DEVELOPMENT BUREAU LIBRARY OF STANDARD NOTES TO TENDERERS

Important Notes:

- (1) This set of Notes to Tenderers ("NTT") is applicable to contracts using NEC4 TSC (June 2017, with amendments January 2023) form.
- (2) Project officers should refer to the latest technical circulars/memos on DEVB's website and Works Group Intranet Portal during their preparation of tender documents.
- (3) Project officers should use the library with caution and, if any anomalies are found, notify their departmental contract advisors for clarification, and if necessary, seek further clarification with the DEVB subject officer [AS(WP4)8, telephone no. 3509 7308].
- (4) Double check the correct references are inserted in the relevant spaces.

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[Remarks: Please be reminded to check the cross-reference with other parts of the tender and contract documents are correct.]

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NTT A1 Location of tender box	
*[The tender box (Government Secretariat Tender Box) is located at the Lobby of the Public Entrance on the Ground Floor, East Wing, Central Government Offices, 2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong.] ¹	* Delete as appropriate. ¹For tenders to be opened by the tender opening teams of the Central Tender Board. Any interim arrangement is subject to review and update by FSTB periodically. Project officers are required to check the latest arrangement.
*[The tender box (Public Works Tender Box) is located in Room 503 on the 5 th Floor, Low Block, Queensway Government Offices, 66 Queensway, Hong Kong.] ²	² For tenders to be opened by the tender opening teams of the Public Works Tender Board

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NTT A2 Procedures for opening tenders	
Tenders will be opened by the tender opening team of the [insert name of tender board] at 12 noon on the date set for the close of tender or, if this has been extended, the extended date at [insert location of tender box].	

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NTT A3 Pre-tender meeting [optional claus	e]
(1) The date, time and venue of the pre-tender meeting are as follows:	WBTC No. 4/92
Date:	
Time: Venue:	
(2) The tenderer shall make its own arrangement of the transportation for attending the pre-tender meeting.	
(3) The tenderer is required to complete the Reply Slip at Appendix [insert appropriate reference] to these Notes to Tenderers to confirm if it will attend	
the pre-tender meeting and nominate its representatives (not more than [insert appropriate number] persons) who will attend the pre-tender	
meeting. The completed Reply Slip is required to be submitted to the <i>Service Manager</i> designate by fax and post at the fax number and address stated in the Reply	
Slip by 5:00 p.m. on [insert appropriate date].	

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NTT A4 Clarifications from Service Manager designate	
Should the tenderer for any reason whatsoever be in doubt about the precise meaning of any item or figure contained in the documents it shall seek clarification from the Service Manager designate [Insert post title of Government officer / company name and contact details as appropriate.]	Advice directing tenderers to submit any queries about the particulars of the tender documents to the <i>Service Manager</i> designate preparing the tender documents (the contact telephone and fax numbers for enquiries should be included).

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NTT A5 Check list for tenders deposited in the tender box

- (1) Before the tender is sealed and delivered to the *Government Secretariat Tender Box / *Public Works Tender Box, please check the following:
- (a) The tender has been properly signed and the signature witnessed.
- (b) All the documents issued with or requested in the tender such as acknowledgements of receipt of corrigenda or addenda, are properly completed and attached to the tender.
- (c) Copies of the Form of Tender, Contract Data Part two including priced Schedule of Percentages are attached to [*the tender / * Tender Price Documents]. The *Central Tender Board / *Public Works Tender Board will make copies of the Form of Tender, Contract Data Part two including priced Schedule of Percentages on behalf of tenderers who have failed to submit copies of such documents and a charge of *[#\$12] /*[#\$16.2] or such amount as advised by the *Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury / *Chairman of the Public Works Tender Board periodically will be levied for each page so copied.
- (d) The envelope or cover holding the tender does not bear the name of the tenderer but the tender reference or contract number and the closing date should be shown on the cover.
- (2) The tenderer should also note the following:
- (a) Unless otherwise indicated, plans and drawings issued with the tender documents shall not be returned and deposited in the *Government Secretariat Tender Box / *Public Works Tender Box, such drawings are to be returned to the issuing office after submission of the tender.

- * Delete as appropriate.
- # Please update the figure where appropriate.

Please refer to Appendix 5.8 of Chapter 5 of the Project Administration Handbook).

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(b) Samples, if called for, should be submitted	
separately to the issuing office inviting the tenders with	
the tender reference or contract number indicated	
clearly on the cover, and should not be deposited in the	
*Government Secretariat Tender Box / *Public Works	
Tender Box.	
(c) The tender that is bulky should be wrapped	
properly with strong paper which is unlikely to break	
when the tender is being deposited in the Tender Box.	
The tender with a size exceeding 0.1m ² and a thickness	
of more than 30cm should be separated into smaller	
parcels, each parcel to be properly labelled.	
(d) For tender submission in electronic format, the	
tender opening team will make copies of the required	
documents on behalf of the tenderer who has failed to	
submit the required duplicate in electronic format. The	
tenderer may be asked to bear the cost of making the	
duplicate at a charge of [#\$54] per electronic file and a	
material charge of [#\$1.1] per CD-ROM and [#\$1.3]	
per 4.7GB DVD+/-R, or such amount as advised by	
the *Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury	
/ *Chairman of the Public Works Tender Board	
periodically will be levied for each duplicate so made.	
(3) Please allow adequate time for the tender to	
be delivered to the *Government Secretariat Tender	
Box / *Public Works Tender Box. The Tender Box is	
closed on the tender closing date, which will be a	
Friday, as soon as the 12:00 noon time signal is	
broadcast by a local radio channel and the staff of the	
*Central Tender Board / *Public Works Tender Board	
are under strict instruction not to accept the tender that	
is delivered after the closing time. However, 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 a.m. and 12 noon on the	

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tender closing date, the tender closing time will be	
extended to 12 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. In case of blockage of	
the public access to the location of the *Government	
Secretariat Tender Box / *Public Works Tender Box at	
any time between 9 a.m. and 12 noon on the tender	
closing date, the Government will announce extension	
of the tender closing date and time to a date and time	
to be specified in a further notice. Following removal	
of the blockage, the Government will announce the	
extended tender closing date and time as soon as	
practicable. The announcements concerning "extreme	
conditions after super typhoons" and blockage will be	
made via press releases on the website of Information	
Services Department	
(http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/today.htm). In	
order to ensure that the tender is deposited in the	
Tender Box well before the closing time, the tenderer	
should as far as possible arrange for the tender to be	
deposited before the closing date.	
(4) The tenderer may rest assured that no person	
is allowed access to the tender that has been deposited	
in the *Government Secretariat Tender Box / *Public	
Works Tender Box until after the closing time when	
they will be removed by authorized personnel.	

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NTT A6 Electronic submission	
(1) Tenderers may submit tenders in traditional hard copy format or partly in electronic format in accordance with Clause GCT 4 of the General Conditions of Tender. All tenders, whether in hard copy format or partly in electronic format, will be evaluated on an equal basis. (2) When submitting tenders in electronic format, tenderers are reminded to digitally sign their tenders in electronic format, which shall comply with the requirements set out in Appendix [#] ^{&} to General Conditions of Tender.	Advice to tenderers about electronic submission of tender returns in removable media. Note: # Please insert appropriate reference. & The requirements have been set out in Appendix 4 of ETWB TCW No. 11/2005.

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NTT A7 Changes in status of qualifications	
The tenderer should inform the Government in its tender submission of any factor which might affect its status of qualifications. The Government reserves the right to review the tenderer's qualified status in the light of any new information relevant to its qualifications.	Advice to tenderers to inform the Government of any factor which might affect the tenderer's qualified status (See SPR 330).

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NTT A8 Regulating actions on inappropriate conducts		
Where the tenderer (i) is involved in any of the inappropriate conducts as described in paragraph [5.13.1 [#]] of the Contractor Management Handbook and which gives rise to reasonable suspicions as to its capability or integrity or (ii) fails or refuses to implement an accepted tender, regulating action may be taken against the tenderer in accordance with the terms of the Contractor Management Handbook.	DEVB memo ref. DEVB(W) 546/70/02 dated 10.2.2021 Advice to tenderers about regulating actions for withdrawal of tenders within the tender validity period, or failure or refusal to implement an accepted tender. # Please check and update the paragraph number with reference to the prevailing version of the Contractor Management Handbook.	

Clause Remarks/Guidelines NTT A9 Regulating action (serious incident or conviction for site safety or environmental offences) Tenderers' attention is drawn to Clause [SCT 12][#] of This Clause is only applicable if Marking the Special Conditions of Tender requiring a statement Scheme Approach is used. of "no conviction" or a statement of all convictions Please refer to DEVB TCW No. 5/2023. under the Factories and Industrial Undertakings # Modify as appropriate. Ordinance (Cap. 59), the Occupational Safety and Health Ordinance (Cap. 509), the Shipping and Port Control Ordinance (Cap. 313), the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) Ordinance (Cap. 548), the Air Pollution Control Ordinance (Cap. 311), the Noise Control Ordinance (Cap. 400), the Waste Disposal Ordinance (Cap. 354), the Water Pollution Control Ordinance (Cap. 358), the Dumping at Sea Ordinance (Cap. 466), the Ozone Layer Protection Ordinance (Cap. 403), the Land (Miscellaneous Provisions)

Ordinance (Cap. 28), the Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance (Cap. 499), and the Hazardous Chemicals Control Ordinance (Cap. 595). The

statement needed takes no special form.

