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Planning

Security Services to the Museums Security Consortium

Victoria and Albert Museum

Natural History Museum

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Scope

Reference

VA/CON/F25/14

Description

Security tender invites for the Natural History Museum and V&A are coming soon! We are giving advance notice that on 01 April 2026 we will be posting a Tender Notice to kickstart a procurement process for security services to our organisations.

This is not a call for competition, just an update with our timeline for the procurement process.

This will be a single contract for a lead supplier to deliver the services. The contract will include the following services at a number of sites:

- 24/7 Control room services (command and control, CCTV and alarm monitoring)

- Security guarding and patrols
- Key and pass issue
- Event security
- Logistics (deliveries etc)

More information will be available in the pack once we go live on 01 April 2026. Unfortunately due to market engagement rules we can't discuss this any further with individual suppliers. All the information in this notice is accurate to the best of our knowledge but is subject to amendment between now and April as we develop our tender pack.

The current contract is held by a consortium comprising the V&A, NHM and Science Museum Group. The Science Museum Group has decided to leave the consortium and proceed alone for the re-tendering of its security services. Therefore the new consortium comprises the V&A and NHM.

Total value (estimated)

- £85,829,691 excluding VAT
- £102,995,629 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 17 March 2027 to 16 March 2032
- Possible extension to 16 March 2035
- 8 years

Description of possible extension:

Up to three one year extensions by mutual agreement

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

Option to vary range of services within the CPV code range.

Option to add or remove sites.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79710000 - Security services

Contract locations

- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

1 April 2026

Submission type

Requests to participate

Deadline for requests to participate

1 May 2026, 12:00pm

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

1 October 2026

Other information

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authorities

Victoria and Albert Museum

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PQLN-4536-WVGN

Cromwell Road

London

SW7 2RL

United Kingdom

Email: procurement@vam.ac.uk

Region: UKI33 - Kensington & Chelsea and Hammersmith & Fulham

Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Natural History Museum

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PJBJ-4723-MZPX

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Region: UKI33 - Kensington & Chelsea and Hammersmith & Fulham

Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Contact organisation

Contact Victoria and Albert Museum for any enquiries.