1. This Pre-qualification (PQ) is for the Build-Only Civil Contract T206 in Thomson Line. The Land Transport Authority (LTA) invites applications for PQ from civil engineering contractors with proven expertise and experience in the design (where applicable) and construction of Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) underground tunnels.

2. The proposed MRT project is a fully underground rail transit system. This PQ exercise is for Build-Only Civil Contract T206 which comprises bored tunnels between Woodlands Station, Woodlands South Station, Sembawang Airbase and the Depot and cut and cover crossover tunnels as described in Part 1 - Section 3, Extent of Works.

3. The 1st Pre-qualification for the Civil Contract was advertised in GeBIZ on 14 September 2012 and all applicants have been informed of their applications on 31 December 2012. Tender Documents will ONLY be issued to the pre-qualified tenderers on 25 January 2013 for Civil Contract T206. Those who wish to be considered for the 2nd (final) pre-qualification for the Civil Contract T206 will need to submit their pre-qualification applications as detailed in the PQ brochure.

4. Applicants shall note that registration with the Building and Construction Authority (BCA) under CW02 “Civil Engineering” workhead in financial category A1 OR Limited A1 is the minimum qualifying criteria for this PQ exercise. In the case of joint-venture, all partners of a joint-venture must be registered with BCA under CW02 “Civil Engineering” workhead. As a minimum requirement, one of the joint-venture partners is required to meet the financial category of A1 or Limited A1. The other partners shall be registered in the financial category of not more than three grades below the specified financial category.

5. Applicants who are not registered with BCA in the appropriate category are required to register with BCA after they have been successfully pre-qualified by LTA to participate in the tender. For applicants without local track records, LTA will facilitate their registration by issuing them an endorsement letter to be submitted with their application. Prior to the award of the tender by LTA, the pre-qualified applicant must obtain registration with BCA in the appropriate workhead and financial category. Only pre-qualified applicants who have obtained BCA’s registration or shown proof of applying for registration with BCA under the appropriate workhead and financial category are allowed to submit the tenders.
6. Interested applicants are required to submit previous and current records of similar work done and details of key staff with relevant design (where applicable) and construction experience, equipment and financial capacity for LTA’s consideration. For applicants who do not have relevant track records, LTA may pre-qualify them if they meet the requirements as specified in Part Two: Application Instructions, Clause 4D.

7. Applicants should demonstrate that they have the necessary:
   (a) Technical expertise and project management capability in the design (where applicable) and construction of similar works; and
   (b) Financial capacity to undertake and sustain a multi-million dollar project in Singapore.

Those applying should not rely on their current standing and reputation but should provide sufficiently detailed information and proposals to enable LTA to evaluate their suitability.

8. All PQ applications must reach the Tender Division, LTA by the closing date for submission.

9. LTA reserves the right to select or reject any of the applications.

10. All expenses incurred by the applicant in the submission of this PQ shall be borne entirely by the applicant.

11. Issuance and Closing Dates for PQ Application are as follows:
   
   | Issuance Date | 25 January 2013 |
   | Closing Date  | 8 February 2013 by 1200 hours, Singapore time* |

12. PQ Brochure can be downloaded from GeBIZ Website (www.gebiz.gov.sg) under ‘Qualifications’ via GeBIZ Trading Partner (GTP) Account.

13. To be able to transact through GeBIZ, Applicants would be required to register as a GeBIZ Trading Partner (GTP). For information on registration and subscription, Applicants can log on to http://www.gebiz.gov.sg and select “Trading Partner Registration”.

14. This is a GPA-covered (1994 Agreement on Government Procurement under the World Trade Organisation) PQ exercise.

* Please note that the time for closing of tender is based on Global Position System (GPS) time.