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NTT A10 Anti-collusion	
Tenderers' attention is drawn to the anti-collusion provisions in Clause GCT 26 of the General	Please refer to DEVB memo ref. (02B6J-01-6) in DEVB(W) 510/10/01 dated
Conditions of Tender.	24.3.2011.

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NTT A11 Formula Approach [Optional Clause]

- Tenders will be evaluated in accordance with (1) formula approach at Appendix [insert *appropriate reference*][#] to these Notes to Tenderers. Tenderers should note DEVB TC(W) No. 4/2014 and 4/2014A which set out the use of the Formula Approach for tender evaluation. Tenderers shall note that the Government is not bound to accept the tender with the highest overall score or any tender and may cancel the tender exercise on public interest ground. In considering the acceptance of a tender, the Government will take account of all relevant circumstances including the following:-
 - (i) The overall score:
 - (ii) The effect of incident of payments by discounting future payments to obtain the present values and use the present values to substitute the forecast total of the Prices* / Total Value for Tender Assessment (TVTA)* in determining the ranking of the tenders, if the forecast total of the Prices* / TVTA* /overall scores are very close;
 - (iii)The effect of exceptionally high or low priced items;
 - (iv) The tenderer's capability (financially, commercially and technically) undertaking this contract. For the avoidance of doubt, matters such as bankruptcy, false declaration, lack of integrity, acts of dishonesty, the latest available information and reports reflecting serious shortfall in performance and the latest available information and reports relating to serious site safety or environmental incidents may be taken into

To be used for tender evaluation using Formula Approach.

Please refer to DEVB TCW No. 4/2014 and 4/2014A. See also SDEV memos ref. DEVB(W) 546/84/01 dated 9.7.2021, DEVB(W) 510/30/01 dated 31.8.2022, DEVB(W) 546/84/01 dated 18.8.2023 and DEVB(W) 546/84/01 dated 10.11.2023.

- * Delete where appropriate.
- ** For use in tenders which EMSTF is eligible to bid
- # Please insert appropriate reference.

Net present value analysis is NOT applicable for NEC target contracts. Please replace sub-clause (1)(ii) as "not used" for NEC target contracts.

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account in determining whether a tenderer	
is fully capable of undertaking this	
contract [**. For tenders submitted by	
EMSTF, the letters of "non-compliance"	
issued by the relevant regulatory	
authorities shall also be treated as	
conviction records];	
(v) The effect of erratic pricing determined in	
accordance with Clause GCT 14 of the	
General Conditions of Tender; and	
(vi)The interest of national security.	
[Set out the details of the Stage I Screening and all the	
minimum requirements where applicable and the	
consequences of failing Stage I Screening.]	

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Appendix [X	[]	
The Form	nula Approach to Tender Evaluation	*D1. 1
(1) The takes into according to the formula highest over acceptance, procuring recommended technically, undertaking tender is the	the Formula Approach to Tender Evaluation to the Formula Approach to tender evaluation to the tenderer's past performance under the tenderer's past performance under the tender, a combined price and performance to the worked out in accordance with the below. Normally, the tender with the reall score should be recommended for subject to the usual requirement that the department is satisfied that the real tenderer is fully capable (including commercially and financially) of this contract, and that the recommended most advantageous to the Government in with the tender provisions. TVTA* among those conforming	* Delete where appropriate.
60 x	tenders the forecast total of the Prices* / TVTA* of the tenderer	
+ 40 x	the tenderer's performance score the highest performance score among those conforming tenders	
correction 1	al of the Prices* / TVTA* is subject to rules as stipulated in Clause [insert reference] of the General Conditions of Tender	

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	pose of calculation using the orming tender means a tender		
(a) conforms to the essen documentation; *and	ntial requirements of the tender		
(b) is submitted by a ten conditions of participation	derer which complies with the on*. / *; and		
*(c) has passed the Stage	e I Screening where applicable.		
A conforming tender with abnormally low or high contract percentages in the Schedule of Percentages / forecast total of the Prices* / TVTA* or which is considered unsuitable for recommendation for the award of this contract (such as financially, commercially or technically incompetent) remains to be a conforming tender. Performance Score (3) The "performance score" in the above			
formulae will be worke	ed out in accordance with the		
For cases where "training rating" is not applicable Performance score = "performance rating" + "safety rating" + merit/demerit point for safety			
For cases where "performance rating" + "training rating" is "safety rating" + "training applicable rating" + merit/demerit point for safety			
mark of the "performa from 111 (i.e. 100 for	ng rating" is applicable, the full nce score" will be increased "performance rating", 10 for merit/demerit point for safety)		

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to 112 or 113 (with an addition of 1 or 2 mark for "training rating").	
(A) Performance rating	
(5) The "performance rating" means the performance rating held in the DEVB's Contractors' Performance Index System (CMIS) on the original date set for the return of tenders or, if this has been extended, the extended date. The maximum rating in the CMIS is 100.	
(6) If a tenderer has been enlisted by way of substitution, the performance rating of this tenderer as recorded in the CMIS will take into account the past performance of the previous contractor.	
(7) If a tenderer does not have a rating on the particular date, it shall be assigned an average performance rating based on the performance ratings of the other tenderers who have submitted a conforming tender. In cases where the only conforming tenderer does not / all the conforming tenderers do not have any performance rating on the particular date, the tenderer(s) concerned will be given a performance rating of 50% of the maximum rating.	
Joint venture	
(8) The "performance rating" of a joint venture tenderer shall be evaluated as the higher of either — (i) the weighted average of the performance ratings of the participants or shareholders in the joint venture in accordance with their percentage participation; or	
(ii) the performance rating attained by the lead participant or major shareholder in the joint venture provided that the lead participant or	

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major shareholder has a percentage participation of at least 70%; and that-	
(I) all the other participants or shareholders are in the same Category as the lead participant or major shareholder and on the confirmed or probationary status of the same Group as the lead participant or major shareholder (where the lead participant or major shareholder is a confirmed contractor); or	
(II) all the other participants or shareholders are in the same Category as the lead participant or major shareholder and on probationary status of the same Group or on confirmed status of a Group lower than that of lead participant or major shareholder (where the lead participant or major shareholder is a probationary contractor).	
Where contractors not on the List of Approved Contractors for Public Works or contractors of more than one Category are invited to tender, only the method in (i) above is applicable in evaluation of performance rating of a joint venture tenderer.	
(9) For the purpose of evaluation using the method in paragraph 8(i) above, if a participant/shareholder in a joint venture has no performance rating, it will not be given any performance rating and its percentage participation shall be excluded from the calculation of the performance rating of the joint venture tenderer under paragraph 8(i). For example, if joint venture tenderer A is composed of 3 participants X, Y and Z with 30%, 30% and 40% shares respectively. If participant X	

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has a performance rating of 60, participant Y has a performance rating of 50 and participant Z has no performance rating, the performance rating for the joint venture tenderer A shall be $(60 \times 0.3 + 50 \times 0.3)/(0.3 + 0.3) = 55$. If none of the participants/shareholders in this joint venture has any performance rating, the performance rating of this joint venture tenderer shall be calculated in accordance with paragraph 7 above by considering this joint venture tenderer being a tenderer	
as described in that paragraph. (B) Safety rating	
Calculation of safety rating	
(10) The "safety rating" is worked out from the past accident rates under public works contracts as per the accident and records of man-hours worked kept in DEVB's PWP Construction Site Safety & Environmental Statistics (PCSES) for three 12-month periods fixed by reference to the original date set for the close of tender or, if this has been extended, the extended date, according to paragraphs 11 to 16 below.	
(11) The three 12-month periods shall end on the last day of the calendar month immediately preceding the dates being 2 months (1st 12-month period), 14 months (2nd 12-month period) and 26 months (3rd 12-month period) respectively counting back from but excluding the original date set for the close of tender or, if this has been extended, the extended date. A table showing the three 12-month periods and measuring dates for tender closing dates is given below for illustration purpose.	

