Developing exhibitions for new Science Centres

The importance of international tenders. An overview

Learning from National Science Center Initiatives
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Pitching: a MUST

- If you want to spend public money
- If you don't know who you want to assign

What kind of tender will lead to the best result?

It depends!



Whether you look for

- The best creative solution
- The cheapest price
- The best quality
- The best collaboration



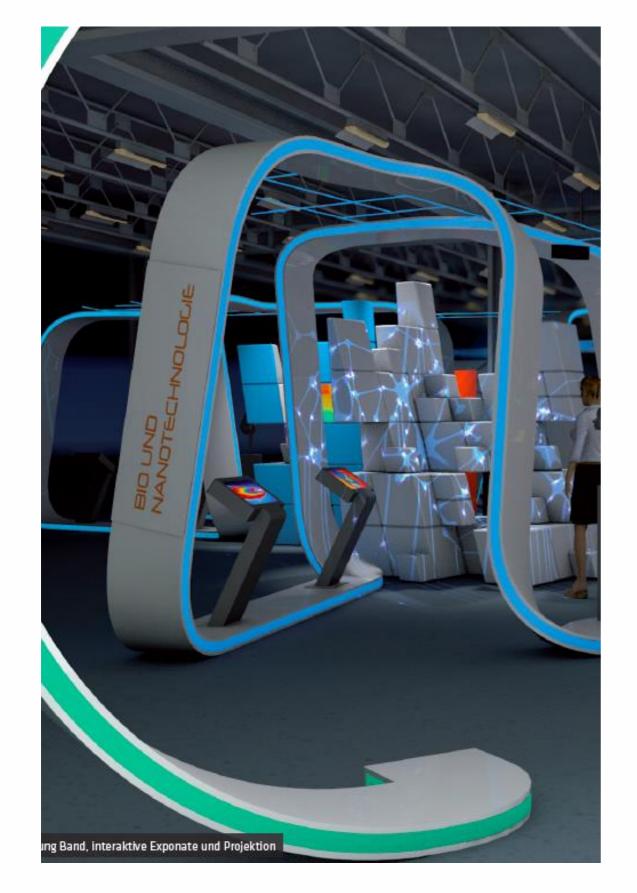
You want everything?

- There are different approaches:
 - Creative Tenders covering the whole service including production and assembly
 - Creative Tenders covering only design and concept and a second tender for production and assembly
 - Tender covering only the production and assembly the creative part is assigned directly or done in-house
 - Competitive Dialogue as a modification of the Creative Tender

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Creative Tender covering the whole service including production and assembly

 The Science Tunnel III was assigned after a European tender asking for concept, design and production.













