

The National Archives (TNA) is seeking expressions of interest from potential partners to digitise and to publish online one, or both, of the following two Lots of genealogical records relating to public service and the military:

Lot 1: Royal Hospital Chelsea Prize Records, 1720-1899; and

Lot 2: Civil Service Commission: Examination, Tables of Marks and Results.

Potential Suppliers are invited to express interest in the possibility of bidding for Lot 1, Lot 2 or both Lot 1 and Lot 2.

The contract award would include a commercial license to publish online digital images and associated metadata, and a requirement to undertake all the necessary activities to make that possible - including conservation, digital image capture, use of metadata to allow for meaningful searches of the records, and online publication. TNA expects that the appointed Supplier will deliver the contract at **NIL** cost to TNA, and will also deliver a royalty return to TNA during the contract period, in consideration for the licence to publish the Collection(s).

Lot 1 details: The Royal Hospital Chelsea Prize Records in WO 164 contain a list of entitlements to shares in war prize won in military actions between 1779 and 1858. Most of the records are registers of shares unclaimed, with entries of the dates on which any eventual claims were settled, and notes of the recipients. There are specific volumes of out-letter books for claims relating to the Peninsular War and the Battle of Waterloo, and these include lists of original payments. Also contained are warrants, correspondence, quarterly accounts and other miscellaneous papers. Many of the registers remained open for several decades after the original payments and this explains the apparently extreme dates of some of the entries. The series comprises 663 documents, which contain names and details of approximately 700,000 unique individuals in around 95,000 double-page images.

Lot 2 details: The Civil Service Commission tables of examination marks and results in CSC 10 contain the results of all candidates who sat examinations or attended interviews for Civil Service posts, whether home or colonial, held under open and limited competition with appointment through merit. Tables list both successful and unsuccessful candidates while some tables also mention absentees and candidates to be considered as reserves. There are approximately 810,000 names in the records up to 1933 – the proposed cut-off date for data protection reasons – and 43,000 images.

Potential partners are reminded that they may submit bids for one or both of the Lots. Each Lot will be evaluated on its own merits and no credit will be given at evaluation stage for bids received for both Lots over those received for one Lot only.

If this opportunity is of interest to you, please email us at procurement@nationalarchives.gov.uk by **5pm on 9 August 2019**. There is no set form for expressing your interest; a simple email will suffice. You do not need to tell us at this stage which Lot(s) are of interest.