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Example to illustrate the three 12-month periods and measuring dates for tender closing dates

The original date set for the close of tender, or if this has	First 12- Month Period		Secon	Second 12- Month Period		Third 12- Month Period			
been extended, the extended date being a date falling within the following period	From	To	Measuring Date	From	To	Measuring Date	From	To	Measuring Date
1 to 31 Jan-21	1-Nov-19								
1 to 28 Feb-21	1-Dec-19	30-Nov-20		1-Dec-18					
1 to 31 Mar-21	1-Jan-20	31-Dec-20	31-Dec-20	1-Jan-19	31-Dec-19	31-Dec-19	1-Jan-18	31-Dec-18	31-Dec-18
1 to 30 Apr-21	1-Feb-20	31-Jan-21	31-Jan-21	1-Feb-19	31-Jan-20	31-Jan-20	1-Feb-18	31-Jan-19	31-Jan-19
1 to 31 May-21	1-Mar-20	28-Feb-21	28-Feb-21	1-Mar-19	29-Fcb-20	29-Feb-20	1-Mar-18	28-Feb-19	28-Feb-19
1 to 30 Jun-21	1-Apr-20	31-Mar-21	31-Mar-21	1-Apr-19	31-Mar-20	31-Mar-20	1-Apr-18	31-Mar-19	31-Mar-19
1 to 31 Jul-21	1-May-20	30-Apr-21	30-Apr-21	1-May-19	30-Apr-20	30-Apr-20	1-May-18	30-Apr-19	30-Apr-19
1 to 31 Aug-21	1-Jun-20	31-May-21	31-May-21	1-Jun-19	31-May-20	31-May-20	1-Jun-18	31-May-19	31-May-19
1 to 30 Sep-21	1-Jul-20	30-Jun-21	30-Jun-21	1-Jul-19	30-Jun-20	30-Jun-20	1-Jul-18	30-Jun-19	30-Jun-19
1 to 31 Oct-21	1-Aug-20	31-Jul-21	31-Jul-21	1-Aug-19	31-Jul-20	31-Jul-20	1-Aug-18	31-Jul-19	31-Jul-19
1 to 30 Nov-21	1-Sep-20	31-Aug-21	31-Aug-21	1-Sep-19	31-Aug-20	31-Aug-20	1-Sep-18	31-Aug-19	31-Aug-19
1 to 31 Dec-21	1-Oct-20	30-Scp-21	30-Scp-21	1-Oct-19	30-Scp-20	30-Scp-20	1-Oct-18	30-Scp-19	30-Sep-19

(12) The following formula shall be used for calculating the accident rates for the concerned 12-month periods: -

Total no. of man-hours worked in the period/100,000 man-hours

Note 1 Reportable accidents mean those accidents resulting in an injury with incapacity for more than three days and all fatal accidents.

(13) For "safety rating", the maximum total is 10 for the total of the three 12-month periods. The first, second and third 12-month periods have a maximum rating of 5, 3 and 2 respectively. Each tenderer's safety rating is worked out by reference to the table below and shall be the sum of the three ratings corresponding to the three 12-month periods.

Tenderer's	Rating				
Accident Rate [®]	1 st 2 nd 3 rd				
	12-month	12-month	12-month		
accident rate ≤ 25%	5	3	2		
of the limit #					

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25% of the limit $<$ accident rate $\leq 50\%$ of the limit	3.75	2.25	1.5	
50% of the limit $<$ accident rate $\le 75\%$ of the limit	2.5	1.5	1	
75% of the limit $<$ accident rate \leq 100% of the limit	1.25	0.75	0.5	
accident rate > 100% of the limit	0	0	0	

- @ The unit of accident rate is number of accident per 100,000 man-hours worked.
- # The limit of accident rate currently set by DEVB is 0.6.
- (14) If a tenderer does not have an accident rate for a particular 12-month period (on the ground of no manhour worked for that period), the accident rate to be used for that period shall be the average of accident rates for the other two periods. If a tenderer has an accident rate for one of the three 12-month periods only, that accident rate shall be used for calculating the safety rating for the other two 12-month periods.
- (15) For a tenderer without any accident rate for the past three 12-month periods, its safety rating shall be the average safety rating attained by the other tenderers with a safety rating who have submitted a conforming tender.
- (16) In cases where the only conforming tenderer does not/all the conforming tenderers do not have any accident rate for the past three 12-month periods, the

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tenderer(s) concerned will be given a safety rating of 50% of the maximum rating.	
Joint venture	
(17) The safety rating of a joint venture tenderer shall be the weighted average (in accordance with their percentage participation) of the safety ratings of the individual participants or shareholders which shall each be calculated in accordance with paragraphs 11 to 14 above.	
(18) If a participant/shareholder in a joint venture does not have an accident rate for the past three 12-month periods, it will not be given any safety rating and its percentage participation shall be excluded from the calculation of the safety rating of the joint venture tenderer under paragraph 17.	
(19) If none of the participants/shareholders in a joint venture has any accident rate for the past three 12-month periods, the safety rating of this joint venture tenderer shall be calculated in accordance with paragraphs 15 - 16 above by considering this joint venture tenderer being a tenderer as described in those paragraphs.	
(20) In calculating the accident rates of each participant/shareholder of a past/existing joint venture contract, the accident rates of the whole joint venture contract shall be used and attributed to the participant/shareholder irrespective of its share of the work in the past/existing joint venture contract.	
Accident rates for tenders with or without	

Clause Remarks/Guidelines involvement of Contractors of the Buildings Category (21)For tenders invited from contractors of the Buildings category, the accident rates for completed and on-going contracts in the Buildings category only will be used in the calculation of the accident rates and the safety ratings for the assessment of tenders. For tenders invited from contractors from category/categories other than the Buildings category, the accident rates for completed and on-going contracts in non-Buildings categories (i.e. all other categories) will be used. For tenders invited from contractors in more than one category including the Buildings category, the accident rates for all completed and ongoing contracts in all categories will be used. For open tendering, departments should (C) Training rating** decide whether the accidents rates for all completed and on-going contracts in (22)The full mark for training rating shall be **Buildings** non-Buildings $[X]^{##}$. category, categories or all categories will be used. (23)The "training rating" of a tenderer is worked out based on its past records of training workers to skilled/semi-skilled levels in public works contracts via joining the collaborative training schemes (including Contractor Collaborative Training Scheme (CCTS), Intermediate Collaborative Tradesman **Training** Scheme (ITCTS) (formerly called Construction Tradesman Collaborative **Training** Scheme (CTS)), Advanced Construction Manpower The "training rating" shall be Training Scheme (ACMTS) and Construction Industry incorporated in the Formula Approach as Council Approved Technical **Talents Training** well as the Standard Marking Scheme for Programme (CICATP) administered by evaluating tenders invited from Group C Construction Industry Council (CIC) in the stated

period, and its manpower deployment in public works

contracts in the same period.

contractors. In the case of open tendering,

or where tenders are invited from

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(24) The "training rating" shall be calculated using the below formula –

Training rating
(Max = full mark)

= full period
Total "man-year" worked in the stated period / 20

(25) For a tenderer who (i) does not have any total "man-year" worked in the stated period; or (ii) has total "man-year" worked below 20 and a training score of "0" in the stated period; or (iii) is not a Group C contractor Note 2 in the stated period, its training rating shall be the average training rating attained by other tenderers with a training rating who have submitted a conforming tender.

Note 2 In the context of training rating, a Group C contractor means a Group C contractor enlisted in any category of the List of Approved Contractors for Public Works.

(26) In cases where the only conforming tenderer/each of all the conforming tenderers (i) does not have any total "man-year" worked in the stated period; or (ii) has total "man-year" worked below 20 and a training score of "0" in the stated period; or (iii) is not a Group C contractor in the stated period, the tenderer(s) concerned will be given a training rating of 50% of the full mark.

Training score

(27) The training score of a tenderer should be

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contractors other than Group C contractors enlisted in any category of the List of Approved Contractors for Public Works, the "training rating" shall also be incorporated in the Formula Approach and Standard Marking Scheme evaluating tenders if the department has assessed that not less than 80% of potential tenderers would be Group C contractors enlisted in any category of the List of Approved Contractors for Public Works so that the past performance assessment criterion in connection with the provision of on-the-job training to workers could be meaningfully adopted and put to use.

[X]##, i.e. the full mark, shall be determined as follows:-

Estimated Forecast Total of the Prices	Value of X
>\$1 billion	1
≤\$1 billion	2

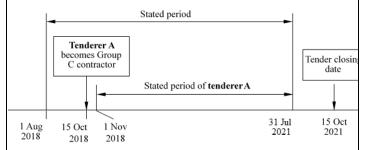
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worked out using the number of workers trained as detailed below –	
(i) 1 training score for each of its CCTS or ITCTS trainees in public works contracts who: (a) is registered as the registered semi-skilled worker of the trained trade under the Construction Workers Registration Ordinance (Cap. 583) (CWRO); or (b) has passed the end-of-training assessment under CCTS or ITCTS if such trade has no corresponding trade division under CWRO, or if CWRO does not allow registration of registered semi-skilled worker for the corresponding trade division, during the stated period; (ii) 2 training scores for each of its ACMTS or CICATP trainees in public works contracts who has passed CIC's mid-term assessment of ACMTS or CICATP for the trained trade during the stated period; (iii) 2 training scores for each of its ACMTS or CICATP trainees in public works contracts who is registered as the registered skilled worker of the trained trade under CWRO during the stated period; and	
(iv)0 training score if none of the above applies.	
(28) To cope with the characteristics of the construction industry that most of the skilled workers are employed by sub-contractors, CCTS, ITCTS, ACMTS or CICATP trainees employed and trained by sub-contractors in a public works contract will be counted as the trainees under the main contractor for the purpose of calculating the training rating. A trainee will be counted as receiving training under a public works contract so long as such contract is stated,	

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in the trainee's application form for joining the	
collaborative training schemes, as the public works	
contract under which the trainee will mainly receive	
training. Such information will be duly reflected in	
CIC's Collaborative Training Schemes Statistics	
System (CTSSS).	
(29) The tenderers' training records under CCTS,	
ITCTS, ACMTS and CICATP to be used for	
calculating "training rating" are kept in CIC's CTSSS	
accessible via CIC's website at	
http://www.cic.hk/ctsss. The training score of a	
tenderer should be worked out based on paragraph 27	
above, using the number of workers trained by the	
tenderer as recorded in the CTSSS.	
Total "man-year" worked	
(30) The total "man-year" worked of a tenderer	
shall be equal to the total "man-day" worked for all	
public works contracts of the tenderer in the stated	
period kept in the PCSES, divided by 295 work days	
per year.	
Stated period	
(31) The stated period shall be 36 months ending	
on the last day of the calendar month immediately	
preceding the dates being 2 months counting back from	
but excluding the original date set for the close of	
tender, or if this has been extended, the extended date.	
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tenderer becomes a Group C contractor. An example is provided below for illustration purpose.