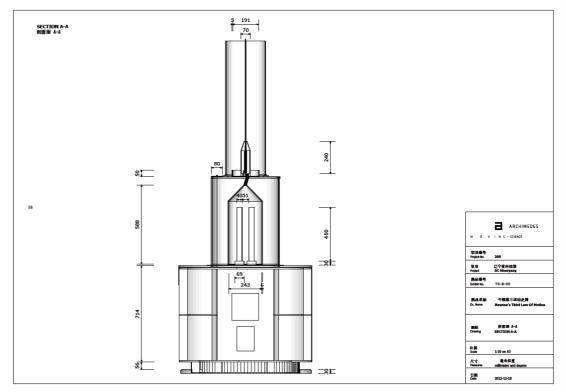


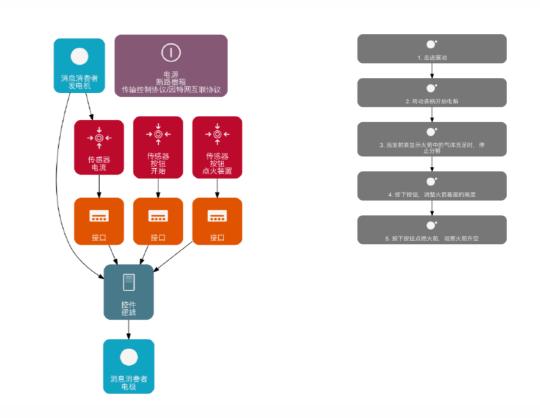


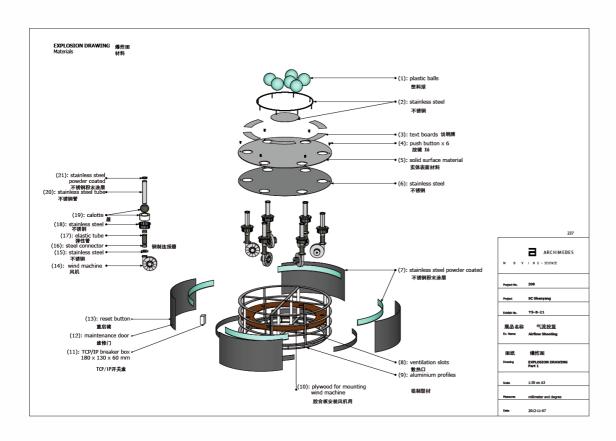
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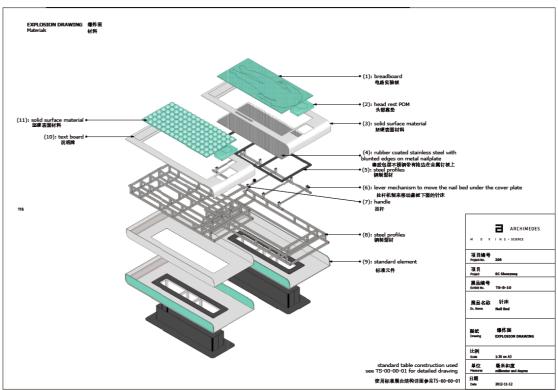
- For an exhibition in Shenyang we were asked to prepare design and construction drawings for 174 exhibits and scenography
- Drafts and drawings were to be the basis for a following production tender.

