Notice of Inviting Expression of Interest through Internet

Agreement No. HL 1/2009 (HY)
Rehabilitation of Aged and Dilapidated Road Light Systems at Flyovers
Preliminary Design, Traffic Impact Assessment and Environmental Study

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:

(i) No. of local professional staff with expertise in structural engineering $\geq 1$;
(ii) No. of local professional staff with expertise in traffic engineer/transportation $\geq 1$;
(iii) No. of local staff with experience in environmental studies $\geq 1$; and
(iv) No. of local/overseas staff with experience in electrical and mechanical engineering $\geq 1$.

The scope of this consultancy, which is currently expected to commence in September 2009, is indicated in the draft Brief which are available for collection by appointment with Mr. C. S. CHENG, my engineer, at telephone no. 2370 4814/9686 3767 or via e-mail at em2-2.ltg@hyd.gov.hk.

If you are interested in this assignment, please reply to this office before 12:00 noon on 8 June 2009 by submitting five sets of documents containing the following information in a maximum of four A4 pages 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 attachments showing their curriculum vitae and an organization chart of the study/project team as necessary);
d. an indication of sub-consultants to be employed; and
e. your comments on the draft Brief.

Please note that no attachments, except attachments for the curriculum vitae of the key staff likely to be employed on the consultancy and the organization chart of the study/project team as mentioned above, 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 shall not be considered.

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 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.
The initial list of qualified consultants approached for this assignment is attached at Annex A for your information. Based on the response received, normally FOUR suitable firms will be shortlisted for submission of technical and fee proposals.

Consultants (these must be consulting firms to be eligible for being considered for this consultant selection exercise) having linkages to each other, e.g. subsidiaries, parent or sister companies are not allowed to bid on the same agreement. Only one firm among such consultants, as the case may be, should be allowed to submit expression of interest for a consultancy agreement. You are thus required to declare any linkage with other consultants on the above list. The existence of a holding-subsidiary relationship shall be determined in accordance with the provisions in Section 2(4) to (8) of the Companies Ordinance, Cap 32. “Sister companies” shall mean all companies which are subsidiaries of or otherwise belonging to the same holding company. Consultants having linkage should sort out among themselves before submitting any expression of interest.

For the purpose of this “no linkage” requirement, an academic institution and any separate entities/companies formed by the same academic institution or any of its current staff, or any two of such entities/companies (whether formed by the same staff or not), shall be regarded as “linked”. An academic institution, and all such entities/companies formed by it or any of its current staff (whether by the same staff or not), shall be allowed to submit only one expression of interest for the same consultancy agreement. You are also required to declare any such linkage with other consultants on the above list, if applicable. An entity/company is regarded as formed by the academic institution or its staff if the latter is a partner/shareholder or a director of the former, whether or not the latter is a founding partner/subscriber when the entity/company was formed.

Failure to observe this requirement shall render all related expression of interest submitted null and void and any such submission shall not be considered.

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

It should be noted that the Government will not be responsible for the reimbursement of any cost incurred by you for the preparation of the submission.

22 May 2009

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Annex A

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Initial List of Qualified Consultants

1. Bing Choy & Associates
2. Black & Veatch Hong Kong Ltd
3. CDM International Inc.
4. Hyder Consulting Ltd
5. Jacobs China Ltd
6. Maunsell Consultants Asia Ltd
7. Meinhardt Infrastructure and Environment Ltd
8. Mott Connell Ltd
9. MTR Corporation Ltd
10. Ove Arup & Partners Hong Kong Ltd
11. Parsons Brinckerhoff (Asia) Ltd
12. PolyU Technology & Consultancy Co. Ltd
13. Pypun Engineering Consultants Ltd
14. Scott Wilson Ltd