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Tender

Manchester Cotton and Transatlantic Slavery Exhibition Design

Science Museum Group

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Scope

Description

We are seeking a creative exhibition designer (option to include lighting design services) who will use vibrant, welcoming, dynamic and sensitive design to tell the story of Manchester, cotton and transatlantic slavery. We will explore the role that enslaved Africans played in Manchester's growth and discuss why this story is relevant to the people of Manchester today, reshaping the narrative of how the textile industry created the world's first industrial city.

This project calls for the expertise of a designer who can demonstrate an ability to produce an exhibition design that works carefully with sensitive subject matter, bringing together archival content and objects, a limited number of thoughtful interactive exhibits and creative commissions to produce an insightful and inspiring visitor experience.

Please refer to the tender documents for further details.

Total value (estimated)

- £50,000 excluding VAT
- £60,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 12 January 2026 to 1 March 2027
- 1 year, 1 month, 21 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 22314000 - Designs
- 92521100 - Museum-exhibition services

Submission

Enquiry deadline

24 November 2025, 5:00pm

Tender submission deadline

30 November 2025, 11:59pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/sciencemuseumgroup/asp/Tenders/Current>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Award criteria

Price + Quality (Option Lighting Services will not scored)

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Documents

Associated tender documents

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/sciencemuseumgroup/asp/Tenders/Current>

Contracting authority

Science Museum Group

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDTR-3338-MNPG

The Science Museum

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Region: UKI33 - Kensington & Chelsea and Hammersmith & Fulham

Organisation type: Public authority - central government