

Norway-Oslo: Research and development services and related consultancy services

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Contract notice

Services

Directive 2004/18/EC

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

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the abovementioned address

Specifications and additional documents (including documents for competitive dialogue and a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained from:

the abovementioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted: the abovementioned address**I.2. Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority, including their regional or local subdivisions

I.3. Main activity

General public services

I.4. Contract award on behalf of other contracting authorities

The contracting authority is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities: no

Section II: Object of the contract

II.1. Description**II.1.1. Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority**

Trial with trying work at own employer after sick pay period expires.

II.1.2. Type of contract and place of performance or delivery

Services

Service category No 8: Research and development services

Main site or place of performance: Oslo, Norway.

NUTS code NO011 Oslo

II.1.3. Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The notice involves a public contract

II.1.4. Information about framework agreement

II.1.5. Short description of the contract or purchase(s)

The Labour and Social Department (ASD) has, in a letter dated 25.6.2015 asked the Norwegian Labour and Welfare Administration to be responsible for planning and carrying out a trial with trying out work at a person's employer after the sick pay period has expired, for recipients of work assessment allowance (AAP). The trial is a part of knowledge development etc. connected to the IA contract.

The aim of the scheme is that the employee and employer together shall find work assignments that the employee can perform despite his health problems. The scheme shall also contribute to the employee and employer jointly clarifying what facilitation measures are relevant, as well as clarifying at as early as possible whether the employee can return to his employer or whether there is a need for work orientated measures aimed at new work.

The scheme is expected to contribute to strengthening the individual's ability to remain in work and that will lead to fewer receiving 100 percent disability benefit.

The main elements in the service provider's responsibility:

- Have the professional responsibility for research design including responsibility for carrying out and evaluating the trial, as well as reporting results to the contracting authority.
- Develop a research design, in cooperation with the contracting authority, that is suitable for highlighting the trial's relevant problems, as well as identifying the effects of the trial in the evaluation.
- Assess and plan the extent and length of the trial's phases, in cooperation with the contracting authority.
- Assess, in cooperation with the contracting authority, to what degree the participants in the trial shall have access to other facilitation measures.
- Handle the acquisition, storage and analysis of data/information.
- Handle any person sensitive information on fulfil the requirements for processing such data.
- Carry out an effect evaluation of the trial, including quantitative and qualitative analyses.
- Report the status from the evaluation, including financial reporting, to the contracting authority and have a dialogue with the contracting authority during the contract period.
- Report the results of the trial, both in the form of an interim and final report, with the accompanying presentations.
- Secure the transfer of competence of the trial's results to key persons in the Norwegian Labour and Welfare Administration.

Prerequisites for the evaluation:

The trial 'Trying work at own employer after the sick pay period has expired' shall be evaluated. In order to document and quality assure the trial, we are announcing a competition where the chosen service provider shall assist with the design of the trial, as well as being responsible for evaluating the trial.

The following guidelines shall form the basis of the evaluation:

- Quantitative and qualitative analyses shall be carried out. Central problems for the evaluation can be:
 - o What effects does the scheme have on the recipients of AAP, both in terms of numbers and length?
 - o What effects does the scheme have on returning to work, full and part time?

- o An assessment of NAV's methodology for following-up this affected group of AAP recipients.
- o An assessment of socio-economic effects (e.g. cost-benefit analysis)
- The evaluation must be carried out to a sufficient extent so that the effects of the trial can be identified.

The final research question for the evaluation will be prepared in the design phase in cooperation between the contracting authority and the service provider.

Norwegian is to be used in both written and oral communication with the service provider.

Likewise, all written documentation shall be presented in Norwegian. As a starting point, the services shall be carried out in the service provider's premises.

II.1.6. CPV code(s)

73000000 Research and development services and related consultancy services, 73300000 Design and execution of research and development

II.1.7. Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes

II.1.8. Lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.1.9. Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: no

II.2. Scope of the procurement

II.2.1. Total quantity or scope

The contract shall be valid from when it is signed until the final report has been submitted. The final report is expected to be submitted 1.6.2018.

