contractors for Public Works under the category of Roads and Drainage on the original date set for the close of tender or, if this has been extended, the extended date.

- (b) having completed at least one (1) construction contract involving waterworks or underground tunnelling works or cavern construction works with an adjusted original contract sum at the time of contract award of not less than HK\$560 million in or outside Hong Kong within the past fifteen (15) years counting from the original date set for the close of tender. The adjusted original contract sum shall be the original contract sum awarded being adjusted to current price level as stipulated in the tender documents, and
- (c) having completed at least one (1) construction contract involving 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 in or outside Hong Kong within the past fifteen (15) years, counting from the original date set for the close of tender.

The detailed requirements on the tenderer's qualification and those for joint ventures with participation of local and/or overseas contractors, if applicable, are stipulated in the tender documents.

Contractors not yet on the List of Approved Contractors for Public Works in Group C under (i) the Waterworks Category; or (ii) the Roads and Drainage Category 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 9 March 2022 to Chief Engineer/Project Management, Water Supplies Department, on 46th Floor, Immigration Tower, 7 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, 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:—

http://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.

A charge will be levied for the delivery of tender documents where the delivery of tender documents is requested by a tenderer. A written request must be made.

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 January 2022

Kelvin K. W. LO *Director of Water Supplies*