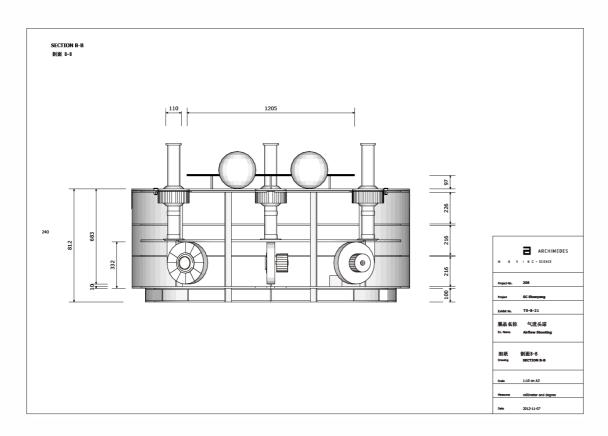


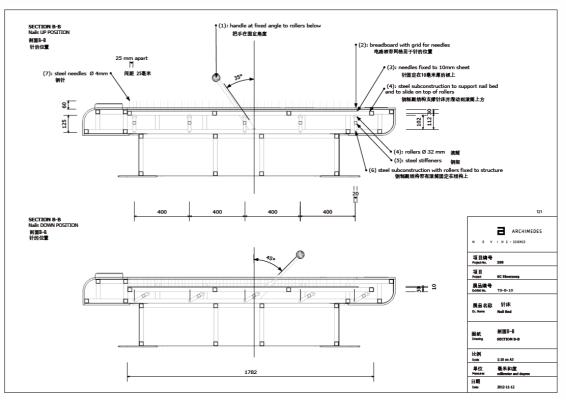














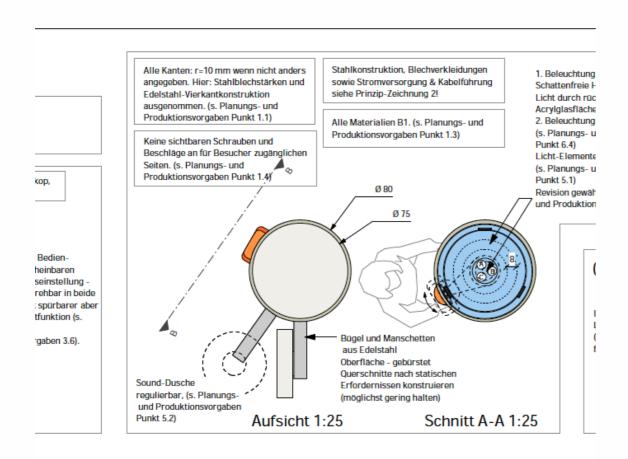


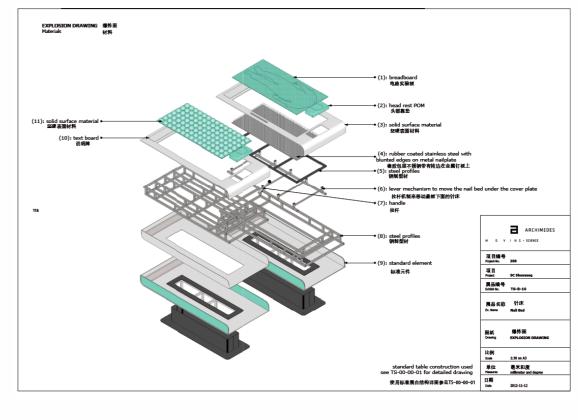


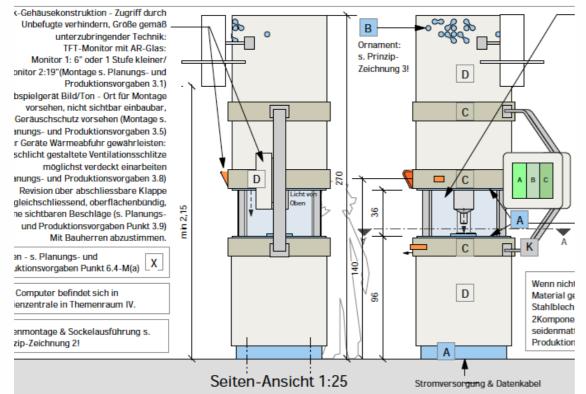


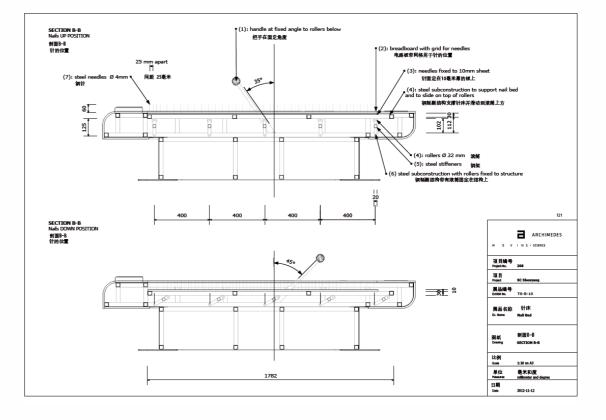
Tender covering only the production and assembly – the creative part is assigned directly or done in-house

- In the first part of a tender for the Odysseum Science Center in Cologne, we prepared the basis for the production tender
- We were not allowed to bid for the exhibition we designed but had the chance to bid for an exhibition planned by another company.



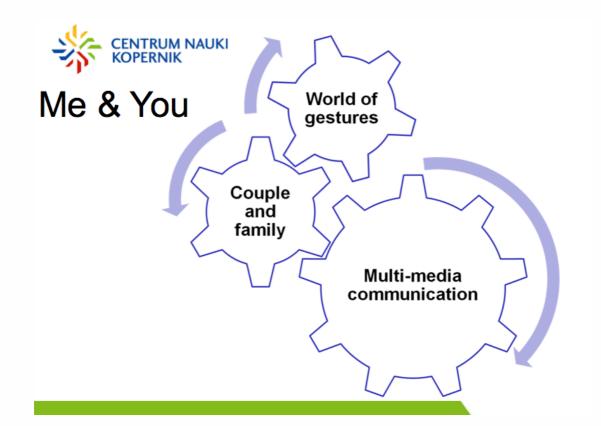




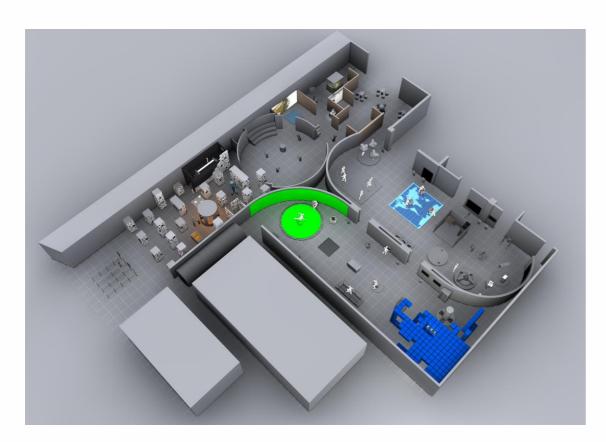


Competitive Dialogue as a modification of the Creative Tender

 For the science centers in Warsaw and Ostrava, the client decided on a competitive dialogue, a tender for the whole service with 2 or 3 presentations commented on by the client.





















