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NSW GOVERNMENT OPENS EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM REDEVELOPMENT

The NSW Government has opened a call for expressions of interest from construction companies interested in delivering 'Project Discover', the Australian Museum's planned \$57.5m redevelopment ahead of its upcoming 2021 Tutankhamun exhibition.

Following the November appointment of COX Architecture in collaboration with Neeson Murcutt Architects to deliver the project, suitable construction companies are now being invited to register their interest to prequalify to be invited to tender for the proposed contract.

"I'm excited to see the museum's dynamic journey continue and expect a strong response from the construction industry as we move forward with the project," Minister Harwin said.

The first exhibition in the new space will be the exclusive blockbuster Tutankhamun: Treasures of the Golden Pharaoh, opening in 2021.

Project Discover will convert existing collection storage space into state-of-the-art touring exhibition facilities to enable the Australian Museum to host major international touring exhibitions that cannot be accommodated in its current exhibition spaces.

The redevelopment will also provide dedicated school group access, amenities, expanded and upgraded educational facilities, a new Members' Lounge, new retail outlets and additional food service amenities.

The works are subject to a State Significant Development Application (SSD) which is currently under review. The progression of this EOI and any subsequent procurement process is subject to such approvals.

The contract is proposed to start in June 2019, with a practical completion date of October 2020.

Applicants must lodge applications by 9.30am Friday 1 March 2019 through the NSW Government eTendering website at <https://tenders.nsw.gov.au>.

Please see the Conditions for Application for full details and a description of any conditions for participation of suppliers.

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