

Over the next 12 years the National Museum of the Royal Navy (NMRN) are leading the conservation of HMS Victory to ensure the long-term preservation of a world-class historic vessel and an exemplar of a Royal Navy capital warship from the Age of Sail.

In addition to being a unique historic asset, HMS Victory continues to be a significant visitor attraction within the setting of No. 2 Dock and Portsmouth Historic Dockyard whilst continuing to serve as a commissioned warship and the Flagship of the Royal Navy's First Sea Lord. Outside of Museum operational hours, HMS Victory fulfils a number of cultural and ceremonial roles for the Royal Navy such as awards and presentations, VIP receptions and Dinners, and Change of Command ceremonies.

The aim of the HMS Victory Conservation Programme is to deliver a fully-conserved HMS Victory, in an open environment, and in a condition to survive for the next 50 years without major work beyond a programme of planned maintenance.

The conservation work includes replacement of all external and some internal planking in a staged programme; it is intended that the ship remains open to the public throughout the planned work.

Core to the programme is the procurement of Timber, primarily Oak, to meet the planned Hull Conservation programme. Where solid timber of sufficient size and quality is not available the NMRN will require the supply suitable timber for lamination in NMRN's workshops.

In addition to planking, additional solid 'curved' timber will be needed to replace items such as knees and beams (compass timber), and the timber supplier(s) will be expected to work with the NMRN to source and produce such items.

To achieve this requirement, the NMRN recognise that the procurement model is likely to consist of a 'framework-type' service agreement, separated into Lots associated with the various elements of Timber supply.

The NMRN are seeking a range of suppliers who meet the following:

**Flexibility and Responsive to Change**

- Suppliers who are flexible in their approach and can cope with changing environments, processes, and requirements.
- Suppliers who can operate seamlessly during the whole duration of the contract.

**Compliance**

- Suppliers who fully comply with all contractual obligations, national, and international laws.
- Suppliers who fully comply with environmental requirements, as specified by the NMRN.

This notice intends to identify suppliers who would like to express an interest in providing these services and to invite all interested parties to attend a Market Engagement Event.

The purpose of this early market engagement is to:

- secure wider market interest in the supply of Timber, including Timber buyers, sawmills, forestry and suppliers/distributors;
- to assess the level of appetite from different providers in the delivery of such provision; and
- to test with the market the potential delivery and procurement model.

The NMRN plans to hold a 'hybrid' **Market Engagement Event** both face-to-face at Portsmouth historic Dockyard and via MS Teams (or other similar platform), on **Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022 from 10:00 – 15:00**. This will include more specific information on the HMSV Conservation programme objectives and the Timber requirements, as well as a viewing of HMS Victory to gain a context of the task.

#### **How To Attend?**

Suppliers interested in participating should confirm their interest by **3pm on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022** by email to the Procurement team at [tenders@nmrn.org.uk](mailto:tenders@nmrn.org.uk) clearly stating HMSV Timber Procurement Tender in the subject line.

The form of response should be limited to the provision of a single point of contact (full company name, contact name, job title, e-mail address and telephone number). The NMRN will then issue invitations to all interested parties, confirming the timings and any video conferencing link to the event.

We look forward to hearing from you

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