

Notice of Inviting Expression of Interest through Internet

Agreement No. WD 1/2005
Further Study on Dualling of Hiram's Highway between Clear Water Bay Road and
Marina Cove and Improvement to Local Access to Ho Chung

Invitation for Expression of Interest

Interested consultants are invited to express their interest in undertaking the above consultancy.

Consultants should fulfill and declare that they have met the following longlisting criteria for their submissions to be considered further:

- (1) A company registered in Hong Kong with an office in Hong Kong with resident staff.
- (2) Have at least one professional staff in Hong Kong serving in each of the following service categories:
 - (a) General Civil Engineering;
 - (b) Geotechnical Engineering/Geology;
 - (c) Water Supply, Hydraulics and Hydrology;
 - (d) Traffic Engineering/Transportation;
 - (e) Highway Engineering/Bridges; and
 - (f) Environmental Studies

The scope of this consultancy, which is to commence in November 2005, is indicated in the draft Brief. Interested consultants may obtain an Electronic Invitation Package (EIP) in the context of Works Bureau Technical Circular No. 17/2001 for the assignment by contacting the following officers of Highways Department:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Post</u>	<u>Telephone</u>	<u>Fax No.</u>
Mr. M.K. Luk	Senior Engineer	3188 3288	3188 3418
Mr. C.W. Ng	Engineer	3188 3325	3188 3418

A full list of the electronic documents for preparing your submission is given in Schedule 2 of the "Licence Conditions for Electronic Invitation Packages" in the EIP. You will be deemed to have accepted these conditions if you use these documents.

If you are interested in this consultancy, you should reply to the Chief Highway Engineer/Works of Highways Department at 16/F, Skyline Tower, 39 Wang Kwong Road, Kowloon Bay, Kowloon before **12:00 noon on 15 September 2005 (Thursday)** by submitting **six (6)** sets of documents containing the following information in a maximum of four A4 pages and a minimum font size of 11:

- (a) your broad approach to the assignment and appreciation of requirements;
- (b) previous relevant experience both in Hong Kong and elsewhere;
- (c) an indication of key staff likely to be employed for the assignment, together with their curriculum vitae, degree of involvement in the project (in terms of time percentage) and current commitments in other projects (also in terms of time percentage);
- (d) an indication of sub-consultants to be employed; and
- (e) your comments on the draft Brief.

Late submission will not be considered.

Please note that no attachments, except for the curriculum vitae of the key staff likely to be employed on the consultancy, should be included in your submission. Submissions do not conform to the requirements in respect of the number of pages, the page size, the font size or the attachments will not be considered.

If a black rainstorm warning or typhoon signal No. 8 or above is hoisted between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on the closing date for receipt of the submissions, the closing date will be extended to 12:00 noon on the following working day.

You may make your submission in either electronic format or hard copy format. If part of the submission is made in both electronic and hard copy formats, the electronic format shall prevail over the corresponding hard copy format. If you elect to make your submission in electronic format, the documents for your proposal shall be prepared and submitted in accordance with the “Requirements for Submission of Proposal in Electronic Format” in **Annex A** of the EIP. All proposals, whether submitted in electronic format or in hard copy format, will be evaluated on an equal basis. The Expression of Interest in either format shall be submitted directly to this Department at the address mentioned above.

If you are a limited liability company, then you are required to submit documentary proof that the majority of the voting power in meetings of the company shall be held by directors who are consulting engineers (or equivalent professionals of associated professions).

You are required to declare any involvement or interest if it is considered by you to be in real or apparent conflict with the duties to be performed for this consultancy. This information will not be counted as part of the A4 size pages. Any involvement or interest declared would be carefully considered but would not automatically bar you from being further considered in the selection process.

Consultants undertaking the Agreement are required to comply with the requirements as described in the “Notes to the Requirements of Quality Management System Certification of Consultants” in **Annex B** of the EIP. You are required to submit all necessary documents together with your submission.

The list of consultants to which invitation letters for submitting expression of interest have been sent is given in **Annex C** of the EIP for your information. Based on the response received, normally not less than four suitable firms will be shortlisted for submission of technical and fee proposals.

Consultants having linkages to each other, e.g. subsidiaries, parent or sister companies, are not allowed to bid on the same agreement. Only one firm of such consultants, as the case may be, should submit expression of interest for this Agreement. You are required to declare any linkage with other consultants on the above list.

You are requested to note that the past performance of sub-consultants will be a criterion in the assessment of submissions.

It is intended that, from those consultants who express an interest in undertaking the assignment, a shortlist of consultants will be prepared for the assignment. The shortlisted consultants will be invited to submit technical and fee proposals for the assignment, based on which the final selection of the consultants will be made. However, you should note that the Government is not bound to invite technical and fee proposals from any of these consultants expressing an interest.

You are reminded that submissions are being invited on a non-commitment basis and Government is not responsible for your costs of preparing the submission. Please also note that documents of unsuccessful consulting firms will be destroyed three months after the date the Agreement has been awarded and signed.

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