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between 1 900 000 and 2 700 000 NOK

II.2.2. Information about options

Options: yes

Description of options: The contracting authority has an option for up to a 1-year extension. The value of the option is uncertain and will depend on an additional grant from the allocating authority.

Provisional timetable for recourse to these options:
in months: 12 (from the award of the contract)

II.2.3. Information about renewals

This contract is subject to renewal: yes

II.3. Duration of the contract or time limit for completion

Start 27.5.2016. Completion 1.6.2018

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1. Conditions related to the contract

III.1.1. Deposits and guarantees required

III.1.2. Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them

III.1.3. Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded

III.1.4. Contract performance conditions

The performance of the contract is subject to particular conditions: no

III.2. Conditions for participation

III.2.1. Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions: Qualification requirement:

Norwegian tenderers must have their tax and VAT payments in order.

Documentation requirement:

Norwegian tenderers: a Tax and VAT certificate from the tax authorities, not older than six months calculated from the deadline for requests to participate in the tender contest.

Qualification requirement:

The tenderer is required to be a legally established company.

Documentation requirement:

— Norwegian tenderers: Company registration certificate from the Brønnøysund Register Centre;

— Foreign tenderers: Certificate for registration in the company register as prescribed in the legislation of the country in which the tenderer is established.

III.2.2. Economic and financial ability

List and brief description of conditions: Qualification requirement:

Tenderers are required to have sufficient financial ability to fulfil the contract.

Documentation requirement:

— The contracting authority will obtain a credit rating carried out by Experian; see www.Experian.no

III.2.3. Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of conditions:

Qualification requirement:

A very good implementation ability is required.

Documentation requirement:

Description of the service provider's technical capacity and professional qualifications.

— A description is requested regarding the capacity of the relevant entities at the tenderer.

— With regard to qualifications, a short overview of the general relevant expertise at the service provider's disposal, is requested.

The personnel proposed to the assignment shall not be specified, and CVs not submitted.

Qualification requirement:

Significant experience from similar deliveries is required.

Documentation requirement:

The service provider's up to five most important deliveries in the last three years. The descriptions shall include:

— recipient/contracting authority's name

— recipient/contracting authority's branch

— duration

— professional area/service area

— extent (value and/or number of man-labour hours/years for the tenderer's commitment)

— The tenderer's function/area of responsibility

— brief description of the assignment.

The template in Appendix 1 must be used.

Name and contact information for the contact person at the reference client who can confirm this information, must be provided on request.

Qualification requirement:

A good, well functioning quality assurance system is required.

Documentation requirement:

— A description of the service provider's general methods and processes that are relevant to assure quality in this type of trial (max. 2 A4 sides).

— An account of the company's quality assurance system/management system and any certificates issued by independent bodies.

III.2.4. Information about reserved contracts

III.3. Conditions specific to services contracts

III.3.1. Information about a particular profession

Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession: no

III.3.2. Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract: no

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1. Type of procedure

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Negotiated

Some candidates have already been selected (if appropriate under certain types of negotiated procedures) no

IV.1.2. Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

Envisaged minimum number 3: and Maximum number 5

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates: Ability to fulfil the contract: 30 %.

Experience from similar deliveries: 50 %.

Quality assurance: 20 %.

IV.1.3. Information about reduction of the number of solutions or tenders during negotiation or dialogue

Recourse to staged procedure to gradually reduce the number of solutions to be discussed or tenders to be negotiated yes

IV.2. Award criteria

IV.2.1. Award criteria

The most economically advantageous tender in terms of Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

IV.2.2. Information about electronic auction

An electronic auction will be used: no

IV.3. Administrative information

IV.3.1. File reference number attributed by the contracting authority

15/5593

IV.3.2. Previous publication concerning this procedure

no

IV.3.3. Conditions for obtaining specifications and additional documents or descriptive document

Payable documents: no

IV.3.4. Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

8.2.2016 - 12:00

IV.3.5. Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

IV.3.6. Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

Other: Norwegian.

IV.3.7. Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

IV.3.8. Conditions for opening of tenders

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1. Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: no

VI.2. Information about European Union funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds:
no

VI.3. Additional information

VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

VI.4.2. Review procedure

VI.4.3. Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

11.1.2016