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Tender

ID 6231332 - National Museums NI - Conservation and Restoration of Maritime Collections

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Scope

Reference

ID 6231332

Description

National Museums NI seeks to appoint an ICON-accredited (ACR status or equivalent) Supplier to undertake conservation on each of the four priority maritime vessels Mary Joseph, Children's Hope, The Fancy and The Result.

The conservation work on Mary Joseph and Children's Hope will commence on award of contract. The conservation work on The Fancy will commence in April 2027 while conservation work on The Result which is broken down into Phase 1 and Phase 2 will commence in September 2027. The commencement of Phase 2 will be dependant on budgets and NMNI operational requirements.

Please see the CfT documents for details.

Total value (estimated)

- £400,000 excluding VAT
- £480,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 20 October 2026 to 19 October 2029
- Possible extension to 19 October 2031
- 5 years

Description of possible extension:

Option of 2 further individual periods of 12 months.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 50240000 - Repair, maintenance and associated services related to marine and other equipment
- 50241000 - Repair and maintenance services of ships
- 50241100 - Vessel repair services
- 50242000 - Conversion services of ships
- 50243000 - Demolition services of ships

- 50244000 - Reconditioning services of ships or boats
- 50245000 - Upgrading services of ships
- 92500000 - Library, archives, museums and other cultural services
- 92521210 - Preservation services of exhibits
- 92521220 - Preservation services of specimens
- 92521000 - Museum services

Contract locations

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

Justification for not using lots

While consideration was given to dividing the required conservation works for each of the four vessels into separate Lots, a decision was taken, following careful evaluation, to proceed with a single contract. This approach reflects the overall volume and value of the works, which are considered more attractive to the market when offered as a single opportunity. In addition, the specialised nature of the conservation works and the limited availability of suitably skilled and experienced contractors within the market were key factors in this decision. It is anticipated that a single contract will encourage stronger competition, deliver better value for money, and ensure consistency and quality across all vessels through a coordinated and streamlined approach to delivery.

Participation

Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation

As per Tender documentation.

Technical ability conditions of participation

As per Tender documentation.

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

11 September 2026, 3:00pm

Tender submission deadline

22 September 2026, 3:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

Tenders must be submitted electronically via the relevant Call for Tender (CfT) opportunity on eTendersNI, website details immediately below.

Paper submissions will not be accepted or considered and will be rejected by the Contracting Authority / Buyer.

The tender documents are available with unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: URL <https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

2 October 2026

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
AC4 - Total Cost	As per Tender documentation	Cost	30%
AC1 -Service Delivery	As per Tender documentation	Quality	28%
AC2 - Contract Management	As per Tender documentation	Quality	21%
AC3 - Implementation	As per Tender documentation	Quality	21%

Other information**Payment terms**

For further details on invoicing procedures please see : <https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/articles/account-ni-good-invoicing-practice>

Contract Value

The estimated value figure indicated in the Scope Section represents an overall estimated contract value. This value reflects the potential scale of the contract and takes into account potential optional extension periods and the uptake of potential optional services as detailed in the tender documents. This figure does not however take into account the application of indexation or increases to charges due to increases in the Real Living Wage. Neither CPD nor the contracting Authority can provide any guarantee as to the level of business under this contract. The Contracting Authority does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender. Suppliers remain responsible for all costs and expenses incurred by them or by any third party acting under instructions from the Supplier in connection with taking part in this procurement process regardless of whether such costs arise as a consequence, directly or indirectly of any amendments made to the procurement documents by the Contracting Authority at any time. No legally binding contract shall arise (and a Supplier shall have no legitimate expectation that a contract will be entered into) until such time as entry into the Contract has been confirmed by the Contracting Authority.

Description of risks to contract performance

Exclusions

If at any time during the procurement, or post award, it comes to the attention of the Contracting Authority (CA) or CPD, by whatever means, that a Supplier has become 'excluded' or 'excludable' as per Sec 57 of the PA 2023, the CA, after compliance with its obligations under the PA 23, reserves the right to exclude said Supplier from the procurement procedure or terminate any contract they have been awarded.

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Contracting authority

National Museums NI

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PHRL-2489-HJBV

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Region: UKN09 - Ards and North Down

Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland

Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

CPD - Supplies & Services Division

Summary of their role in this procurement: Construction and Procurement Delivery - Supplies and Services Division, is a Centre of Procurement Expertise and provides a central procurement function for central government in Northern Ireland.

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVWG-8426-YWXV

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Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Contact organisation

Contact [CPD - Supplies & Services Division](#) for any enquiries.