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Improve Site Safety Performance

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Housing Authority (HA) is committed to promoting the highest site safety standard on HA construction sites through the selection of capable and competent contractors with good safety performance track records for our works contracts. HA shall put tenderers (including their related companies on a HA List where applicable) with serious accidents/incidents occurred on any sites in Hong Kong (with construction works of nature similar to scope of works of the tender under consideration) within the six-month period preceding the tender closing date or within the tender assessment period preceding the tender award date under "Quarantine". To improve the site safety performance, contractors are strongly advised to take the following immediate actions and measures, which are not meant to be exhaustive:-

- a. Investigate and analyse the nature and root causes of each accident and near miss incidents. Identify the deficiencies and enhancement measures (e.g. "pointing and calling practice") covering aspects of "Man, Machine, Material, Method, Environment" to avoid recurrence of accidents;
- b. Implement safe system of work for construction work;
- c. Devise and put safe working method in place for all high risk activities;
- d. Implement standardized commands for manual handling operations among multiple workers;
- e. Provide additional worker caring programs / welfare facilities beyond contractual requirements; and
- f. Enhance safety supervision including deploying experienced and competent personnel to site.

Your attention is also drawn to the Regulatory Measures on Account of Unsatisfactory Site Safety Performance in Capital Works New Works Contracts at the Housing Authority Site Safety Website:

<http://www.housingauthority.gov.hk/mini-site/site-safety/en/tools/regulatory-measures/index.html>