

# 110043-2026 - Competition

Norway – Chemical products – Framework agreement for the procurement of sodium hypochlorite

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Contract or concession notice – standard regime

Supplies

## 1. Buyer

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### 1.1. Buyer

Official name: Oslo kommune v/ Vann- og avløpsetaten

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Legal type of the buyer: Public undertaking

Activity of the contracting entity: Water-related activities

## 2. Procedure

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### 2.1. Procedure

Title: Framework agreement for the procurement of sodium hypochlorite

Description: The objective of the procurement is to ensure VAV continued delivery of the necessary sodium hypochlorite 15% (chlorinated) for the water treatment facilities, including backup and stand-by installations. See the qualification and tender documentation for further information.

Procedure identifier: a86c352d-fb94-441e-ae6a-d8bddca8cf5d

Internal identifier: 3863

Type of procedure: Negotiated with prior publication of a call for competition / competitive with negotiation

The procedure is accelerated: no

#### 2.1.1. Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Supplies

Main classification (cpv): 24000000 Chemical products

Additional classification (cpv): 24312000 Metallic halogenates; hypochlorites, chlorates and perchlorates, 24312220 Sodium hypochlorite, 24310000 Basic inorganic chemicals

#### 2.1.2. Place of performance

Country subdivision (NUTS): Oslo (NO081)

Country: Norway

#### 2.1.3. Value

Estimated value excluding VAT: 12 600 000,00 NOK

Maximum value of the framework agreement: 12 600 000,00 NOK

#### 2.1.4. General information

Legal basis:

Directive 2014/25/EU

#### 2.1.6. Grounds for exclusion

Sources of grounds for exclusion: Notice

Analogous situation like bankruptcy, insolvency or arrangement with creditors under national law: Is the tenderer in a bankruptcy situation? Specify why, under the mentioned circumstances, one is able to carry out the contract, considering the current national provisions and measures for continuing the business activities? It is not necessary to provide this information if rejection of tenderers in such a situation is obligatory in accordance with the current national law with no exceptions, when the tenderer is still able to carry out the contract.

Bankruptcy: Is the tenderer in a bankruptcy situation? Specify why, under the mentioned circumstances, one is able to carry out the contract, considering the current national provisions and measures for continuing the business activities? It is not necessary to provide this information if rejection of tenderers in such a situation is obligatory in accordance with the current national law with no exceptions, when the tenderer is still able to carry out the contract.

Corruption: Is the tenderer himself or a person, who is a member of the tenderer's administration, management or supervisory body or has the competence to represent or control or make decisions in such bodies, in the event a enforceable verdict has been convicted of corruption by a verdict handed down not more than five years ago, or a rejection period determined directly in the judgement that still applies? Corruption as defined in Article 3 of the Convention on Combating Corruption, Involving European Communities or European Union Member States (EUT C 195 of 25.6.1997, s. 1), and in Article 2, point 1, in the Council's framework decision 2003/568/RIA of 22 July 2003 on combating corruption in the private sector (EUT L 192 of 31.7.2003, p. 54). This rejection reason also includes corruption as defined in national law for the contracting authority or supplier.

Arrangement with creditors: Is the supplier in a situation where he has been forced debt arrangement? Specify why, under the mentioned circumstances, one is able to carry out the contract, considering the current national provisions and measures for continuing the business activities? It is not necessary to provide this information if rejection of tenderers in such a situation is obligatory in accordance with the current national law with no exceptions, when the tenderer is still able to carry out the contract.

Participation in a criminal organisation: Is the tenderer himself or a person, who is a member of the tenderer's administration, management or supervisory body or has the competence to represent or control or make decisions in such bodies, at the time a legally convicted verdict of participation in a criminal organisation by a verdict handed down no more than five years ago, or a rejection period set out directly in the judgement that still applies? Participation in a criminal organisation as defined in Article 2 of the Council's framework decision 2008/841/RIA of 24 October 2008 on combating organised crime (EUT L 300 of 11.11.2008, p. 42).

Agreements with other economic operators aimed at distorting competition: Has the tenderer entered into agreement(s) with other tenderers with the intention of turning the competition?

