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To: PSPC-registered firms
Cc: CIJC, BOA, PEB, CORENET subscribers

INTRODUCTION OF COLLABORATIVE BIDDING FOR CONSTRUCTION-RELATED CONSULTANCY SERVICES TENDERS

This circular informs all PSPC registered firms on the following changes arising from Collaborative Bidding for construction-related consultancy services tenders:

- (A) Changes in tender and post-tender procedures; and
- (B) Revised tendering limits for the Public Sector Panels of Consultants (PSPC)

Background

2 In line with the Construction Industry Transformation Map (ITM), BCA will introduce Collaborative Bidding for the procurement of construction-related services to build up capabilities and facilitate collaboration among firms with complementary competencies to create a wider pool of competent firms in the sector. This will take effect for all Expression of Interest (EOI) exercises called on and after **1 Oct 2018**.

3 With this enhancement, PSPC-registered firms may pool their resources to be eligible to tender for projects beyond their panels' current allowable tendering limits. The consortium, made up by two or more firms, would have to meet the PSPC registration requirements of the panel stated in the tender. Refer to Annex A for an illustration of Collaborative Bidding.

(A) Additional Procedures for Consortia Participating in Consultancy Services Tenders

4 The following procedures will be required for consortia participating in consultancy services tenders:

Stages	Additional Procedures
Expression of Interest (EOI)	1) The consortium will submit EOI documents to agency and submit an email request (see <u>Annex B</u> for template) to BCA (bca_pspc@bca.gov.sg) for verification of its EOI eligibility. The consortium should send the email request to BCA at least 5 working days before EOI closes in order not to delay the verification. 2) The consortium will be required to <i>provide additional information that is not available on individual firm's PSPC registration together with the email request for verification of EOI.</i> BCA will verify the eligibility of the consortium based on information submitted. 3) Both the consortium and relevant agency will receive the verification result. Only consortium verified to be <i>eligible will be allowed to participate in the EOI.</i> 4) Agency will proceed with EOI shortlist and publish EOI results.
Tender Award	The standard Consultancy Agreement will be amended to allow all members of the consortium to sign on the same agreement.
Post Project performance evaluation	• Firms within the consortium will be individually evaluated under the Consultants Performance Appraisal System (CPAS) after project completion. • All firms in the consortium will be able to use the completed project as their track record for future tenders.

(B) Revised Tendering Limits for PSPC

5 With the implementation of Collaborative Bidding, lower panel firms can collaborate to tender for projects beyond their designated tendering limits. In consultation with industry associations and government agencies, BCA will be removing the current provision of opening up tenders greater than \$85 million (the current tendering limit for Contractors Registration System's A2 grade contractors) to all panels as the participation rate from lower panel firms in such projects has been low in recent years. The tendering limits will be streamlined and revised as follows:

Table 1: Tendering Limits for AR, CS, ME and QS Disciplines

AR, CS, ME and QS	Panel 1	Panel 2	Panel 3	Panel 4
Current Tendering Limit (\$million)	>13.0	>4.0 to 40.0 & >85.0	Up to 13.0 & >85.0	Up to 4.0 & >85.0
Revised Tendering Limit (\$million) (1 October 18 to 30 June 19)	>13.0	>4.0 to 40.0	Up to 13.0	Up to 4.0

**Note: There will be no change to the tendering limits for PM discipline as the provision is not applicable to PM discipline.*

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Annex A: Illustration of Collaborative Bidding	
Annex B: Sample submission template on verification of eligibility for EOI	
Annex C: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)	

(Transmitted via email)