(33) The following examples are provided to illustrate the calculation of training rating.

	(A)	(B)	(C)	
	Total "man-year" worked in the stated period	Training score in the stated period	Training rating (see Note 2) $= Full Mark (FM) x \frac{(B)}{(A)/20}$	
Example 1	40	1	= FM x 1/(40/20)	
Example 2	40	2	= FM x 2/(40/20)	
Example 3 (see Note 1)	453	11	= FM x 11/(453/20)	
Example 4	0	N/A	= average of other conforming	
Example 5	15 (i.e. <20)	0	tenderers with a training rating	
Example 6	5	1	= FM x 1/(5/20) = 4 FM but capped by FM	

Note:

- Example 3 illustrates the average situation of active Group C contractors in 2016.
- In case (B)/(A)/20 is larger than 1, it shall be taken as 1 only, i.e. the "training rating" shall be capped by
 the Full Mark. Similarly, for the case of joint venture tenderers, the "training rating" shall be capped
 by the Full Mark for each participant or shareholder before calculating the weighted average.

Joint venture

- (34) For joint venture tenderers -
 - (i) A "specified participant/shareholder" in a joint venture means a participant/shareholder who -
 - (a) does not have any total "man-year" worked in the stated period;
 - (b) has total "man-year" worked below 20 and a training score of "0" in the stated period; or
 - (c) is not a Group C contractor in the stated period.
 - (ii) Subject to paragraphs (iii) and (iv) below, the training rating of a joint venture tenderer shall

Clause Remarks/Guidelines be the weighted average (in accordance with their percentage participation) of the training ratings of its participants or shareholders which shall each be calculated in accordance with paragraphs 23 to 33 (excluding 25 & 26) above. If a participant(s)/shareholder(s) in a joint (iii) venture is a specified participant/shareholder, it will not be given any training rating and its percentage participation shall be excluded from the calculation of the training rating of the joint venture tenderer under paragraph (ii) above. If all the participants/shareholders in a joint (iv) specified participants/shareholders, the training rating of this joint venture tender shall be calculated in accordance with paragraphs 25-26 above by considering this joint venture tenderer being a tenderer as described in those paragraphs. (35)The following table illustrates the calculation of the training rating for joint venture tenderer. Status of JV participant / Training rating of ABCDE shareholder (see Note) joint venture В D E Weighted average of all NS NS NS NS NS participants / shareholders S S Weighted average of A, B and C NS NS NS S S S NS S Training rating of A Average training ratings attained by

Note: S – A specified participant/shareholder NS – Not a specified participant/shareholder

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(36) In calculating the training rating of each participant/shareholder of a past/existing joint venture

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other conforming tenderers with a training rating

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contract, the training rating of the whole joint venture				
contract sh	all be used a	and attribute	d to the	
participant/sl	hareholder irresp	ective of its s	hare of the	
work in the p	past/existing joint	venture contr	act.	
Merit / Dem	nerit Point for Sa	ıfety		
(37) The	e "merit/demerit	point for	safety" is	
dependent or	n (i) whether a te	enderer has or	may have	
caused or co	ontributed (whether	er by act or o	mission) to	
any incident	involving loss of	life or inciden	t involving	
serious bodil	ly injury ^{Note 1} at a	construction	site Note 2 in	
Hong Kong	(hereinafter col	lectively refe	erred to as	
"Serious Inc	cident") during	the Relevant	Period as	
defined in pa	aragraph 39 belo	w; and (ii) wh	nether such	
tenderer held	d any on-going w	orks contract	during the	
Relevant Per	iod.			
Note 1 "S	Note 1 "Serious bodily injury" shall bear the same			
meaning as a	assigned to it und	ler paragraph	10(g)(ii) of	
DEVB TC(V	W) No. 5/2023 da	ated 28 July 2	023 or any	
subsequent update.				
Note 2 "Construction site" shall bear the same				
	meaning as defined in paragraph 10(a) of DEVB			
TC(W) No. 5/2023 dated 28 July 2023 or any				
subsequent update.				
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(28) The marit/demarit point for refety applicable				
(38) The merit/demerit point for safety applicable to a tenderer under different situations is as follows:				
to a tenderer under different situations is as follows:				
Situation	The tenderer	The	Merit /	
	has or may	tenderer	Demerit	
	have caused	held an on-	Point for	
	or contributed	going		

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	to a Serious	works	Safety	
	Incident	contract	(mark)	
	during the	during the		
	Relevant	Relevant		
	Period	Period		
I	No	Yes	+1	
II	No	No	Note 3	
III	Yes (not	Yes or No	-0.5	
	involving any			
	loss of life)			
IV	Yes	Yes or No	-1	
	(involving			
	loss of life)			
	[Note 4]			

Note 3 Merit / Demerit Point for Safety for a tenderer falling within Situation II shall be the average mark obtained by all conforming tenderer(s), excluding those who fall within Situation II.

Provided that if the only conforming tenderer falls / all conforming tenderers fall within Situation II, +0.5 mark will be given to it/them. For the avoidance of doubt, a participant or shareholder of a joint venture tenderer is not regarded as a conforming tenderer.

Note 4 For the avoidance of doubt, if a tenderer has or may have caused or contributed to a Serious Incident involving any loss of life, it will be considered as falling within Situation IV, regardless whether the tenderer has or have caused or contributed to any other Serious Incident not involving any loss of life.

(39) For the purpose of assessing the merit/demerit point for safety:

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(i) Relevant Period means the period between and inclusive of the two dates below:-	
(a) the first day of the 14 th calendar month immediately preceding the calendar month in which the original date set for close of tender is in or, if this has been extended, the extended date; and	
(b) the last day of the 3 rd calendar month immediately preceding the calendar month in which the original date set for close of tender is in or, if this has been extended, the extended date.	
(ii) A tenderer is regarded as having or may be having caused or contributed to a Serious Incident during the Relevant Period if:	
(a) According to the information provided by Labour Department or other relevant government departments as described in paragraph 13 of DEVB TC(W) No. 5/2023 dated 28 July 2023 or any subsequent update, the tenderer was involved in a Serious Incident occurred during the Relevant Period; and	
(b) On the basis of the aforesaid information, DEVB consider that the tenderer has or may have caused or contributed to the Serious Incident in any capacity whatsoever, including but not limited to main contractor and subcontractor at any tier^.	^ The procuring departments shall refer to the records kept in DEVB's Works Group Intranet Portal.
(iii) A tenderer is regarded as holding an on-going	

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works contract during the Relevant Period if:-	
 (a) The tenderer is acting in the capacity of the main contractor or is a participant/shareholder of a joint venture acting in the capacity of a main contractor of a public or private works contract at any point of time during the Relevant Period; (b) The whole or part of the works under the said contract is to be or has been carried out in a construction site See Note 2 above in 	
Hong Kong; and (c) The said contract has commenced on or before the last day of the Relevant Period	
and the works under the said contract as a whole (excluding Maintenance Period) have not been certified complete by the	
Engineer / Architect / Surveyor / Supervising Officer/ Authorised Person or other equivalent professionals before the Relevant Period commences or, in the	
case of term contract, the contract term has not yet expired before the Relevant Period commences.	
(40) A tenderer should provide sufficient documentary evidence of any on-going works contract held by it (e.g. articles of agreement, recent correspondences issued by the Engineer / Architect /	
Surveyor / Supervising Officer / Authorised Person and the like for the contract). If a tenderer fails to demonstrate that it has one or more on-going works contract, its tender shall be assessed as if it held no on- going works contract during the Relevant Period.	

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Joint venture (41) The merit/demerit point for safety for a joint venture tenderer shall, subject to paragraphs 42 and 43 below, be the weighted average (in accordance with their percentage participation) of the merit/demerit point for safety of its participants or shareholders which shall each be calculated in accordance with paragraphs 37 to 39 above. (42) If a participant/shareholder in a joint venture	
falls within Situation II in the table under paragraph 38, it will not be given any merit/demerit point for safety and its percentage participation shall be excluded from the calculation of the merit/demerit point for safety of the joint venture tenderer under paragraph 41.	
(43) If all participants/shareholders in a joint venture fall within Situation II in the table under paragraph 38, the merit/demerit point for safety of the joint venture tenderer shall be calculated as if it is a tenderer falling within Situation II in the said table.	
Obtain present value by discounting future payments	
(44) For tenders with a forecast total of the Prices* / TVTA*, if the forecast total of the Prices* / TVTA* or the overall scores of the tenders under consideration with highest overall scores are very close (usually the three with the highest overall score), the procuring department should consider discounting future payments to obtain the present value and use the	Net present value analysis is NOT applicable for NEC target contracts. Please replace paragraph (44) as "not used" for NEC target contracts.