Breaching of obligations in the fields of environmental law: Is the tenderer aware of breaches of environmental provisions as stated in national law, the relevant notice or procurement documents or Article 18 (2) of Directive 2014/24/EU.

Money laundering or terrorist financing: Is the tenderer himself or a person, who is a member of the tenderer's administration, management or supervisory body or has the competence to represent or control or make decisions in such bodies, in the event a legal verdict has been convicted of money laundering or financing terrorism by a verdict handed down no more than five years ago, or a rejection period set out directly in the judgement that still applies? Money laundering or financing terrorism As defined in Article 1 of the European Parliament and Council Directive 2005/60/EF of 26 October 2005 on preventive measures against the use of the financial system for money laundering and financing terrorism (EUT L 309 of 25.11.2005, p. 15).

Fraud: Is the tenderer himself or a person, who is a member of the tenderer's administration, management or supervisory body or has the competence to represent or control or make

decisions in such bodies, at the time a legally convicted of fraud has been convicted of fraud by a verdict handed down not more than five years ago, or a rejection period determined directly in the judgement that still applies? Fraud included in Article 1 of the Convention on protection of the Financial Interests of the European Communities (EFT C 316 of 27.11.1995, p. 48).

Child labour and including other forms of trafficking in human beings: Is the tenderer himself or a person, who is a member of the tenderer's administration, management or supervisory body or has the competence to represent or control or make decisions in such bodies, in the event a legal verdict has been convicted of child labour and other forms of human trafficking by a verdict handed down no more than five years ago, or a rejection period determined directly in the judgement that still applies? Child labour and other forms of human trafficking as defined in Article 2 of the European Parliament and council directive 2011/36/EU of 5. 1 April 2011 on the prevention and control of human trafficking and the protection of its victims and for compensation of the Council's framework decision 2002/629/RIA (EUT L 101 of 15.4.2011, p. 1).

Insolvency: Is the tenderer in an insolvency situation? Specify why, under the mentioned circumstances, one is able to carry out the contract, considering the current national provisions and measures for continuing the business activities? It is not necessary to provide this information if rejection of tenderers in such a situation is obligatory in accordance with the current national law with no exceptions, when the tenderer is still able to carry out the contract. Breaching of obligations in the fields of labour law: Is the tenderer aware of breaches of provisions on working conditions as stated in national law, the relevant notice or procurement documents or Article 18 (2) of Directive 2014/24/EU.

Assets being administered by liquidator: Specify why, under the mentioned circumstances, one is able to carry out the contract, considering the current national provisions and measures for continuing the business activities? It is not necessary to provide this information if rejection of tenderers in such a situation is obligatory in accordance with the current national law with no exceptions, when the tenderer is still able to carry out the contract.

Misrepresentation, withheld information, unable to provide required documents or obtained confidential information of this procedure: Has the tenderer: a) given grossly incorrect information with the notification of the information required to verify that there is no basis for rejection, or of the qualification requirements being fulfilled, b) failed to provide such information, c) made reservations immediately to present the supporting documents requested by the contracting authority, or d) improperly affected the contracting authority's decision process to acquire confidential information that could give this an unlawful advantage in connection with competition, or negligently has given misleading information that can have a significant influence on decisions on rejection, selection or award?

Conflict of interest due to its participation in the procurement procedure: Is the tenderer aware of a conflict of interest as stated in national law, the relevant notice or procurement documents?

Direct or indirect involvement in the preparation of this procurement procedure: Has the tenderer or an entity associated with the supplier advised the contracting authority or in another way been involved in the planning of the competition?

Grave professional misconduct: Has the tenderer committed serious errors in professional practice? If relevant, see the definitions in national law, the relevant notice or procurement documents.

Early termination, damages, or other comparable sanctions: Has the tenderer committed significant breaches of contract in connection with the fulfilment of a previous public contract, a previous contract with a public contracting authority or a previous concession contract, where the breach has led to the cancellation of the contract, compensation or other similar sanctions?

Breaching of obligations in the fields of social law: Is the tenderer aware of breaches of provisions on social conditions as stated in national law, the relevant notice or procurement documents or Article 18 (2) of Directive 2014/24/EU.

