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Tender

## **Roman Scotland: Life on the Edge of Empire Exhibition Fit-out**

National Museums Scotland

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-065cae

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

National Museums Scotland

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Edinburgh

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#### **Contact**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKM - Scotland

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.nms.ac.uk>

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00423](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00423)

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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<https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk>

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Recreation, culture and religion

## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Roman Scotland: Life on the Edge of Empire Exhibition Fit-out

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 92521100 - Museum-exhibition services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

National Museums Scotland wishes to engage a Principal Contractor for design development, fit-out and de-install for the Roman Scotland: Life on the Edge of Empire exhibition.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £145,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 92521100 - Museum-exhibition services

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

Main site or place of performance

National Museum of Scotland, Edinburgh

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

National Museums Scotland (the Client) wishes to engage a suitably qualified Principal Contractor to supply and install the build and graphics for the exhibition Roman Scotland: Life on the Edge of Empire Exhibition which will be shown in Special Exhibitions Gallery 1 from the 14 November 2026 until the 18 April 2027 at the National Museum of Scotland, Chambers Street, Edinburgh.

The contract will be delivered in three phases as follows:

Phase 1 - Design Development

Phase 2 - Exhibition Fit-out (including production drawings and information, setting out, wall preparation and gallery painting, installation of wall system, joinery, setwork structures, AV housings, AV screens, bespoke display cases, display case interiors, graphics and electrical and AV installation)

Phase 3 - Exhibition Take-down

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Design Development / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Experience / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Project Delivery / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Production Quality / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Demonstrable Evidence of Similar Work / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Sustainability / Weighting: 20

Price - Weighting: 30

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £145,000

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Start date

13 April 2026

End date

30 April 2027

This contract is subject to renewal

No

**II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

**II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

**II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

**II.2.14) Additional information**

A site visit is available for tenderers to attend at the National Museum of Scotland, Edinburgh, 09:00 – 10:00 on Tuesday 10 March 2026.

Tenderers are also able to attend a virtual Q&A session via Microsoft Teams between 14.00 and 15.00 on Tuesday 10 March 2026.

Maximum of two representatives per company may attend. Attendance must be confirmed in advance, see Schedule 1 for further details.

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions

Not applicable

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

### **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

#### **III.2.2) Contract performance conditions**

Refer to tender documentation

#### **III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract**

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

**IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

23 March 2026

Local time

12:00pm

**IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

**IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 4 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

**IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

23 March 2026

Local time

12:00pm

Place

National Museums Scotland, Chambers Street, Edinburgh

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure

Exhibitions and Displays Officer to open submissions received to electronic inbox

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.3) Additional information**

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### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Edinburgh Sheriff Court

Sheriff Court House, 27 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Country

United Kingdom