Notice of Inviting Expression of Interest Through Internet Invitation Details

Agreement No. CE 21/2006 (GE)

Upgrading/Improvement of Roadside Man-made Slopes/Retaining Walls in Urban Region – 2006 to 2010 Programme (Package II)

– Investigation, Design and Construction

Invitation Expression of Interest (EOI)

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

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

- (a) A minimum number of 10 professionals based in Hong Kong of engineering disciplines;
- (b) A minimum number of 1 professional based in Hong Kong of Civil Engineering discipline; and
- (c) A minimum number of 3 professionals based in Hong Kong of Geotechnical Engineering/Geology disciplines.

The consultancy is to commence in September 2006. Interested consultants may obtain an Electronic Invitation Package (EIP) in the context of Works Bureau Technical Circular (WBTC) No. 17/2001 for the assignment by contacting the following officers of Highways Department:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Post</u>	<u>Telephone No.</u>	<u>Fax No.</u>
Mr. Y. K. LIU	Senior Engineer	2231 5682	2152 0429
Miss W. Y. YU	Assistant Engineer	2231 5629	2152 0429

If you are interested in this assignment, would you please reply to Chief Highway Engineer/HK of Highways Department at 7/F, North Point Government Offices, 333 Java Road, North Point, Hong Kong **before 12:00 noon on 11 July 2006**, by submitting six (6) sets of documents containing the following information in a maximum of four A4 page and a minimum font size of 10: -

- (a) your broad approach to the problem;
- (b) previous relevant commissions;
- (c) an indication of key staff likely to be employed for the assignment, together with their curriculum vitae:
- (d) an indication of sub- or associated Consultants to be employed; and
- (e) your comments on the draft Brief, if any.

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. Late submissions or submissions that 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 a.m. and 12 noon on the closing day for receipt of the submissions, the closing day shall be extended to 12 noon on the following working day (excluding Saturday).

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 and the direction shall be held by directors who are consulting engineers (or equivalent professionals of associated professions).

You are also 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. Any involvement or interest declared would be carefully considered but would not automatically bar you from being further considered in the selection process.

Based on the response received, normally 4 suitable firms/consortia will be shortlisted for submission of technical and fee proposals. Please note that submissions are being invited on a non-committal basis and Government is not responsible for your costs of preparing the submissions.

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.

Please also note that documents of unsuccessful consulting firms will be destroyed three months after the date the Agreement has been awarded and signed.

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" contained in the EIP. All proposals, whether submitted in electronic format or in hard copy format, will be evaluated on an equal basis.

Should you have any further query on the subject matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Y. K. LIU at 2231 5682 or Miss W. Y. YU at telephone 2231 5629. Your queries will be collated for a uniform reply with copy to all those invited to submit an expression of interest.