Breaching obligation relating to payment of social security contributions: Have tenderers failed to fulfil all their social security obligations in the country where they are established and in their member state, if this is a different country than what he is established in?

Business activities are suspended: Specify why, under the mentioned circumstances, one is able to carry out the contract, considering the current national provisions and measures for continuing the business activities? It is not necessary to provide this information if rejection of tenderers in such a situation is obligatory in accordance with the current national law with no exceptions, when the tenderer is still able to carry out the contract.

Breaching obligation relating to payment of taxes: Has the tenderer not fulfilled all of his tax and duty obligations in both the country where he is established and in the contracting authority's member state, if this is a different country than what he is established in?

Terrorist offences or offences linked to terrorist activities: Is the tenderer himself or a person, who is a member of the tenderer's administration, management or supervisory body, or has the competence to represent or control or make decisions in such bodies, in the event a legal verdict has been convicted of acts of terrorism or criminal acts connected to terrorist activities by a verdict handed down no more than five years ago, or a rejection period set out directly in the judgement that still applies? Acts of terrorism or criminal acts relating to terrorist activity as defined in Article 1 and 3 of the Council's framework decision 2002/475/RIA of 13 June 2002 on combating terrorism (EFT L 164, af 22.6.2002, p. 3). This rejection reason also includes incitement to, participation or attempts to commit such actions as included in Article 4 in the mentioned framework decision.

Offence concerning its professional conduct in the domain of defence procurement: Is the tenderer himself or a person, who is a member of the tenderer's administration, management or supervisory body, or has the competence to represent or control or make decisions in such bodies, have been legally convicted of offences regarding professional behaviour in defence procurements?

Lack of reliability to exclude risks to the security of the country: Is the tenderer assessed to lack reliability that is necessary to exclude the risk of national security?

Breaching of obligations set under purely national exclusion grounds: The contracting authority shall state that in Norway there are national rejection reasons. These shall be described in the procurement documents. Tenderers must respond to whether they are in one or more of the situations described in the national rejection reasons.

## 5. Lot

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### 5.1. Lot: LOT-0001

Title: Framework agreement for the procurement of sodium hypochlorite

Description: The objective of the procurement is to ensure VAV continued delivery of the necessary sodium hypochlorite 15% (chlorinated) for the water treatment facilities, including backup and stand-by installations. See the qualification and tender documentation for further information.

Internal identifier: 5033

#### 5.1.1. Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Supplies

Main classification (cpv): 24000000 Chemical products

Additional classification (cpv): 24312000 Metallic halogenates; hypochlorites, chlorates and perchlorates, 24312220 Sodium hypochlorite, 24310000 Basic inorganic chemicals

#### **5.1.2. Place of performance**

Country subdivision (NUTS): Oslo (NO081)

Country: Norway

#### **5.1.3. Estimated duration**

Start date: 30/04/2026

Duration end date: 30/04/2034

#### **5.1.4. Renewal**

Maximum renewals: 2

Other information about renewals: 2 + 2 years. The framework agreement period is 4 years from the last signature date. The contracting authority has the option to extend the contract for a further 2 years + 2 years on verbatim terms. The total possible contract length is 8 years.

#### **5.1.6. General information**

##### **Reserved participation:**

Participation is not reserved.

Procurement Project not financed with EU Funds.

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA): yes

#### **5.1.9. Selection criteria**

Sources of selection criteria: Notice

Criterion: Other economic or financial requirements

Description of selection criterion: The tenderer shall be a legally established company.

Documentation requirements: • Norwegian companies: Company Registration Certificate. NB: The contracting authority will obtain company registration certificates from the brreg.no

Foreign companies: Proof that the company is registered in a trade or business register as prescribed by the law of the country where the tenderer is established.

