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Tender

Contract for Conservation and Collections Management support (Paperbased collections to Hartlepool Borough Council as part of the Museum of Hartlepool's Tides of Change project.

Hartlepool Borough Council

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Scope

Reference

OPEN20251613

Description

Hartlepool Borough Council (HBC) Museum and Gallery Team are seeking a qualified and experienced collections specialist as part of the 'Tides of Change: Revitalising the Museum of Hartlepool and PS Wingfield Castle' project.

Context for the Brief

We are seeking an experienced paper conservator or collections specialist to support the assessment, conservation, and long-term care of our paper-based collections during the Development and Delivery Phases of the 'Tides of Change' project - subject to a successful Delivery Phase award.

Our paper-based collections include works on paper (drawings, watercolours, and prints), photographs, maps, documents, certificates, and archival materials. A key component is the Robert Wood Collection, named after local historian Robert Wood, who compiled over 40,000 items of historical printed ephemera. These include posters, memorial cards, advertisements, and business stationery salvaged from local printers. The collection provides vital insight into Hartlepool's social, commercial, and civic life from the 19th century onward. Due to their fragility and cultural significance, items within this collection require assessment, conservation, and in some cases facsimile reproduction to enable future display and access.

Tides of Change is made possible thanks to support from The National Lottery Heritage Fund and National Lottery players.

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Total value (estimated)

- £11,000 excluding VAT
- £13,200 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 20 October 2025 to 31 March 2029
- 3 years, 5 months, 12 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services
- 80000000 - Education and training services
- 90700000 - Environmental services
- 92500000 - Library, archives, museums and other cultural services

Contract locations

- UKC11 - Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Tender submission deadline

1 October 2025, 2:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

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Yes

Award criteria

30% Price

70% Quality

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Contracting authority

Hartlepool Borough Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PTCQ-5564-CHJP

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Region: UKC11 - Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government