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present value instead of the forecast total of the Prices*	
/ TVTA* in determining the ranking of the tenders.	
This calculation exercise should only apply to those	
conforming tenders with the highest overall scores	
(usually the top three).	

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NTT A12 Marking Scheme Approach [optional clause]

- (1) Tenderers should note that tenders will be evaluated in accordance with the Marking Scheme at Appendix [insert appropriate reference]# to these Notes to Tenderers. Tenderers should note DEVB TC(W) No. 4/2014 and 4/2014A which set out the use of Marking Scheme Approach for tender evaluation. Tenderers shall note that the Government is not bound to accept the tender with the highest overall score or any tender and may cancel the tender exercise on public interest ground. In considering the acceptance of a tender, the Government will take account of all relevant circumstances including the following:-
 - (i) The overall score;
 - (ii) The effect of incident of payments by discounting future payments to obtain the present values and use the present values to substitute the forecast total of the Prices* / Total Value for Tender Assessment (TVTA)* in determining the ranking of the tenders, if the forecast total of the Prices* / TVTA* / overall scores are very close;
 - (iii) The effect of exceptionally high or low priced items;
 - (iv) The tenderer's capability (financially, commercially technically) and undertaking this contract. For the avoidance of doubt, matters such as bankruptcy, false declaration, lack of integrity, acts of dishonesty, the latest available information and reports reflecting serious shortfall in performance and the latest available information and reports relating to serious site safety environmental incidents may be taken into

To be used for tender evaluation using Marking Scheme Approach.

Please refer to DEVB TCW No. 4/2014 and 4/2014A. See also SDEV memos ref. DEVB(W) 546/84/01 dated 9.7.2021, DEVB(W) 510/30/01 dated 31.8.2022, DEVB(W) 546/84/01 dated 18.8.2023 and DEVB(W) 546/84/01 dated 10.11.2023.

- * Delete where appropriate.
- ** For use in tenders which EMSTF is eligible to bid
- [#] Please insert appropriate reference.

Net present value analysis is NOT applicable for NEC target contracts. Please replace sub-clause (1)(ii) as "not used" for NEC target contracts.

Clause	Remarks/Guidelines
account in determining whether a tenderer is fully capable of undertaking this contract [**. For tenders submitted by EMSTF, the letters of "non-compliance" issued by the relevant regulatory authorities shall also be treated as conviction records]; * (v) *The effect of erratic pricing determined in accordance with Clause GCT 14 of the General Conditions of Tender; and (vi) The interest of national security.	
(2) Tenderers are required to make a Technical Submission in accordance with Clause GCT 4 of the General Conditions of Tender, which will be taken into account in the tender evaluation. The submissions on technical resources and technical proposals shall form part of this contract. The contract percentages in the Schedule of Percentages submitted in the tender, subject to the correction(s) in accordance with Clause [GCT 11]# of the General Conditions of Tender where appropriate, is deemed to be inclusive of the execution of the service in accordance with the tender submissions on technical resources and technical proposals. Tenderers shall ensure that it is legally and physically possible to execute the service in accordance with the tender submissions on technical resources and technical proposals. Should the Contractor for any reason be unable to adhere to the tender submissions on technical resources and technical proposals, any cost savings to the Contractor arising therefrom shall be determined by the Service Manager and deducted from the Prices in accordance with Clause [A2]# of the additional conditions of contract. Tenderers' attention is drawn to Clause [A2]# of the additional	

	Clause	Remarks/Guidelines
score are 60/40 tender is deternormally, the would be recorrequirement that the recorrectechnically, coundertaking the tender is the new tender is the new tender t	spective weights for price and technical of the overall score for each conforming rmined according to the formula below. It tender with the highest overall score ommended for acceptance subject to the fat the procuring department is satisfied mmended tenderer is fully (including ommercially and financially) capable of his contract, and that the recommended most advantageous to the Government in the the tender provisions.	
60 [@] x	the lowest forecast total of the Prices* / TVTA* among those conforming tenders the forecast total of the Prices* / TVTA* of the tenderer	 @ Price to Technical Weighting for Works Tender:- Option A – "Price to Technical Weighting" at 50/50: For contracts
correction ru	the tenderer's technical score the highest technical score among those conforming tenders of the Prices* / TVTA* is subject to les as stipulated in Clause [insert eference] of the General Conditions of	with a high technical content that: (i) require contractors' specialized input (e.g. design of certain critical parts of the works); and (ii) entail highly complex functional requirements, and/or require construction methodology involving specialized plant/equipment with special constrains (e.g. delivery programme,
above, a conforms (a) conforms documentation (b) is submitte conditions of p	d by a tenderer which complies with the	site/environmental constraints). Policy support from DEVB for the adoption of 50/50 weighting is required. Option B – "Price to Technical Weighting" at 60/40: For other contracts.

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(d) in respect of its Technical Submission, has satisfied the passing marks requirements.	
A conforming tender with abnormally low or high contract percentages in the Schedule of Percentages / forecast total of the Prices* / TVTA* or a conforming tender considered unsuitable for recommendation for the award of this contract (such as financially, commercially or technically incompetent) remains to be a conforming tender.	
(5) For tenders with a forecast total of the Prices* / TVTA*, if the forecast total of the Prices* / TVTA* or the overall scores of the top few tenders are very close (usually the three with the highest overall score), the procuring department should consider discounting future payments to obtain the present value and use the present value instead of the forecast total of the Prices* / TVTA* in determining the ranking of the tenders. This calculation exercise should only apply to those conforming tenders with the highest overall scores (usually the top three).	Net present value analysis is NOT applicable for NEC target contracts. Please replace sub-clause (5) as "not used" for NEC target contracts.
Appendix [X]	
MARKING SCHEME IN TENDER EVALUATION	
[Please disclose the full marking scheme including Stage I Screening where applicable. Disclose the weighting of each attribute in the technical evaluation, the marking standard and the assessment criteria. The information provided should be similar to those shown in Appendix C1 in DEVB TC(W) No. 4/2014, as well as any additional qualification requirements on tenderers as part of the Stage I Screening and/or any criteria of assessment specific to the needs of the	

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contract. The consequences of failing Stage I	
Screening should be clearly stated.]	

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NTT A13 Evaluation method for use in tenders which EMSTF may be a potential bidder [optional clause]

- (1) Tenderers shall note that Government is not bound to accept the tender with the lowest forecast total of the Prices* / Total Value for Tender Assessment (TVTA)* or any tender and may cancel the tender exercise on public interest ground. In considering the acceptance of a tender, Government will take account of all relevant circumstances including the following:-
- (i) The forecast total of the Prices* / TVTA*;
- (ii) The effect of incident of payments by discounting future payments to obtain the present values and use the present values to substitute the forecast total of the Prices* / TVTA* in determining the ranking of the tenders, if the forecast total of the Prices* / TVTA* are very close;
- (iii) The effect of exceptionally high or low priced items:
- (iv) The tenderer's capability (financially, commercially and technically) in undertaking this contract. For the avoidance of doubt, matters such as bankruptcy, false declaration, lack of integrity, acts of dishonesty and frequency and seriousness of convictions relating to site safety and environmental incidents may be taken into account in determining whether a tenderer is fully capable of undertaking this contract. For tenders submitted by EMSTF, the letters of "non-compliance" issued by the relevant regulatory authorities shall also be treated as conviction records; and
- (v) The effect of erratic pricing determined in accordance with Clause GCT 14 of the

For use in tenders which EMSTF may be a potential bidder.

DEVB memo. ref. DEVB(W) 510/10/01 dated 2.5.2014.

Net present value analysis is NOT applicable for NEC target contracts. Please replace sub-clause (1)(ii) as "not used" for NEC target contracts.

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General Conditions of Tender.	

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NTT A14 Assessment of EMSTF offer [optional clause]

- (1) Tenderers should note that tenders are invited from contractors/suppliers* in both the private and public sectors including department(s) of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region whose operation of the services is managed and accounted for by trading funds established pursuant to the Trading Funds Ordinance, Cap. 430 (hereafter referred to as "the relevant trading fund department").
- All tenders will be evaluated on a fair basis. Every effort has been and will be made by the Government to ensure that the relevant trading fund department would not undertake both the role of consultant and contractor in this tendering exercise and where appropriate, independent consultant has been or will be engaged for the preparation of the tender documents, assessment of tenders and subsequent monitoring on the performance of the contractor/supplier*.
- (3) The Electrical and Mechanical Services Trading Fund (EMSTF) may submit a tender for this contract. A code of conduct for staff of the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department seconded to other department(s) is also in place for the staff to observe to avoid conflict of interest and is available for inspection by tenderers.

Advice to tenderers about assessment of EMSTF's (Electrical and Mechanical Services Trading Fund) offer (see SPR Appendix III(E)2, FC 7/2014 & WBTC No. 25/2001). This is to be used if Trading Fund is invited to tender.

* delete as appropriate.

