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Tender

Western Range Town Planning Consultant

British Museum

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Scope

Reference

BM.24.068

Description

The project is focused on the Western Range, a substantial part of the estate that is in urgent need of both repair and re-imagining. This offers the Museum an opportunity to make a statement of its future intent, through reimagined galleries, new state-of-the-art storage facilities and engaging contemporary architecture, in juxtaposition to the highly significant and already celebrated listed buildings on the site.

Despite appearing as a single entity, the Western Range comprises a miscellany of separate buildings which have been added to Robert Smirke's original Grade I listed Museum; as a result, the exact extent of the red-line boundary and phasing for this project is dependent on a number of interlocking considerations. The proposed project outline can be seen in the attached documentation. In the region of 15,000m², it accounts for almost 15% of the floor space within the Bloomsbury site, in a warren of inflexible and static rooms. Further, recent

surveys indicate that the existing building fabric and infrastructure are in a state that is below modern expectations. It comprises around 7,500m² of gallery space and currently houses the Ancient Egypt, Ancient Greece (including the Parthenon Sculptures), Rome, and Ancient Assyria and Middle East collections, along with 4,500m² of back-of-house collection storage.

Working with the Museum, the Town Planning Consultant will work with the design team to deliver an architecturally significant, long-lasting, robust intervention, founded on an effective approach to sustainability. This will address the shortcomings of the existing buildings, while delivering the first phase of the reimagined display of collections in new, permanent gallery spaces, alongside modern-day visitor experiences and back-of-house facilities, all within a built environment that is simple and effective in its design and management. Addressing the challenges posed by the condition of the existing buildings and infrastructure will require sensitivity, careful intervention and complex, intricate design solutions.

The Consultant will:

Review RIBA Stage 0/1 documentation to identify parameters for the Strategic Brief.

Support the development of the Concept Design and Planning Strategy through RIBA Stage 2.

Support development of the preferred option through RIBA Stages 3 and 4.

Lead on coordination and production of the Planning Application documents.

Manage submission of the Planning Application and activities as required throughout the Determination phase and discharge of an pre-commencement conditions.

Full scope details are provided in the procurement documents.

Total value (estimated)

- £500,000 excluding VAT
- £600,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2028
- 3 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 71410000 - Urban planning services

Contract locations

- UKI - London

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

21 May 2025, 5:00pm

Tender submission deadline

30 May 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/respond/RVHNYD75HY>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

23 June 2025

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Quality	Question breakdown available in procurement documents	Quality	60%
Commercial	Question breakdown available in procurement documents	Price	30%
Social Value	Question breakdown available in procurement documents	Quality	10%

Other information

Description of risks to contract performance

Delays during review, or rejection, by the relevant statutory bodies of the Planning Application, and/or any subsequently amended Planning Applications are known risks, the impact of which cannot be determined until they materialise, that potentially jeopardise performance of the contract. The relevant statutory bodies' decision making process is beyond the control of the Authority or the Supplier.

A modification resulting from the materialisation of these risks would extend the contract to cover any delay and, if required, allow for completion and submission of a revised Planning Application. The Authority considers that awarding a new contract in order to cover any delay or, if required, completion and submission of a revised Planning Application would not be in the public interest as the time and financial impact of conducting a new procurement and onboarding a potential new Supplier coupled with potential loss of accumulated knowledge would not represent value for money.

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)
- Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Documents

Associated tender documents

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/respond/RVHNYD75HY>

Contracting authority

British Museum

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PCDW-8715-VGZT

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Email: procurement@britishmuseum.org

Region: UKI31 - Camden and City of London

Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

TURNER & TOWNSEND PROJECT MANAGEMENT LIMITED

Summary of their role in this procurement: Provision of Project Management services for the procurement, this may include evaluation of tenders

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