

Norway-Oslo: Research and development consultancy services

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Contract notice

Services

Legal Basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

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Address of the buyer profile: <https://eu.eu-supply.com/ctm/Company/CompanyInformation/Index/328895>

I.3. Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: http://eu.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlenrance_s.asp?PID=352565&B=DFO

Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via: http://eu.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlenrance_s.asp?PID=352565&B=DFO

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I.4. Type of the contracting authority

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

I.5. Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1. Scope of the procurement

II.1.1. Title

Preliminary project concerning undesired influence in connection with Norwegian elections 2023–2025

Reference number: 23/590

II.1.2.

Main CPV code

73200000 Research and development consultancy services

II.1.3. Type of contract

Services

II.1.4. Short description

Municipal and county elections will be held in September 2023, and parliamentary and Sami parliamentary elections will be held in September 2025. The Municipality and District Department believes it is necessary to be prepared and have a preparedness plan in case actors are inclined to carry out operations to influence these elections. As a part of this work, the department would like to carry out a survey of activity that may be connected to the elections in the 2023–2025 period, including the years between elections.

The department would like to have an external survey and analysis carried out on whether there have been targeted attempts from foreign actors to influence information that can be connected to the elections in 2023 and 2025. The project period begins when the contract is signed in 2023 and expires in 2025. The department would also like the investigation to evaluate the extent of disinformation and fake news in the Norwegian media.

II.1.5. Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: 6 000 000,00 NOK

II.1.6. Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.2. Description**II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)**

73000000 Research and development services and related consultancy services, 73210000 Research consultancy services

II.2.3. Place of performance

NUTS code: NO081 Oslo

II.2.4. Description of the procurement

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The department would like to have an external survey and analysis carried out on whether there have been targeted attempts from foreign actors to influence information that can be connected to the elections in 2023 and 2025. The project period begins when the contract is signed in 2023 and expires in 2025. The department would like the survey to take place continually throughout the project period as well as during the years between elections. The assignment will contribute to increased insight and understanding of the role of foreign actors and the need for preparedness measures directed against these actors. The department would also like the investigation to evaluate the extent of disinformation and fake news in the Norwegian media.

II.2.5.

Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6. Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: 6 000 000,00 NOK

II.2.7. Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months: 54

This contract is subject to renewal: no

II.2.10. Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: no

II.2.11. Information about options

Options: no

II.2.13. Information about European Union funds

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

II.2.14. Additional information

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1. Conditions for participation

III.1.1. Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions:

Requirements: Tenderers must be a legally established company.

Documentation:

Norwegian companies: Company registration certificate or a printout from the Unit Register for sole proprietorships not required to register.

Foreign tenderers: Verification that the tenderer is registered in a trade or business register as prescribed by the law of the country where the tenderer is established. The verification can be submitted in writing or by referring to BRIS.

III.1.2. Economic and financial standing

List and brief description of selection criteria:

Requirement: Paid taxes and duties.

Documentation:

A certificate, not older than 6 months, which verifies that the tenderer has fulfilled the obligations of payment of taxes, social security contributions and VAT. The certificate can be ordered and obtained from Altinn by using a separate link on skatteetaten.no. Foreign tenderers must provide certificates from equivalent authorities to the Norwegian authorities.

Requirement: Tenderers must be able to show adequate economic and financial capacity for the delivery.

Documentation:

A credit rating with key figures from a recognised credit assessment company, or other form of documentation to verify that the requirement has been met.

III.1.3. Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of selection criteria:

Requirement:

Tenderers must have sufficient ability and experience to carry out the delivery.

Documentation:

A description of the tenderer's three most relevant assignments in the last three years, together with information on the contracts' value, date of delivery or execution and the name of the recipient. Relevant assignments means media analysis, content analysis, mapping, and analysis of or research on information activity or information influencing, etc. Tenderers are responsible for ensuring that the description is of such a nature that it verifies that the requirement has been met.

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1. Description

IV.1.1. Type of procedure

Open procedure

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

IV.1.8. Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes

IV.2. Administrative information

IV.2.2. Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date: 07/03/2023 Local time: 12:00

IV.2.3. Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

IV.2.4. Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

Norwegian

IV.2.7. Conditions for opening of tenders

Date: 07/03/2023 Local time: 12:00

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1. Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: no

VI.3. Additional information

VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

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VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

03/02/2023