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Tender

Fine Art Transportation and Storage Framework for National Gallery and others

National Gallery
National Portrait Gallery
HISTORIC ROYAL PALACES
Wallace Collection

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Scope

Description

Transportation of fine art and other objects with the collections or borrowed from other lenders for the National Gallery, the National Portrait Gallery, Historic Royal Palaces and the Wallace Collection. Other major museums and galleries may choose to use the framework.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £23,000,000 excluding VAT
- £27,600,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2028
- Possible extension to 31 March 2030
- 4 years

Description of possible extension:

options to extend to a maximum four years subject to performance

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 63520000 - Transport agency services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom
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Lot 1. Land Transportation in Great Britain

Description

Transport arrangements involving road transportation only where there are no customs requirements. This may be for simple point-to-point transportation, transportation between different Gallery sites, or a small exhibition. Objects will be sourced and transported by road within Great Britain only ; transportation shall involve some planning and scheduling considerations.

Lot value (estimated)

- £1,700,000 excluding VAT
- £2,040,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 2. UK & International Transportation

Description

Transport arrangements involving road, sea or airfreight for small one-off or exhibition projects such as international loans involving months of detailed advanced planning, security measures and some scheduling and customs requirement considerations.

The Galleries require the Contractor to have expertise in co-ordinating the transport for UK and international loans and exhibitions of Objects; to provide a range of technical services for museums both nationally and internationally; to have knowledge of institutional and private Lenders; and experience arranging supervised airfreight and occasional coordination of accompanying lender couriers.

The Contractor shall have the expertise, authorisations and guarantees required to deal with the temporary or permanent import and export of Objects which may be for temporary exhibition, for long loan, study or acquisition, and the Contractor should have knowledge of Customs and export licensing procedures.

Lot value (estimated)

- £2,600,000 excluding VAT
- £3,120,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

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Lot 3. Complex International Transportation

Description

Transport arrangements involving road, sea or airfreight for major multi-partite international exhibitions (typically involving a high number of couriers - physical and virtual) including exhibition tours or high-profile projects involving many months of detailed advanced planning, stringent security measures, requirements set out by institutional lenders and skilful orchestration of scheduling considerations.

The Galleries require the Contractor to have substantial expertise in co-ordinating the transport for major international loans, complex exhibitions with numerous Objects; to

provide highly skilled technical services, experienced coordination and technical staff; be well resourced for the scope of work with museums both nationally and internationally; to have extensive knowledge of institutional and private Lenders; and substantial experience arranging supervised airfreight and extensive coordination of large numbers of accompanying lender couriers.

The Contractor shall have the expertise, authorisations and guarantees required to deal with the temporary or permanent import and export of Objects which may be for temporary exhibition, for long loan, study or acquisition, and the Contractor should have extensive knowledge of Customs and export licensing procedures.

Lot value (estimated)

- £15,200,000 excluding VAT
- £18,240,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

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Lot 4. Medium and Long Term Storage

Description

Storage arrangements for complex and one-off collection moves requiring advance planning and skilful orchestration throughout.

The Galleries require the Contractor to have substantial experience, expertise in providing and coordinating storage for a wide range of Objects, as reflected by the broad scope of the Galleries collections and projects.

The Galleries require the Contractor to be well resourced for the safe storage, tracking,

environmental monitoring and management of a wide range of Objects, as well as empty crates and packing materials.

The Galleries require the Contractor to have facilities which meet museum and UK Government Indemnity standards for the storage and management of a range of Objects or equipment as appropriate.

The Galleries require the Contractor to have viewing room facilities as well as sufficient staff to enable audits, viewings including handling and wrapping of works at agreed times and short notice viewings.

Lot value (estimated)

- £3,500,000 excluding VAT
- £4,200,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

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Framework

Maximum number of suppliers

Unlimited

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

0%

Framework operation description

Suppliers will bid for access to the framework ceiling rates.

For call offs they may choose to price below those rates in order to deliver value

Award method when using the framework

Either with or without competition

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

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Submission

Enquiry deadline

8 December 2025, 6:00pm

Submission type

Tenders

Tender submission deadline

9 January 2026, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/tenders/UK-title/UFE9S6K632>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

13 February 2026

Recurring procurement

Publication date of next tender notice (estimated): 1 November 2027

Award criteria

Lot 1. Land Transportation in Great Britain

Name	Type	Weighting
Price	Price	50%
Resources	Quality	15%
Planning	Quality	15%

Name	Type	Weighting
Operations	Quality	15%
Task Examples	Quality	5%

Lot 2. UK & International Transportation

Name	Type	Weighting
Price	Price	35%
Resources	Quality	20%
Operations	Quality	20%
Planning	Quality	15%
Task Example	Quality	10%

Lot 3. Complex International Transportation

Name	Type	Weighting
Price	Price	30%
Resources	Quality	20%
Operations	Quality	20%
Planning	Quality	15%
Task Example	Quality	15%

Lot 4. Medium and Long Term Storage

Name	Type	Weighting
Resources	Quality	25%
Planning	Quality	25%
Operations	Quality	25%
Price	Price	20%
Task Examples	Quality	5%

Other information

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Competitive flexible procedure description

Suppliers are invited to submit their tender and compliance responses. Following evaluation there may be site visits to supplier facilities and/or interviews to validate the tender responses.

Contracting authorities

National Gallery

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PGYR-7259-GLQG

Trafalgar Square

London

WC2N 5DN

United Kingdom

Email: contracting@nationalgallery.org.uk

Region: UKI32 - Westminster

Organisation type: Public authority - central government

National Portrait Gallery

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PNPD-3846-CXZR

St Martin's Place

London

WC2H 0HE

United Kingdom

Email: procurement@npg.org.uk

Region: UKI32 - Westminster

Organisation type: Public authority - central government

HISTORIC ROYAL PALACES

- Companies House: RC000769
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PMHC-9885-MMJV

Hampton Court Palace

London

KT8 9AU

United Kingdom

Email: procurement@hrp.org.uk

Region: UKI75 - Hounslow and Richmond upon Thames

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Wallace Collection

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PNZX-4797-NLJW

Hertford House, Manchester Square

London

W1U 3BN

United Kingdom

Email: melanie.newlands@wallacecollection.org

Region: UKI32 - Westminster

Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Contact organisation

Contact National Gallery for any enquiries.