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Tender

Design Architect for a New Wing at the National Gallery

National Gallery

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Scope

Description

Following our 200th anniversary celebrations, we are launching a landmark architectural competition for the design of a transformative new wing and public realm.

Our ambition is to create an architecturally distinguished, sustainable, and state-of-the-art new wing and public space.

The new wing will be built on the last remaining part of the National Gallery campus: St Vincent House. The property was acquired nearly 30 years ago, for the purpose of expanding gallery space, and currently houses a hotel and office complex.

The project aims to invigorate this corner of central London, connecting Trafalgar Square and Leicester Square. Embedding the Gallery as a cornerstone within London's arts quarter, it will also cement our reputation as a leader in the art world and the UK's commitment to culture and heritage.

The purpose of this competition is to find exceptional architects to take on the extraordinary responsibility that designing this new wing will entail. The selection of an architectural team will take place in two stages:

Stage 1: An open call for expressions of interest from architects that believe they meet the

criteria specified in the competition brief.

Stage 2: Up to six architects will be shortlisted and will be asked to expand on how they might approach this specific project.

Total value (estimated)

- £15,000,000 excluding VAT
- £18,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 15 April 2026 to 31 December 2031
- 5 years, 8 months, 16 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 71220000 - Architectural design services

Contract locations

- UKI32 - Westminster
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Participation

Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation

as stated in the documentation

Technical ability conditions of participation

as stated in the documentation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

26 September 2025, 6:00pm

Submission type

Requests to participate

Deadline for requests to participate

17 October 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/tenders/UK-title/C2Z8RA73MZ>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Suppliers to be invited to tender

5 to 6 suppliers

Selection criteria:

Assessment as set out in the documents

Award decision date (estimated)

3 April 2026

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Design concept	Quality	40%

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Fees	Cost	30%
Design delivery methodology and resourcing	Quality	15%
Social Value	Quality	10%
Interview	Quality	5%

Other information

Description of risks to contract performance

Delays may occur due to external issues such as planning, archaeology, on-site discoveries etc. This could lead to an extension of the overall programme.

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Competitive flexible procedure description

Stage 1:

- submission of PSQ to meet conditions of participation
- down selection of suppliers based on technical capability and capacity
- 5 / 6 suppliers invited to tender

Stage 2:

- mid-tender technical meeting to review initial ideas
- tender submission
- site visit to all compliant suppliers
- optionally, to be determined, an exhibition of submission material
- interview of all compliant bids

Documents

Associated tender documents

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/tenders/UK-title/C2Z8RA73MZ>

All queries and submissions must be made through the eProcurement portal.

Information is also available at <https://colander.co.uk/architectural-competitions/colander-competitions/the-national-gallery>

Documents to be provided after the tender notice

Stage 2 documentation will be issued to the shortlisted suppliers

Contracting authority

National Gallery

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PGYR-7259-GLQG

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government