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Selection Questionnaire (SQ) Notice

Mechanical and Electrical (M&E) Improvements at Creswell Crags

Contracting Body: Creswell Heritage Trust (CHT)

CHT is seeking expressions of interest from suitably qualified and experienced Mechanical and Electrical contractors for essential upgrade works to the site's visitor facing and back of house facilities.

Project Description

Creswell Crags is a world-renowned heritage site, comprising Ice Age caves, a museum and visitor centre facilities. In 2025 CHT was awarded Museum Estate and Development (MEND) funding to undertake essential mechanical and electrical (M&E) works as part of a capital project. The Department of Culture Media and Sport funds MEND, which is administered by Arts Council England. The Project is also made possible with The National Lottery Heritage Fund, thanks to National Lottery players and by The Headley Trust.

Creswell Crags is a Scheduled Ancient Monument (SAM) and Site of Specific Scientific Interest located in the Bolsover district of Derbyshire. It is home to the oldest rock art and the largest assemblage of Witch Marks in the UK. The remains of 50,000 years of human history are represented by collections of c.40,000 items, mostly prehistoric.

More about Creswell Crags: <https://www.creswell-crags.org.uk>

Scope of Works

The scheme includes replacement of environmental controls, requiring air source heat pump installation, ground source heat pump and exhibition light upgrades.

Estimated Contract Value: £450,000+VAT

Location: Creswell Crags, Crags Road, Welbeck, Worksop, Nottinghamshire S80 3LH

Procurement Process

The process will be conducted in accordance with public sector procurement principles and the Museum Estate and Development Fund (MEND) requirements. Interested contractors will be required to complete a Selection Questionnaire (SQ) based on the Common Assessment Standard (CAS, v5).



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Following assessment, up to 4 suppliers will be shortlisted and invited to tender. The Invitation to Tender will be awarded on a Quality/Price basis (50%/50%) and is anticipated to be released in February 2026.

Minimum Requirements

- Demonstratable experience of delivering comparable M&E works, preferably in a heritage/visitor-attraction/conservation setting.
- Appropriate insurances (Public Liability £10m, Employers' Liability £5m, PI £1m where design is undertaken)
- Health and Safety accreditation (SSIP/ISO 45001 or equivalent)
- Core compliance policies
- Good financial standing

How to apply

This SQ opportunity has been advertised on the GOV.UK Contracts Finder.

The SQ documents are available free of charge via: www.creswell-crags.org.uk/jobs

Completed SQ responses must be submitted by email to: laura.bird@creswell-crags.org.uk with the subject line: Creswell Crags M&E SQ Response/ [Supplier Name]

All clarification questions must also be sent via email to the same address, no later than 5pm on Wednesday 21st January 2026. Responses to clarifications will be shared with all organisations that have requested the SQ documents.

Suppliers who download the SQ directly from the website and do not register on Contracts Finder are responsible for checking for updates. If you wish to be included on the distribution list for clarifications and updates, please email Laura Bird (via details above) to register your interest.

Deadline for submission of completed SQ: 5pm, Wednesday 4th February

Contract Type: Works

Procedure: Restricted (SQ then ITT)

CPV Codes: 45310000 – Electrical Installation Work; 45350000 – Mechanical Installations; 45331000 – Heating, ventilation and air-conditioning installation.



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