

It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in duplicate are invited for **Contract No. 18/WSD/21: Upgrading of Pui O raw water pumping station and Pui O No. 2 raw water pumping station and laying of water mains along South Lantau Road**. The works mainly comprise upgrading the combined raw water transfer capacity of the existing Pui O raw water pumping station and Pui O No. 2 raw water pumping station to 460 000 cubic metres per day and laying approximately 1.2 kilometres of water mains with diameter ranging from 1 200 millimetres (mm) to 1 400 mm along South Lantau Road to increase the raw water transfer capacity from Shek Pik Reservoir to Siu Ho Wan water treatment works. The works are scheduled to commence in the second quarter of 2022 and will take about 52 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 the 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, 11 March 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, 11 March 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 effect. 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 March 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 can be downloaded *via* the e-Tendering System. 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/>). Further enquiries can be made *via* the e-Tendering System or tenderers can contact 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)). Tenderers should hold valid accounts of the e-Tendering System for downloading tender documents and submitting tender queries.

Selective tendering is adopted. Contractors on the List of Approved Contractors for Public Works in Group C under the Waterworks Category or joint ventures with participation of local and/or overseas contractors with the lead participant or the major shareholder being a contractor on the List of Approved Contractors for Public Works in Group C under the Waterworks Category, who also meet the qualifications and conditions for participation stipulated in the tender documents are invited to tender.

Contractors not yet on the List of Approved Contractors for Public Works in Group C under the Waterworks 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 31 January 2022 to Chief Engineer/Consultants Management, Consultants Management Division, New Works Branch, Water Supplies Department at 6th Floor, Sha Tin Government Offices, 1 Sheung Wo Che Road, Sha Tin, New Territories, 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.

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/>).

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