

## **Consultation on the future arrangement of the SOA-QPS**

### **(a) Categorisation of Services**

#### **– Service Categories**

The current four categories are fine.

#### **– Minor and Major Service Group**

The demarcation arrangement is fine. Suggest not to adjust the demarcation limit upward except for CPI adjustment below.

With consideration of CPI, suggest to increase the demarcation limit of Minor Service Group and Major Service Group of Cat 2 and Cat 3 by 3% or more.

### **(b) Number of Contractors for Each Service Category / Group**

Limit of 10 to 12 contractors for Cat 3 Minor and Major is reasonable to enhance the efficiency of bidding process.

### **(c) Duration of Contracts**

Current 48 months duration is appropriate as it is long enough for resources provision.

### **(d) Staff Categories and Charging Structure**

#### **– Service Charging Structure**

Present arrangement is fine

#### **– Standard Staff Categories**

Present arrangement is fine

#### **– Supplier Specific Staff Categories**

Present arrangement is fine

### **(e) Sub-contracting**

Present arrangement is fine, prime contractor should be hold responsibility of the success of the project. Government needs not to intervene the commercial relationship between the prime and subcontractor(s).

### **(f) Time for submitting Proposal**

Time is not enough for submitting properly written proposal for large and complex projects. Suggest 20 days for work assignment with value not exceeding HKD1.43million and 40 days for work assignment with value exceeding HKD1.43 million.

### **(g) Payment for Services**

Present arrangement is fine

**(h) Typical Performance Issues**

**– Staff Turnover Issues**

Suggest to factor in the key staff turnover as a performance indicator.

**– Staff's Participation in Multiple Projects Issues**

Suggest to also factor in as a performance issue should the project is delayed.

**– Project Delay and Quality Issues**

Present assessment weighting is fine