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NTT A15 Net present value analysis

- (1) A programme for the purpose of conducting a net present value analysis in accordance with NTT [X]# of these Notes to Tenderers is included in Appendix [X]# of these Notes to Tenderers. This programme is for tender assessment use only and will not form part of this contract.
- (2) The cashflow discount *[rate/rates] to be used for the aforesaid net present value analysis shall be [*a% per annum/*as follows:

 $\begin{array}{c|c} \underline{\text{Calendar Year}} & \underline{\text{Cashflow}} \\ & \underline{\text{Discount Rate (per annum)}} \\ [\textit{Current year}] & x\% \\ [\textit{Next 4 years}] & y\% \\ [\textit{6th-10th year, if applicable}] & z\% \\ \end{array}$

- (3) The cashflow discount *[rate/rates] provided herein *[is/are] for tender assessment only and will not form part of this contract. The cashflow discount *[rate/rates] shall not be taken as the economic forecasts by the Government.
- (4) The Government makes no warranties, representations or statements (whether express or implied) of any kind whatsoever in relation to the programme and the cashflow discount *[rate/rates] provided herein or any part thereof, including any warranties, representations or statements in respect of the accuracy, completeness, appropriateness and/or sufficiency of the same.

This is to be included for tenders with a forecast total of the Prices* / Total Value for Tender Assessment (TVTA)* in conjunction with NTT A11 (1)(ii), NTT A12(1)(ii) and NTT A13 (1)(ii).

Net present value analysis is NOT applicable for NEC target contracts.

The programme should include some guidance notes on the allocation of preliminary costs and the contingencies (including provisional sums and contingency sums) throughout the contract period to be used in net present value (NPV) analysis.

The cashflow discount rate/rates shall be based on the <u>real discount rate</u> (i.e. a%) for contracts with actual payment <u>subject to price fluctuation adjustment</u> or <u>the nominal discount rates</u> (i.e. x%, y% and z%) for contracts with actual payment <u>not subject to price fluctuation adjustment</u>, applicable on the first publication date of tender invitation or, where the tender invitation is not published⁺, the date of issuance of the tender invitation, as announced in Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury's memo to the departmental STA around March each year.

For cashflow expressed in **constant price** (i.e. actual payment subject to price fluctuation adjustment), the real discount rate (i.e. a%) shall be used.

For cashflow expressed in **money-of-the-**

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	day price (i.e. actual payment not subject
	to price fluctuation adjustment), nominal
	discount rates (i.e. x%, y% and z%) shall
	be used.
	*[] - Project Offices should include the
	former for cashflow expressed in
	constant price and the latter for
	cashflow expressed in money-of-
	the-day price, and delete the one
	which is not applicable accordingly.
	⁺ The tender invitation is not published where prequalified tendering or single/restricted tendering is adopted.
	Please refer to DEVB memo ref. DEVB(W) 545/17/01 dated 19.4.2010
	# Insert appropriate reference.

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NTT A16 Destruction of documents	
Documents of unsuccessful tenderers may be destroyed *three months\(^1\)/three years\(^2\) after the date this contract has been awarded.	Advice to tenderers that documents of unsuccessful tenderers will be destroyed at certain time after the date of the contract has been awarded and the agreement signed (See SPR 530). * Delete where appropriate 1 for tenders not covered by WTO GPA. 2 for tenders covered by WTO GPA. (See DEVB TCW No. 2/2014) Before destruction, Project Offices are required to check whether on-going disputes may require retention of these documents as evidence. Please consult LAD(W) if in doubt.

Clause Remarks/Guidelines

NTT A17 Bid challenge (WTO GPA) [optional clause]

- (1) This tender is covered by the Agreement on Government Procurement of the World Trade Organization (WTO GPA) and the provisions of the WTO GPA will apply to this tender. Tenderers are requested to note that a Review Body on Bid Challenges (under WTO GPA) ("the Review Body") has been set up by the Government to deal with challenges made against alleged breaches of the WTO GPA and the relevant procedures for handling bid challenges are set out in the Rules of Operation of the Review Body ("the Rules"), which are available for inspection at the Secretariat of the Review Body located at the Trade and Industry Department or which may be sent to the interested parties upon request. In the event that a tenderer believes that a breach of the WTO GPA had occurred, the tenderer may, within 10 working days after it knew or reasonably should have known the basis of the challenge, lodge a challenge to the Review Body on the alleged breaches of the WTO GPA. Nevertheless, the tenderer is encouraged to seek resolution of its complaint in consultation with the procuring department before lodging a complaint to the Review Body. In such instances, the procuring department shall accord impartial and timely consideration to any such complaint, in a manner that is not prejudicial to obtaining corrective measures through the Review Body.
- (2) Tenderers are also to note that the Review Body may receive and consider a late challenge but a challenge shall not be considered if it is filed later than 30 working days after the basis of the challenge is known or reasonably should have been known.

Advice to tenderers of the bid challenge system under the WTO GPA (see SPR Appendix III(E)1). Only needed for tenders governed by WTO GPA.

Clause	Remarks/Guidelines
NTT A18 Estimated total expenditure *and provisional quantities	
Tenderers' attention is drawn to Clause [GCT 36] [#] of the General Conditions of Tender on the estimated total expenditure *[and the provisional quantities in the Price List].	# Insert appropriate clause reference. * Delete as appropriate.

Clause	Remarks/Guidelines
NTT A19 Weighting factors in the Schedule of Percentages	
Tenderers' attention is drawn to Clause [GCT 37] [#] of the General Conditions of Tender on the weighting factors in the Schedule of Percentages in the Contract Data Part two.	# Insert appropriate clause reference.

Clause	Remarks/Guidelines
NTT A20 Number of term service cont contractor [Optional Clause]	tracts to be awarded to one single
Tenderers' attention is drawn to Clause [SCT 21]# of the Special Conditions of Tender on the <i>Client</i> 's policy on restricting the maximum number of term service contracts that can be undertaken at any one time by a single contractor.	This Clause is to be used where Clause SCT 21 of the Special Condition of Tender on "Number of term service contracts to be awarded to one single contractor" is included.

Clause	Remarks/Guidelines
NTT A21 JV Proforma	
Tenderers' attention is drawn to Clause [SCT 5(4)]# of the Special Conditions of Tender requiring the submission of the JV Proforma. Tenderer shall note the following in completing the JV Proforma: For each category of works set out in the JV Proforma, the tenderer shall fill in the forecast value of works to be undertaken by each participant / shareholder in the joint venture, and each forecast value of works shall be inserted as a figure in the unit of Hong Kong dollar, otherwise the tender shall be rendered invalid. Any other descriptions, such as "jointly", "fully integrated" etc. are not acceptable. The tenderer shall not add any additional category of works to, or amend or delete any category of works in the list of categories set out in the JV Proforma. The tenderer shall ensure that there are no uncategorised works for the purpose of filling in the JV Proforma. The value of those parts of the service that are not directly related to any category of works, e.g. preliminaries, personnel, insurance, safety etc. shall be distributed among the categories of works set out in the JV Proforma by the tenderer in such a way that the forecast total of the Prices* / Total Value for Tender Assessment (TVTA)* in the JV Proforma tallies with the "forecast total of the Prices* / Total Value for Tender Assessment (TVTA)*" inserted elsewhere in its tender e.g. the Grand Summary of the Schedule of Percentages, Form of Tender, and Contract Data Part two. The specific correction rules are set out in the JV Proforma.	Please refer to DEVB memo ref. () in DEVB(W) 510/83/05 dated 26.3.2021. # Insert appropriate reference. * Delete as appropriate.

Clause	Remarks/Guidelines
NTT A22 Eligibility to tender and for the aw Group [B] ^{Note 1} contractors	ard of contracts applicable to confirmed
Tenderers' attention is drawn to General Conditions of Tender Clause [31A] [#] on "Eligibility to Tender and for the Award of Contracts Applicable to Confirmed Group [B] ^{Note 1} Contractors".	DEVB memos ref. DEVB(W) 510/33/02 dated 31.8.2020 and 8.8.2022. # Insert appropriate clause reference.

Note 1 Please insert the appropriate group as follows:

Contract	Group
Term contract with pre-tender estimate more than the	Group B
Group B tender limit but less than or equivalent to	
110% of the Group B tender limit	

Clause

Remarks/Guidelines

NTT A23 Bonus for joint venture with listed contractor in lower group or with probationary status

Tenderers shall note that the attribute "Bonus for joint venture with listed contractor in lower group or with probationary status" has been included under the attribute [(3)(c)] " of Section [(3)]" of Part [(A)]" of the marking scheme at Appendix *[insert appropriate reference]* to the Notes to Tenderers.

Tenderer's attention is drawn to the associated submission requirement under Special Conditions of Tender Clause SCT [21][#].

Tenderer's attention is also drawn to Special Conditions of Tender Clauses SCT [5(1)]# that each participant or shareholder in the joint venture shall be technically capable for that part of the *service* it undertakes. Tenderer's attention is also drawn to Special Conditions of Tender Clauses SCT [5(5)]# and SCT [5(6)]# for circumstances under which a participant or shareholder in the joint venture will be considered as technically capable for that part of the *service* it undertakes.

DEVB's memo ref. DEVB(W) 546/84/01 dated 18.8.2023.

Applicable to tenders invited from Group C contractors of the List of Approved Contractors for Public Works only. Not applicable for open tendering or where tenders are invited from contractors other than Group C contractors enlisted in any category of the List of Approved Contractor for Public Works. Also not applicable for tenders invited from both Group B contractors and Group C contractors.

