

Call for expressions of interest

Design for adaptive re-use of the Old Bega Hospital as a community and cultural centre, Bega, NSW

The Old Bega Hospital Reserve Trust invites expressions of interest from architects or similarly capable people to provide architectural services for design of an adaptive re-use of the Old Bega Hospital buildings and site as a community and cultural centre for the Bega Valley.

The Trust will be looking for skills in design of highly successful community centres in regional communities, and for application of those skills in the context of adaptive re-use of the Old Bega Hospital.

It is envisaged that a principal funds generating use of the site will be a cafe, with other parts of the buildings for lease to community groups and hire for community activities. The Trust will be seeking both a strategic plan for the entire site, and detailed design recommendations for repair and reconstruction of the main building.

Plans will have to be economical to implement and the resultant building economical to run. Plans may have to be implemented in stages.

The successful applicant will be expected to work closely with a local architectural draftsman and a specialist heritage adviser, as well as with client groups, to produce plans and specifications for a combined development approval and construction certificate by April 2018.

The selection criteria are:

1. interest, ability, skill and performance in designs of a similar nature in Australia in the last five years;
2. willingness and ability to engage effectively with the design team, including flexibility as to roles and timing;
3. grasp of the opportunities offered by the project;
4. willingness and ability to deliver in the project timeframe i.e. development approval by the end of April 2018; and
5. price.

Applicants must provide:

1. examples relevant to the selection criteria of their work, with contact information for referees
2. a statement of the qualifications and experience relevant to the selection criteria of the personnel proposed to be engaged on the project
3. a statement of opportunities for the site and the intended use that they can develop through their engagement with the project
4. a pricing proposal based on scope, time frame and schedule of deliverables
5. a statement addressing any other matters relevant to the selection criteria.

Material not directly relevant to the selection criteria will not assist and should not be provided. The total file size of electronic submissions should not exceed 30MB.

Funding for the design stage of the project is being provided through a Heritage Near Me Heritage Activation Grant from the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage. Funding for construction has not been secured.

The site is open to the public 24 hours a day, but access to the inside of buildings is restricted. Internal inspections can be arranged by appointment.

More information about the site is available at www.obh.org.au.

This call for expressions of interest is not exclusive, is not binding and is not intended to create legal relationships or obligations.

Contact officer is Richard Bomford, phone 0404 705 391, email tenders@obh.org.au.

Expressions of interest will be received until 12 noon on 21 July 2017. They may be lodged in the Tenderlink electronic tender box, or by mail to Old Bega Hospital Reserve Trust, PO Box 382, Bega, NSW 2550.