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Tender

The Big Bahooey Festival – 2026-2028

Historic Royal Palaces

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Scope

Description

INVITATION TO TENDER DETAILS - THE BIG BAHOOEY FESTIVAL

We are running a tender process with the intention of awarding a contract for the provision of a Festival Producer and are inviting suitably experienced / qualified organisations to tender.

Event Date: Late May Bank holiday - 2026, 2027, 2028 and possible extension for 2029.

HRP's requirements: Please refer to the Specification of Requirements for full details.

'The Big Bahooey' will be staged at Hampton Court Palace during the late May Bank Holiday weekend. The event is a fun, family, arts-based festival, responding to the palace's history as a pleasure palace and place for entertaining. The first Big Bahooey took place in May 2025 and we are looking to build on this success. We had a total of 21,000 visitors across three days and expect to increase this figure substantially going forward.

As a result HRP are looking for a festival producer that prides themselves on being able to create and deliver large scale shows and diverse programmes that will attract social families; including fun circle shows, larger than life roving acts, colourful parades,

interactive stage shows and unique spectacles for well-respected and successful family festivals and events all over the world.

The festival will take place across the East Front gardens and will largely involve simple set ups with minimal infrastructure such as rope arenas, free-standing backdrops and basic staging all with flexible positioning. We would also like there to be a showstopper act that changes each year and is a complete surprise to the audience. There will be one main stage for headline performances.

Exclusion criteria:

Please refer to the Procurement Specific Questionnaire for our conditions of participation and qualifying questions.

Responses to Invitation to Tender:

All responses to the tender must be received by HRP by Friday 11th July 2025 at midday and must be submitted electronically via our E-tendering system - Delta.

Suppliers will need to register on Delta in order to participate in the tender process.

Suppliers can register here <https://www.delta-esourcing.com/register/>

Tender documents:

The tender process will be available through HRP's e-tendering system, Delta e-Sourcing.

Tender documents will be made available to all on Delta.

Documents will be issued on 10th June 2025.

HRP reserves the right not to award a contract

For more information about this opportunity, please visit the Delta eSourcing portal at:

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/tenders/UK-UK-Greater-London:-Event-services./H7WRPWZR9T>

To respond to this opportunity, please click here:

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/respond/H7WRPWZR9T>

Total value (estimated)

- £1,020,000 excluding VAT
- £1,224,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 January 2026 to 2 July 2028
- Possible extension to 2 June 2029
- 3 years, 5 months, 2 days

Description of possible extension:

3 year contract (events May 2026, May 2027, May 2028) with the option to extend 1 additional year (May 2029)

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79952000 - Event services
- 79952100 - Cultural event organisation services
- 79953000 - Festival organisation services

Contract locations

- UKI - London

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

25 June 2025, 6:00pm

Submission type

Tenders

Tender submission deadline

11 July 2025, 1:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://www.hrp.org.uk/>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

30 November 2025

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Technical Proposal	55%	Quality	55%
Commercial Response	30%	Price	30%
Social Value	15%	Quality	15%

Other information**Applicable trade agreements**

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

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Competitive flexible procedure description

Invitation to Tender (including Prequalifying Questions and Tender Questionnaire)

Contracting authority

Historic Royal Palaces

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PMHC-9885-MMJV

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government