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Award

0455 - PA - Exhibition Design Consultancy Services

Colchester City Council

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Scope

Description

Colchester City Council (the Council) wishes to commission experienced Exhibition Design consultants to be part of this upcoming iconic project and to provide exhibition design services from RIBA stage 1 equivalent to RIBA stage 6/7 equivalent and detailed design for fit-out contractors. You will work with the wider design team, including Architectural Design consultants to coordinate and support the wider redevelopment of the museum which includes the enlargement of its physical footprint. Due to the nature of the project and the museum collections the practice will need to be able to demonstrate relevant experience of exhibition design for museums and for NLHF funded projects in particular.

The commission is for full service from RIBA stage 1 to RIBA Stage 6/7 equivalents and detailed design (including detailed cost plan) but will include a break clause at RIBA Stage 3 for submission to the National Lottery Heritage Fund. Completion to detailed design will be contingent on the acquisition of round two funding.

The tentative key dates for the implementation of the project are set out in the programme here below:

- Appointment - September 2025

- RIBA Stage 2 equivalent - December 2025
- Pre-application - March 2026
- RIBA Stage 3 equivalent - April 2026
- Round 2 NLHF Application - May 2026

Break

- NLHF Round 2 Decision - September 2026
- RIBA Stages 4 - 6/7 equivalent - TBC with consultant, dependent upon successful NLHF application

Please be advised that the above schedule is indicative and shall be subject to change.

Further details of the requirements can be found in the accompanying documents.

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Contract 1

Supplier

- Pringle Richards Sharratt Ltd - GuM Studio

Contract value

- £166,000 excluding VAT

- £198,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

1 December 2025

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

1 December 2025

Standstill period

- End: 12 December 2025
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

16 December 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 17 December 2025 to 30 April 2026
- Possible extension to 31 March 2027
- 1 year, 3 months, 15 days

Description of possible extension:

The initial requirements of RIBA 1-3 should be submitted by April 2026. If round 2 is

approved, this will be confirmed with the successful supplier and an indicative time period will be September 2026 to March 2027, but this will be subject to change and any revised dates will be agreed with the successful supplier.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 73220000 - Development consultancy services
- 79415200 - Design consultancy services
- 79956000 - Fair and exhibition organisation services

Contract locations

- UKH3 - Essex

Information about tenders

- 5 tenders received
- 5 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 4 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 4 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Supplier

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 1

Contracting authority

Colchester City Council

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United Kingdom

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government