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City seeking best-of-the-best to design and build new art gallery

An Australia-wide search has begun to find a construction contractor to design and build an international-standard art gallery for the Gold Coast.

The gallery will be the new home of art and design for Australia's sixth largest city.

It will be the second major facility to be delivered at the Gold Coast Cultural Precinct – situated on almost 17 hectares of land in Surfers Paradise.

A \$37.5 million (2014 dollars) outdoor stage and concert lawn are already under construction and will be operational when the city hosts the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games™ next April.

With a gallery concept design now in hand, the City of Gold Coast launched a national Expressions of Interest (EOI) campaign on Saturday, 13 May 2017, to secure an experienced contractor able to oversee all aspects of design and delivery. A shortlist of companies will be invited to submit a Request for Detailed Proposal, with the successful company to be announced later this year.

Gold Coast Mayor Tom Tate said the city was after the 'best of the best' to deliver this next critical piece of the city's cultural infrastructure, commencing in mid-2018, with completion in late 2020.

"This is a rare chance to build a piece of paradise," Mayor Tate said.

"We want the gallery to be youthful, ambitious, adaptable and collaborative, just like the city itself.

"Our brief is for the gallery to become a must-see destination for residents and visitors wanting to engage and connect with the Gold Coast, visual art and design, on a local to global scale.

"It will also become the home to our city's multi-million dollar city visual art collection."

Mayor Tate said design leaders, ARM Architecture, had been working with the project team, The Arts Centre Gold Coast and the City Gallery to develop the gallery concept design and realise the next step of their winning master plan vision for the overall precinct.

"Now we want to find the right builders to bring the gallery to life. And we want to start work immediately after the Commonwealth Games."

Expressions of Interest opened on Saturday and companies will have until 13 June to submit.

The gallery will form Stage 1b of the Cultural Precinct, along with a green bridge connecting the Precinct to neighbouring Chevron Island and the city's light rail corridor.

For more information visit the project [website](#). Expressions of Interest can be submitted via [LG Tenderbox](#).