It is hereby notified that tenders are invited for provision of service to conduct a survey on small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).

The contract requires the tenderer to conduct four rounds of surveys on a sample of 2 500 SMEs in 2024, on their access to credit situation and experience in opening bank accounts in Hong Kong, using the survey questions provided by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA).

Tenderers must submit the completed tenders in two separate emails (one email of Technical Proposal in PDF format, and one email of Fee Proposal in PDF format). The submissions details can be found in the tender document.

One soft copy in response to this tender should be delivered by email no later than the closing time of 12.00 noon of Wednesday, 18 October 2023 (Hong Kong Time) to the following email address only:—

tender@hkma.gov.hk

Late tenders will not be accepted.

The tender document in form of electronic copy will be provided *via* email upon request made to the following email address:—

sme_survey@hkma.gov.hk

Tenderers should provide the names of their companies and the contact information of the persons-in-charge in their request for the tender document.

If tropical cyclone signal No. 8 or above is hoisted, or 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 the tender closing date, the 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.

Enquiries concerning the tender should be made to the following email address:-

sme_survey@hkma.gov.hk

This tender is covered by the Agreement on Government Procurement of the World Trade Organization.

The HKMA does not bind itself to accept the lowest tender or any tender, and reserves the right to negotiate with any tenderer about the terms of the offer.

Details of the award of this contract will be published in the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Gazette and made available on the websites of the *Gazette* (https://www.gld.gov.hk/egazette) and the HKMA (https://www.hkma.gov.hk).

8 September 2023

Hong Kong Monetary Authority