The Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew (“RBG Kew”) is undertaking early market engagement prior to our upcoming Treehouses tender, to test the experience of the market in delivering similar projects; and ascertain the appetite within the market to tender for the delivery of this project.

For the avoidance of doubt:

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If you feel that your organisation can contribute to this exercise, please provide the information requested below. Please note, a Pre-Market Engagement Session will be held on site on 9th October 2023. If you would like to attend, please email **m.vella@kew.org** by 5pm, 4th October 2023, for more information.

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| **Return information** |
| Name of requirement | Treehouses at Kew | Time for response | 5pm on 18th October 2023 |
| Address to return this questionnaire to | m.vella@kew.org |
| **Specification** |
| Kew and Treehouses project information | Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew ('RBG Kew') is a world-famous centre for botanical and mycological knowledge. With two inspiring gardens at Kew in west London and Wakehurst in Sussex, we enchant our visitors with the wonder of plant diversity. The RBG Kew mission is to be a globally recognised resource for plant and fungal knowledge, building an understanding of the world's plants and fungi upon which all our lives depend.Treehouses will be a spectacular outdoor architectural exhibition of five treehouses set across Kew Gardens’ iconic 230-acre landscape, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.RBG Kew is pleased to be partnering with the Museum of Architecture (MoA) to create this inspiring project. Treehouses at Kew will be Kew Gardens’ main exhibition, running from April 2025 to Autumn 2026, and will provide one of the most compelling visitor experiences in the London cultural calendar.Climate change is one of today’s most important environmental and social issues, resonating with people worldwide. Architects globally are working to find sustainable solutions. This exhibition and programme create a positive picture of a biodiverse, culturally rich and sustainably developed future – highlighting the need to develop a more balanced relationship with trees and inspiring visitors to do the same. Designed and built using renewable materials, the exhibition will celebrate and explore key aspects of trees and their importance to our world by bringing visitors closer to Kew’s Living Collections.Please see Treehouses information pack attached which includes:* More information on each of the treehouses along with concept images.

RBG Kew wishes to appoint a contractor who can successfully deliver this project as the lead/ principal contractor on site who has experience in this kind of construction delivery. |

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| **Questionnaire** |
| Does your organisation have the experience and qualifications to successfully deliver this contract? Please explain. |
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| What value can your organisation add to this project over and above your experience mentioned above? |
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| If RBG Kew progressed to procure this opportunity, would your organisation be interested in submitting a tender?  If not, it would be helpful if you could help us to understand why not. |
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