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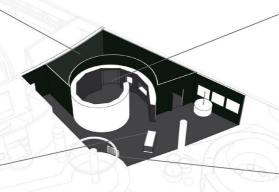
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IEBNÉ ZRCÁTKO_Vstupte do :adlové místnosti, u které se zdá, poskytuje nekonečný prostor. Kvůli í ohebné ploše - ohýbání - je možná álá změna ve smyslu kaleidosko-I._FLEXIBLE MIRROR_Enter a box of irrors that seem to provide endless ace. Because of their flexible surface pending will allow an ever changing leidoscope experience.







ZVÝRAZNĚNÝ EXPONÁT | HILIGHT EXHIB

KABINET SVĚTLA_Vstupte do kabinetu světla, abyste prozkoumali svět bioluminiscence a fluorescence.
_CABINET OF LIGHT_Enter the cabinet of light to explore the world of biolumi-nescence and flourescence.

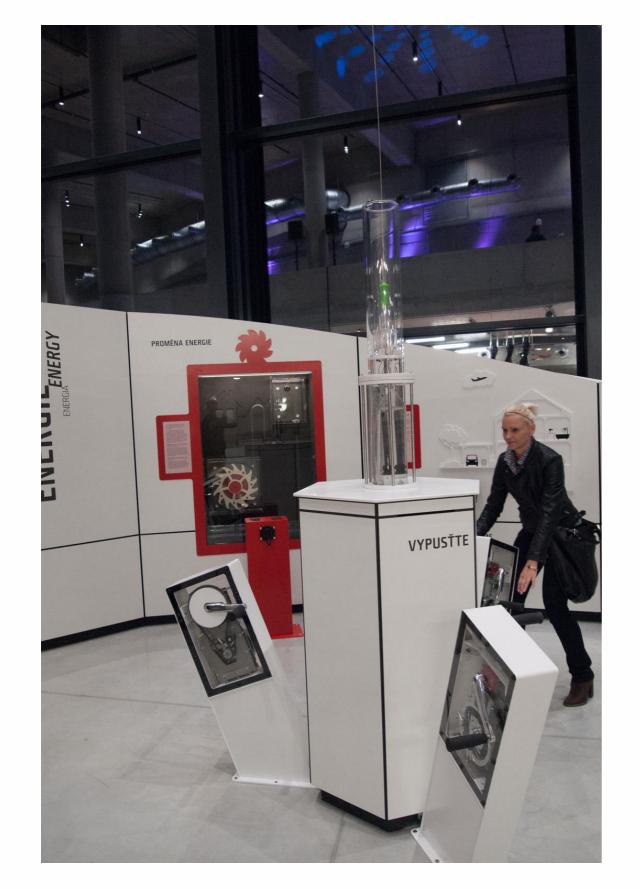
EXPONÁT ENERGIE | ENERGY-EXHIBIT

SLUNEČNÍ ZÁVOD Přesměrujte světlo s pomocí zrcátka, abyste řídili sluneční planety, umístěné pod stropem muzea. Dokončete závod spolu s dalšími návštěvníky_SOLAR RACE_Redirect light with a mirror to drive solar planes located under the celling of the museum. Compete in a race with other visitors.





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Most important

In any of the different types of tenders the result will be no better than your briefing!

Creative Tenders covering the whole service including production and assembly

Pros:

- Only one tender (less work)
- Design and production are strongly linked (less friction)
- Only one liable partner

Cons:

- Production costs can't be separated
- Dependent on one partner
- Lower range of potential companies

Creative Tenders covering only design and concept and a second tender for production and assembly

Pros:

- Split investment
- Better cost control in the production phase

Cons:

 Dependent on the quality of the drafts and the cost estimation

Tender covering only the production and assembly – the creative part is assigned directly or done in-house

Pros:

- Cost control
- Own competence

Cons:

Costs for in-house creative team

Competitive Dialogue as a modification of the Creative Tender

Pros:

- Experiencing collaborating with potential partners
- One liable partner
- Cost + quality control

Cons:

- Groundwork in-house
- Work-intensive process



Conclusion

- Even though it means more work for the client in the initial phase of the process, one main advantage of the competitve dialogue is that you learn how your partner works, how they respond to suggestions and criticism.
- Considering months or years of collaboration, this might be important.

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THANK YOU





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