

It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in duplicate are invited for **Contract No. TC M938—Term Contract for the Maintenance of Slopes for which the Architectural Services Department (Property Services Branch) is Responsible (Designated Contract Area: New Territories and Outlying Islands (North))**.

The works include the maintenance of slopes including minor repair works to slopes, vegetation maintenance and other preventive maintenance for which the Architectural Services Department (Property Services Branch) is responsible in the Designated Contract Area of New Territories and Outlying Islands (North). The contract period is 48 months, commencing in October 2023 tentatively.

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 the Government Secretariat Tender Box situated in 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, 14 April 2023. 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.

If 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, 14 April 2023, the tender closing time will be postponed to 12.00 noon 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 on Friday, 14 April 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 (<http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/today.htm>).

Forms of tenders and further particulars are obtainable from the Property Services Branch, Architectural Services Department, 5th Floor, Main Block, APB Centre, 9 Sung Ping Street, Hung Hom, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

For enquiry, please contact Ms. Viola LI, Project Quantity Surveyor (Telephone No.: 2773 2337; Fax No.: 2765 8153; Email Address: likyv@archsd.gov.hk).

Selective tendering is adopted. Contractors in Group C or confirmed contractors in Group B on the List of Approved Contractors for Public Works for Buildings Category or joint ventures with participation of local and/or overseas contractors with the lead participant or the major shareholder being on the above-mentioned approved list/category/group who also meet the following qualifications and other conditions for participation stipulated in the tender documents are invited to tender:—

- (a) the tenderer or in case of a joint venture tenderer, the lead participant/major shareholder in the joint venture tenderer must be a Group C contractor or a confirmed Group B contractor on the List of Approved Contractors for Public Works for Buildings Category;
- (b) the tenderer must have completed at least one (1) relevant Term Contract of contract value not less than HK\$166 million at current price in Hong Kong or any place outside Hong Kong in the past 8 years counting from the original date set for the close of tender (i.e. between 15 April 2015 and 14 April 2023); and
- (c) the tenderer must not have more than 10% performance reports for all Term Contracts in the Buildings Category rated as adverse based on the tenderer's past performance reports kept by Development Bureau (DEVB's record) in the 5-year period, which ends on the last Quarter End Date before the date being 2 months counting back from but exclusive of the original date set for the close of tender or, if this has been extended, the extended date (there are four Quarter End Dates in a year, namely the last day of February, May, August and November).

The detailed requirements on the tenderer's qualifications 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 above-mentioned approved list/category/group 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/group by 21 March 2023 to Chief Property Services Manager/3 of the Architectural Services Department, at 7th Floor, APB Centre, 9 Sung Ping Street, Hung Hom, 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:—

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 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 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/iprod/#/scn00101>

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