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Planning

Pre-tender Market Engagement for Mannequin Development and Production for Museum Display

Victoria and Albert Museum

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Scope

Description

The Victoria and Albert Museum is intending to procure approximately 170 mannequins for its new permanent Fashion Gallery. This prominent FuturePlan project will include the design and manufacture of fashion mannequins of various shapes and sizes, and is likely to require a modular and bespoke approach to development and production. Objects will include historical and contemporary garments with a global scope. These will be displayed on a range of mannequin types including full figures and bust forms, with an option to consider head treatments and bespoke adaptations as required.

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Total value (estimated)

- £264,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 May 2025 to 1 May 2027
- 2 years, 1 day

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 39154000 - Exhibition equipment
- 92521100 - Museum-exhibition services

Contract locations

- UKI - London

Engagement

Engagement deadline

4 April 2025

Engagement process description

The V&A would like to hear from suppliers who may be able to provide all or part of the services mentioned in this notice. The Museum intends to engage directly with suppliers that may have an interest in submitting a response to a future tender notice, including suppliers that have historically provided similar services successfully to the Museum. In response to this notice, engagement might include emails, phone calls, or in-person/online meetings to seek further information about project tender.

The tender may appeal to mannequin suppliers who have proven experience in delivering high quality mannequin displays for museums, galleries, or fashion exhibitions. This Preliminary Market Engagement Notice aims to gauge an interest of the market ahead of the Tender Notice, which will be published in early April 2025. If you would like to discuss this future tender opportunity with us, please send an email to the address provided.

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

5 April 2025

Contracting authority

Victoria and Albert Museum

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government