[#]Insert appropriate reference

Clause	Remarks/Guidelines
NTT B1 Conditions of contract	
The conditions of contract of this contract are the con	# Insert appropriate main Option.
clauses and the clauses for main Option [X]	[†] , ## Insert appropriate secondary Option X.
secondary Options [X]## and Z of the NEC4 Terr	commonly used options include X1 and
Service Contract [(June 2017, with amendment	s X11.
January 2023)]* published by Thomas Telford Limited	1,
as amended or supplemented by the Schedule to th	e * Insert appropriate version.
Articles of Agreement.	

Clause	Remarks/Guidelines
NTT B2 Constraints on Service Manager	's power
 The tenderer's attention is drawn to the constraints on the <i>Service Manager</i>'s powers set out in Clause [B1]# of the <i>additional conditions of contract</i>. In addition to the above constraints, the <i>Service Manager</i> is also required under the terms of its appointment by the <i>Client</i> to: 	Please refer to WBTC Nos. 19/2000, 20/2000 and 16/2002, ETWB TCW Nos. 56/2002A and 6/2004, and DEVB TCW No. 5/2007
(i) refer the details of every change to the Scope, including the reasons for the change, its estimated change to the Prices due to the associated compensation event or creation of a new item in the Price List, to the <i>Client</i> for information as soon as the change is ordered;	# Insert appropriate reference.
(ii) refer the details of the evaluation to the <i>Client</i> for information as soon as the change to the Prices due to the compensation event associated with the change to the Scope or creation of a new item in the Price List has been determined;	
(iii)report to the <i>Client</i> all compensation events involving changes to the Prices or all creation of new items in the Price List and refer to the principles underlying its assessment of each compensation event or each new item in the Price List to enable the <i>Client</i> to provide its view of the matter before the <i>Service Manager</i> reaches a decision; and	
(iv)report to the <i>Client</i> all compensation events involving delays to the Task Completion Dates and Task Order	

Clause	Remarks/Guidelines
Completion Dates, except for those delays solely in respect of inclement	Diagram ald any adam and aird
weather conditions, refer to the principles	Please add any other constraints as necessary and specified in the
underlying its assessment of each compensation event to enable the <i>Client</i>	consultancy agreements other than the above.
to provide its view of the matter before the Service Manager reaches a decision.	

Clause	Remarks/Guidelines
NTT B3 Contingency sums, provisional Total Value for Tender Assessn	sums and forecast total of the Prices* / nent (TVTA)*
Tenderers' attention is drawn to Clause [GCT 35]# of the General Conditions of Tender on the contingency sums, provisional sums and forecast total of the Prices* / Total Value for Tender Assessment (TVTA)*	* Delete as appropriate # insert appropriate reference

Clause	Remarks/Guidelines
NTT B4 Defined Cost, Fee, Prices, Price Contractor's share	e for Service Provided to Date and the
Tenderers' attention is drawn to NEC Clauses	This Clause is only applicable to Option C.
11.2(8), *11.2(23), *11.2(26), *11.2(28) and *54	
with amendments as detailed in the Schedule to the	* amend as appropriate
Articles of Agreement for the definitions of the Fee,	
the Defined Cost, the Price for Service Provided to	
Date, the Prices, the total of the Prices and the	
Contractor's share.	

	Clause	Remarks/Guidelines
NTT B5	Not used	

Clause	Remarks/Guidelines
NTT B6 Client's power to reduce contingency sums for compensation events [optional clause]	
Tenderers' attention is drawn to Clause [SCT 15]# of the Special Conditions of Tender on reduction of contingency sums for compensation events.	Please refer to DEVB memo ref. DEVB(W) 546/70/01 dated 8.8.2011. This Clause is to be used where Clause SCT 15 of the Special Condition of Tender on "Reduction of contingency sums for compensation events" is included. # Insert appropriate reference

	Clause	Remarks/Guidelines
NTT B7	Not used	

Clause	Remarks/Guidelines
NTT B8 Advance payment under term c	ontracts
Tenderers' attention is drawn to the provisions of NE	C Please refer to SDEV's memo ref.
Clause [19]# as amended by the schedule to the	DEVB(W) 510/33/02 dated 5.6.2020,
Articles of Agreement* / ACC []# of the additional	al 5.3.2021 and 10.3.2022.
conditions of contract* setting out the details of	of
advance payment to the Contractor and the repayment	nt #Insert appropriate reference
arrangement thereof.	* Delete as appropriate

Clause	Remarks/Guidelines
	who are registered under the respective in the Registered Specialist Trade
Tenderers' attention is drawn to the Clause [C6] [#] of the <i>additional conditions of contract</i> requiring the engagement of subcontractors who are registered under the respective trades and groups available in the Registered Specialist Trade Contractors Scheme (RSTCS).	Please refer to DEVB memos ref. DEVB(W) 510/94/02 dated 4.12.2020, 11.1.2022, 17.6.2022, 1.12.2022, 1.2.2023, 6.9.2023 and 10.4.2024. # Insert appropriate reference

Clause Remarks/Guidelines NTT C2 **Payment for Subcontractor Management Plan** Tenderers' attention is drawn to Clause [GCT 20]# of # Insert appropriate reference General Conditions of Tender, Clause [C5]# of additional conditions of contract and Clause [X]# of the Particular Specification requiring the submission Please refer to SDEV's memo ref. 510/94/02 and quarterly updating of the Subcontractor DEVB(W) of 4.12.2020, Management Plan (SMP) in the form and contents as 11.1.2022, 17.6.2022, 1.12.2022, 1.2.2023, prescribed in the Contract. Tenderers' attention is 6.9.2023 and 10.4.2024. also drawn to the requirement to monitor and ensure the implementation of and the compliance with the SMP. Tenderers should note that there are no separate items in the Price List for "submission of Subcontractor Management Plan" and "quarterly updating of Subcontractor Management Plan". The rates in the Price List shall cover, inter alia, the provision of implementation of and compliance with the SMP.

Clause	Remarks/Guidelines
NTT C3 Details of Subcontractor Management	gement Plan
Tenderers' attention is drawn to the Appendix [X]* to Clause [C5]* of additional conditions of contract on the scope and contents of Subcontractor Management Plan, including but not limited to the details of subcontract(s), the trade and group (if any) of the subcontractor under the Registered Specialist Trade Contractors Scheme and value of the subcontract(s).	# Insert appropriate reference Please refer to SDEV's memo ref. DEVB(W) 510/94/02 of 4.12.2020, 11.1.2022, 17.6.2022, 1.12.2022, 1.2.2023, 6.9.2023 and 10.4.2024.

	Clause	Remarks/Guidelines
NTT C4	Not used	

Clause	Remarks/Guidelines
NTT C5 Early Warning Register	
The tenderer should note that the matters to be included by the <i>Client</i> in the Early Warning Register are included in the Contract Data Part one. The tenderer should list the additional matters it wishes to include in the Early Warning Register in Contract Data Part two. The Early Warning Register will also include the risks which the <i>Service Manager</i> or the <i>Contractor</i> has notified as an early warning matter after the award of this contract in accordance with NEC Clause 11.2(6).	

	Clause	Remarks/Guidelines
NTT C6	Not used	

Clause	Remarks/Guidelines
NTT C7 Systematic Risk Management	[optional clause]
Tenderers should note that Systematic Risk Management in accordance with ETWB TCW No. 6/2005 and Risk Management User Manual has been	Please refer to ETWB TCW No. 6/2005.
carried out for the <i>service</i> of this contract and the risks that the <i>Contractor</i> is required to bear and be responsible for include but are not limited to those	Project Offices should list the relevant risks in the Contract Data Part one.
shown in the risk treatment plans attached in Appendix [X]# of these Notes to Tenderers. Tenderers should note that the risks identified in the risk treatment plans	# Insert appropriate reference
are not exhaustive and are given for the tenderers' reference only. The risk treatment plans do not in anyway release the <i>Contractor</i> from any of its	
obligations under this contract. The risk treatment plans shall not form part of this contract.	

Clause	Remarks/Guidelines
NTT C8 Professional indemnity insuran	ce [optional clause]
Tenderers' attention is drawn to Clauses *[F5]*, *[F6]* and *[7A]* of the <i>additional conditions of contract</i> regarding the professional indemnity insurance requirement in respect of *the <i>Contractor</i> 's Design, *the Cost Savings Design and *the design of Temporary Works under this contract. Please also refer to DEVB TCW No. 9/2007 for details.	Please refer to DEVB TCW No. 9/2007. # Please insert appropriate clause reference. * Delete/Modify as appropriate

Clause	Remarks/Guidelines
NTT C9 MTRC indemnity [optional cla	use]
Tenderers shall note that part of the <i>service</i> will take place within the Railway Protection Area and that the <i>Contractor</i> shall be required to complete and return to the MTR Corporation Limited an indemnity form and a letter of undertaking in accordance with Clause [X] [#] of the Particular Specification before being permitted to enter the Railway Protection Area. Tenderers shall approach MTR Corporation Limited to obtain the latest "Rate of Charge for Service/Information Provided by MTR Corporation Limited" and to include the same in the forecast total of the Prices* /	DEVB TC(W) No. 1/2019 # Please insert reference clause reference. * Please delete as appropriate.
Total Value for Tender Assessment (TVTA)* submitted in the tender.	

