

It is hereby notified that tenders are invited for a **contract to supply hardware, software, and to provide services in relation to the enhancement of the backup and restore system for information technology infrastructure for the Social Welfare Department (Tender Reference: SWDT122022).**

Tender Documents in compact discs are obtainable during office hours from the Information Systems and Technology Branch of the Social Welfare Department at Room 712, 7/F, Wu Chung House, 213 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai, Hong Kong. Enquiries can be made by phone on: (852) 2151 8013; or by facsimile on: (852) 2136 8733.

Open tendering is adopted. All interested contractors/suppliers/service providers are invited to tender.

Additional information is also available on the Internet at the following address:—

<http://www.swd.gov.hk>

A tender in triplicate must be placed and sealed in two separate envelopes. The 'Technical Proposal' must be placed and sealed in one envelope while the 'Price Proposal' must be placed and sealed in another envelope.

Tenders must be clearly marked with the tender reference, the subject of the tender and the tender closing date on the outside of the envelopes (but should not bear any indication which may relate the tender to the tenderer), addressed to the Chairman, Tender Opening Committee, Government Logistics Department, and be deposited in the Government Logistics Department Tender Box located on the Ground Floor, North Point Government Offices, 333 Java Road, North Point, Hong Kong before 12.00 noon (Hong Kong time) on 4 April 2023 (Tuesday). Tenders must be deposited in the tender box as specified in this tender notice ('Specified Tender Box') before the tender closing time. Late tenders or tenders not deposited in the Specified Tender Box will not be accepted.

In case 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 (Hong Kong time) on the tender closing date, the tender closing time will be postponed to 12.00 noon (Hong Kong time) on the first working day after the tropical cyclone warning 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 (Hong Kong time) on the tender closing date, 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>).

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 the tender with the highest combined score or any tender, and reserves the right to negotiate with any tenderer about the terms of the offer.

Details of the contract award will be published on the Internet at (http://www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_tenderdtl/).

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