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Planning

NHM Collections Store Refurbishments- Architect, Principal Designer (BSA) and Sustainability services, RIBA Stages 2-7

Natural History Museum

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Scope

Description

The Natural History Museum requires a Lead Architect, with Principal Designer (BSA) and Sustainability Consultancy services for RIBA Stages 2-7 of the Collections Store Refurbishments Project.

The Collections Store Refurbishments project will deliver the rehousing of five specimen collections plus Library and Archive material across nine spaces at South Kensington. The appointed supplier will form part of the consultant team supporting the design and implementation of this project through RIBA Stages 2-7. This role will contribute directly to the the Refurbishments project, which supports the Museum's Strategy to 2031 and the NHM Unlocked Programme.

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Total value (estimated)

- £475,000 excluding VAT
- £570,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 September 2025 to 16 December 2030
- Possible extension to 19 December 2031
- 6 years, 3 months, 19 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 45212300 - Construction work for art and cultural buildings
- 45212311 - Art gallery construction work
- 45212313 - Museum construction work
- 45212350 - Buildings of particular historical or architectural interest
- 71200000 - Architectural and related services

- 92500000 - Library, archives, museums and other cultural services
- 92520000 - Museum services and preservation services of historical sites and buildings
- 92521000 - Museum services

Contract locations

- UKI - London

Engagement

Engagement deadline

20 June 2025

Engagement process description

Please follow the link here to our preliminary engagement questionnaire:

<https://forms.office.com/e/ZKifdeYSW1>

This will give you a sense of the project and services required and help us in shaping the Invitation to Tender. Response is not mandatory, and no exclusions will be made based on the answers provided here.

- Date tender goes out: w/c 23rd June 2025
- Date tender returns are due: 25th July 2025
- Indicative dates:

- RIBA Stage 2 ends February 2026
- RIBA Stage 3 ends July 2026
- Main Contractor Procurement ends March 2027
- Construction and Moves Programme ends December 2030

The following list of suppliers have been sent the form directly prior to the tender exercise:

IF_DO

Freehaus

Haworth Tompkins

Wright + Wright Architects

Purcell

Donald Insall

Lawson Ward

John McAslan

Dannatt Johnson

Rodney Melville + Partners

Martin Ashley

Connolly Wellingham Architects

Suppliers were sent the following information:

The Natural History Museum will be going out to tender next week for Lead Architect, with Principal Designer (BSA) and Sustainability Consultancy Services on our Collections Store Refurbishments project. The appointment will cover RIBA Stages 2 to 7.

The tender will be managed as an Open Procedure on the Government Find a Tender service, via the Delta eSourcing portal. The Invitation to Tender and appended documents will be released week commencing Monday 23rd June.

Please take the time to review preliminary engagement questionnaire here: <https://forms.office.com/e/ZKifdeYSW1>. This will give you a sense of the project and services required and help us in shaping the Invitation to Tender. Response is not mandatory, and no exclusions will be made based on the answers provided here. Please submit any responses by Friday 20th June.

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

23 June 2025

Contracting authority

Natural History Museum

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PJJJ-4723-MZPX

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government