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OPERATOR SOUGHT FOR GLOUCESTER DOCKS TRIP BOAT SERVICE

The Canal & River Trust's National Waterways Museum Gloucester is searching for an operator to run a trip boat service that will show people the secrets of the city's historic docks from the water.

The Docks are a popular place for people to spend time and are steeped in shipping and industrial heritage. The moorings are based by the Museum and will give visitors an exciting opportunity to take to the water to find out more, with a year-round service offering trips for tourists, private hire, community groups, schools and others.

The ambitious operator will manage and expand the existing Museum trip boat service to provide a standalone attraction that will draw more visitors to the Docks.

Graham Boxer, head of museums at the Canal & River Trust, said: "Gloucester Docks is having a renaissance, with bars, cafes, shops and restaurants springing up alongside the old wharves and warehouses, not to mention the museum. This is a great time to come on board: people love getting out on the water and taking a boat trip gives them the perfect opportunity."

The Trust is seeking expressions of interest by 30 June 2017. Interested parties may be required to enter in to a formal tender process thereafter. More information, including a copy of the marketing particulars, can be found here: <https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/business-and-trade/boating-business/tendered-opportunities>

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We believe that *living waterways transform places and enrich lives* and our role is to make sure there is always a place on your doorstep where you can escape the pressures of everyday life, stretch your legs and simply feel closer to nature.

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