Expressions of Interest – National Waterways Museum, Ellesmere Port.

Urgent Repairs to a Historical Pump House

11 September 2025

1. **Site Address:**

Canal & River Trust, National Waterways Museum, South Pier Road, Ellesmere Port. CH65 4FW.

1. **Contact:**

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1. **Communication:**

This is for the expressions of interest to tender for repair works (Roof) to a Grade II heritage Asset at National Waterways Museum, Ellesmere Port. Following the closing date of the Expression of Interest, a Prequalification Questionnaire (PQQ) shall be issued to all those who confirmed their interest. However, in the event a low number of interest is received we reserve the right to go straight to the Invitation to Tender Stage.

1. **Description:**

The National Waterways Museum is owned by The Canal & River Trust (the Trust) who cares for 2,000 miles of canals, rivers, reservoirs, and docks across England & Wales.

National Waterways Museum is located on the outskirts of Ellesmere Port, s between the M53 and the Manchester Ship Canal. It is located within the Ellesmere Port Docks and Port Conservation Area.

The importance of the Museum reflects the historic importance of the canal network and terminus this site once provided. The site consists of many Grade II listed buildings and Assets and houses our national collection and Archive.

The works proposed within this scope will be in funded by Canal and River Trust and a Grant from Historic England.

Works will include :

* Roof repairs including significant timber repairs, timber splice repairs to roof members, glazing and roof slates
* Full or partial strip of the existing slate roof covering, reroofing with the existing slates.
* Addressing timber valley gutters and renewal of lead covering.
* Clear out and renewal where needed existing cast iron rainwater goods.
* Non-mechanical raking out and patch point of brick work using lime mortar.

1. **Award**

The project would be appointed as a single contract. All sub-contractors would also need to prove and provide suitable heritage and relevant experience and knowledge if used at tendering stage.

1. **Commencement & Completion Date -** The successful Contractor will commence on site 6th January 2026 with a completion date of 28 March 2026.
2. **Estimated Value**

The estimated full contract value is circa £150 - £200k

1. **Funding**

The contractual appointment will be with the Canal & River Trust, with funding being provided by Canal and River Trust and Historic England.

1. **Requirements of contractors showing an expression to tender:**

Contractors chosen for this appointment will need to be able to demonstrate & evidence the following throughout the tender process:

* Knowledge and experience of traditional repairs on historic buildings or structures Grade II and above
* Knowledge and Experience with Lime mortar and masonry repairs
* Knowledge and experience of roof works and all associated temporary works
* Suitable Insurance with a minimum of £10m Public and £10m employers’ liability
* Suitable Health and safety qualifications and association membership
* Suitable onsite management and compliance with all CDM requirements