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Planning

Gallery 33 Strip Out and Refurbishment Heritage Principal Contractor

Natural History Museum

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Scope

Description

The Natural History Museum is tendering for a Heritage Principal Contractor (Strip Out and Refurbishment) to deliver our vision for the building and its new permanent exhibition in Gallery 33, replacing the current Creepy Crawlies gallery on the ground floor of the Grade 1 listed Waterhouse East Building. This new, permanent gallery at South Kensington will be dedicated to building a positive connection to nature in our very youngest audiences - aged 4-7 years old - and their adults.

The Gallery 33 Strip Out & Refurbishment Project will be split into two key phases:

- Phase 1: Strip Out of the existing 1980's exhibition
- Phase 2: Internal refurbishment of the gallery

In order to participate in the tender exercise for the Strip Out and Refurbishment Heritage Principal Contractor, an NDA must be signed by an appropriate representative of the tendering company and returned to the Museum for countersignature. Once the NDA has been completed by both parties, it will be sent to tenderers for record keeping. The

tenderer will then be added to the Tenderbox stage, where the tender documents will be made available.

To access the NDA, please use the following link: <https://www.delta-esourcing.com/respond/3ZP5KV7RS5>

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Total value (estimated)

- £1,500,000 excluding VAT
- £1,800,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 2 March 2026 to 30 April 2027
- 1 year, 1 month, 30 days

Main procurement category

Works

CPV classifications

- 45212300 - Construction work for art and cultural buildings
- 45212310 - Construction work for buildings relating to exhibitions
- 45212313 - Museum construction work
- 92500000 - Library, archives, museums and other cultural services
- 92521000 - Museum services

Engagement

Engagement deadline

8 January 2026

Engagement process description

The engagement has not yet been carried out. Engagement process description:

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The tender exercise is intended to be published w/c 24 November 2025.

Contracting authority

Natural History Museum

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government