

THE BISHOP'S PALACE AND GARDENS, WELLS

Assuring the Future – Expressions of Interest

The Palace Trust has secured a Stage 1 grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund for their ambitious plans to provide an external welcome to all visitors and users, interpreting the site for as wide a range of audiences as possible, encouraging access, use and understanding while safeguarding the historic remains, spirit of place and current working environment of the Bishop.

Our plans include landscape restoration, alterations to historic building and new visitor facilities in “minor” buildings and some new build. The overall budget for works is £1,000,000 and £400,000 for landscape works, exclusive of fees and VAT.

Expressions of interest are invited from suitably experienced teams of consultants including project manager, conservation architect, landscape architect, quantity surveyor, structural engineer and services consultants to progress the project to RIBA stage E in accordance with the usual HLF requirements. The stage 2 application is to be submitted in mid March 2009. It is the Trustees intention to appoint a consultant team for stages F to L subject to availability of funds and satisfactory performance in the initial stages.

Consultants are, in the first instance, are invited to submit expressions of interest covering the following matters:

- Details of previous experience of projects of this type including projects supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund;
- Details of the members of the team and staff who would work on the project;
- Approach to the project;
- Two relevant professional references.

Submission of interest must be received by 9am on Monday 19th May 2008.

Invitations to tender will be sent on Tuesday 20th May 2008. Interviews will be held at the Bishop's Palace on Monday 9th June.

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