Clause	Remarks/Guidelines
NTT C10 Proof of plant ownership	
Tenderers' attention is drawn to Clause [D19]* of the additional conditions of contract on Hired and Hirepurchase Constructional Plant. [It is anticipated that proof of ownership and where applicable written undertaking from the plant owner may be required for the following types of Constructional Plant: (provide list here) Tenderers shall note that the above list is not exhaustive and is given for the tenderers' reference only. The above list shall not form part of this contract. The Service Manager may, in accordance with Clause [D19]* of the additional conditions of contract, require proof of ownership and where applicable written undertaking from the plant owner for any item of Constructional Plant which may or may not be of a type set out in the above list.]¹	Please refer to ETWB TCW No. 9/2004. Note 1: Delete the words in square brackets if it is not considered practicable to produce a list of Constructional Plant for inclusion in the tender documents. # Insert appropriate clause reference.

Clause		Remarks/Guidelines
NTT C11	Not used	

	Clause	Remarks/Guidelines
NTT C12	Not used	

Clause Remarks/Guidelines NTT C13 Site cleanliness and tidiness – daily cleaning and weekly tidying [Optional Clause] (1) Tenderers should note Clause [D10][#] of the Please refer to DEVB TC(W) No. 8/2010 additional conditions of contract and Clause [X]# of and **DEVB** memo ref. DEVB(W) the Particular Specification on "Site Cleanliness and 505/91/01 dated 17.5.2017. Tidiness - Daily Cleaning and Weekly Tidying Up of the Site". Separate items are stipulated in the Price # Insert appropriate reference. List for the cleaning and tidying up work of the Site, including Public Cleaning Areas which the Contractor is solely responsible for cleaning and have to be maintained open to the general public throughout the construction period. The Particular Specification shall be strictly enforced by the Service Manager. (2) Failure to perform satisfactorily on Daily Cleaning and Weekly Tidying as specified in this contract with non-payment for two consecutive Cleaning Days or Cleaning Week Days, OR more than two Cleaning Days or Cleaning Week Days in any rolling five Cleaning Days or Cleaning Week Days can result in a verbal warning which shall be recorded in writing. If performance is not improved, a written warning will be issued which will result in "Poor" rating in the item for "Cleanliness of Site" in the report on the Contractor's performance. If the performance is still not improved, the Service Manager may, at its sole discretion, issue further verbal warning which shall be recorded in writing or issue further written warning which will result in

"Very Poor" rating in the item for "Cleanliness of Site" in the report on the *Contractor*'s performance.

Clause	Remarks/Guidelines
NTT C14 Site uniform	
Tenderers should note that the [rates in the Price List together with the percentage adjustments applying thereto/Contract Rates*] shall be deemed to cover all works, services and obligations for or related to ensuring that all workers involved in site works wear site uniform when they are on the Site as specified in Clause [D24]# of the additional conditions of contract and Clause [X1]# of the Particular Specification. There shall be no measurement or separate payment for any of such works, services or	Please refer to DEVB memo ref. DEVB(Trg) 133/3 (10) dated 23.1.2017. For Capital Works Contracts and Term Contracts with Construction Period of not less than 12 months. *Delete/Modify as appropriate # Insert appropriate reference
obligations. For enquiries on details of the antiheat stress construction uniform, please contact the Procurement Department of the Construction Industry Council on 2100 9028 or the Assistant Secretary (Works Policies 1) 2 of the Development Bureau on 3509 8710.	

Clause	Remarks/Guidelines
NTT C15 Mandatory Construction Indu (CICTS)	astry Collaborative Training Schemes
Tenderers should note that the [rates in the Price List	Please refer to DEVB TC(W) No. 6/2019
together with the percentage adjustments applying	
thereto/Contract Rates*] shall be deemed to cover all	*Delete/Modify as appropriate
works, services and obligations for or related to the	# Insert appropriate reference
implementation of mandatory Construction Industry	
Collaborative Training Schemes as specified in Clause	
[X]# of the Particular Specification. There shall be no	
measurement or separate payment for any such works,	
services or obligations.	

Clause Remarks/Guidelines NTT C16 **Employment of Graduates of the Enhanced Construction Manpower** Training Scheme (ECMTS) [optional clause] Tenderers' attention is drawn to Clause [E9]# of the Please refer to **DEVB** memo ref. additional conditions of contract requiring the DEVB(Trg) 133/4 (9) dated 7.12.2012. Contractor to, within 6 months from the starting date as notified by the Service Manager, employ for at least Applicable to all works contracts (except 12 months a minimum total number of ECMTS E&M contracts but including Design and Graduates trained by the Construction Industry Build as well as term contracts) with an Council under its Enhanced Construction Manpower estimated contract sum or estimated total expenditure of over \$200 million and with Training Scheme (ECMTS). **ECMTS** Graduates employed by its subcontractors to work on the Site in a construction period of 2 years or longer. accordance with the provisions of Clause [E9]# of the additional conditions of contract shall be counted # Insert appropriate clause reference. towards the said minimum total number.

Clause		Remarks/Guidelines
NTT C17	Not used	

Clause	Remarks/Guidelines
NTT C18 Tree-preservation [optional cla	use]
Tenderers should note that Clause [X] [#] of the Particular Specification requires the <i>Contractor</i> to assign a competent member of the site supervisory staff to oversee and supervise the tree works under this contract, and that such a person should possess the practical experience as required under Clause [X] [#] of the Particular Specification.	Please refer to DEVB TC(W) No. 4/2020. # Insert appropriate reference

Clause	Remarks/Guidelines
NTT C19 Tree pruning works [Optional Co	lause]
Tenderers should note that Clause [X] [#] of the Particular Specification requires the <i>Contractor</i> to assign worker(s) with relevant qualification to undertake tree pruning works involving the use of	L/M to DEVB(GLTM) 302/5/1 dated 17.12.2014.
chainsaw.	# Insert appropriate reference

Clause	Remarks/Guidelines
NTT C20 Environmental management [o	ptional clause]
Tenderers should note Clause [D20]# of the <i>additional conditions of contract</i> on "Environmental Management Plan" and the Particular Specification on "Environmental Management" for minimising nuisances and waste generation from the <i>service</i> . In addition, tenderers should note that all non-road based construction machinery powered by diesel fuel working on this contract should use B5 diesel (i.e. 5% biodiesel blended with 95% Euro V diesel) in accordance with Clause [X]# of the Particular Specification for B5 diesel.	Please refer to ETWB TCW No. 19/2005, with subsequent amendment in June 2006 Please refer to SDEV's memo dated ref. DEVB(W) 810/17/02 dated 8.1.2016. # Insert appropriate clause reference.

Clause		Remarks/Guidelines	
NTT C21	Not used		

Clause

Remarks/Guidelines

NTT C22 Provision of temporary electricity and water supply to *Affected Property /*Site

[Version A]

Tenderers' attention is drawn to Particular Specification Clause [X]* on provisions of electricity and water supply to the *Affected Property /*Site and the application arrangement for temporary electricity and water supply.

or

[Version B]

Tenderers should note that the *Client* has already made applications and settled the respective fees for the supply of temporary electricity and water supply to the *Affected Property /*Site, with details as more particularly set out in Appendix [see below]. The electricity cable and water mains laying works are in progress.

Appendix [...]

a) Electricity cables and water mains under the applications by the *Client* will be laid up to the boundary of *Affected Property /*Site, including WAXX and WAYY [To insert identification of sites concerned]. The electricity load and size of water mains to each of these *Affected Property /*Site being applied for are set out in the tables below and the respective alignments and connection

Please refer to DEVB TC(W) No. 13/2020.

- * Delete/Modify as appropriate.
- * Insert appropriate reference.

Version A – for situation that cables/water mains laying works for electricity and water supply are anticipated to be completed before the scheduled date of site possession.

Version B – for situation that cables/water mains laying works for electricity and water supply may not be able to be completed before the scheduled date of site possession.

	Clauco
	Clause
	on in Plan(s) XX [To insert
	wing the indicative cable and
water main align	ment].
*Affected Property	Temporary electricity load
/Site	(Amp)
e.g. WAXX	e.g. 400
e.g. WAYY	e.g. 400
*Affected Property	Size of water mains
/Site	(Nominal diameter in mm)
e.g. WAXX	e.g. 200
e.g. WAYY	e.g. 100
the Contractor sharespective power written authorization the Service Manage to make use of temporary electric Property /*Site.	of laying the electricity cables, all submit an application to the company, together with a conclude, if required, issued by the authorizing the Contractor the relevant connections for city supply to the *Affected
the Water Suppl a written authorize by the Service Contractor to	shall submit an application ¹ to ies Department, together with zation letter, if required, issued as <i>Manager</i> authorizing the make use of the relevant temporary water supply to the sety /*Site

Clause	Remarks/Guidelines
NTT C23 Limiting tiers of subcontracting	
The tenderers' attention is drawn to the provisions under Clause [C7] [#] of the <i>additional conditions of contract</i> which impose certain restrictions on subcontracting.	Please refer to SDEV's memo ref. DEVB(W) 510/17/01 dated 19.4.2021. # Insert appropriate reference