Criterion: Other economic or financial requirements

Description of selection criterion: Tenderers must have sufficient economic and financial capacity to be able to fulfil the contract. Documentation requirements: The company's annual accounts or extracts thereof if the publication of the annual accounts is required in the country where the tenderer is established. NB: Norwegian companies obtain the contracting authority's annual financial statements from brreg.no. Foreign companies can refer to an equivalent place where the Contracting Authority can obtain the Annual Financial Statements without costs. Or • The accounts' balance for the last three available fiscal years. This requirement only applies to companies where the publication of annual accounts is not required in the state where the company is established. • A statement of the company's total turnover for the maximum of the three last available fiscal years. The declaration can also apply to the turnover within the area that the contract applies if this information is relevant and available. This requirement only applies to companies where the publication of annual accounts is not required in the state where the company is established. And • Credit evaluation/rating, not older than 3 months, based on the last known accounting figures. NB: The contracting authority will obtain a credit rating from CreditSafe.

Criterion: Other economic or financial requirements

Description of selection criterion: • Experience is required from deliveries of an equivalent nature and degree of difficulty. By an equivalent nature, we mean deliveries of sodium

hypochlorite to water treatment. Documentation requirements: • An overview of the most important goods deliveries that the tenderer has carried out in the last three years, together with information on the contracts' value, date of delivery or execution and the name of the recipient. The contracting authority will also emphasise relevant deliveries that the tenderer has carried out more than three years ago.

Criterion: Other economic or financial requirements

Description of selection criterion: Tenderers shall be suitable to fulfil the contractual requirements for due diligence assessments for responsible businesses within 6 months of the contract being signed. This means that the Tenderer has implemented measures and systems that are used in the Tenderer's work to safeguard basic human rights and decent working conditions, as well as prevent environmental degradation and corruption. Documentation requirements: • A description of the tenderer's systems for working with due diligence assessments in accordance with the UN's guiding principles for business and human rights (UNGP) and OECD's guidelines for multinational companies. The documentation shall include: • Formal policy/guidelines that cover an obligation to comply with the requirements of responsible businesses. • Formal policy/guidelines for accountability for sub-suppliers/the supplier chain, (Supplier Code of Conduct). This shall only be provided if sub-suppliers are used. • Descriptions of the tenderer's processes and routines for how the company works with due diligence assessments. • Description of how the tenderer will obtain and maintain an overview of the country of origin and production locations for the products that the tenderer offers. This shall only be delivered if the procurement includes goods.

#### **5.1.10. Award criteria**

##### **Criterion:**

Type: Price

Description: Price: • Total price of table 1

Category of award weight criterion: Weight (percentage, exact)

Award criterion number: 70

##### **Criterion:**

Type: Quality

Description: Quality: • Response time for urgent deliveries beyond the minimum requirement in annex 1 - Requirement Specification letter I. delivery terms. The shortest possible response time will be given from VAV's enquiry until the tenderer has confirmed and delivered sodium hypochlorite to the treatment facilities.

Category of award weight criterion: Weight (percentage, exact)

Award criterion number: 20

##### **Criterion:**

Type: Quality

Description: Environment: • Transport by vehicle over 3.5 tonnes for the last transport leg under the contract. Use of emission free or biogas based vehicles for 'last mile' transport of the contract services. The following gives a rating in the evaluation: •Emission free vehicles (battery electric or hydrogen): 10 points. •Biogas based vehicles (minimum Euro class 6/VI): 5 points.

Category of award weight criterion: Weight (percentage, exact)

Award criterion number: 10

##### **Criterion:**

Type: Quality

Description: The procurement is for sodium hypochlorite, which is necessary to ensure hygienic satisfactory water quality for Oslo residents. This makes the procurement critical for

VAV. According to the Public Procurement Act (LOA.) § 1, public procurements shall promote effective use of resources in a socially beneficial perspective, which means that the contracting authority must prioritise its social mission. The contracting authority shall set climate and environmental requirements in accordance with the procurement regulations. The requirements must, however, be proportional and designed so that they do not unnecessarily limit the competition or the risk of missing tenders. This is particularly important as the service is critical for the water supply and a lack of deliveries will increase the vulnerability for VAV.

Main rule and exceptions: The Utilities Regulations (FFO.) § 7-9 second paragraph determine that climate and environmental considerations should be weighted with at least 30 percent under the award criteria. For this procurement, however, it is considered that it is "clear" that it provides better climate and environmental effect to set concrete requirements in the requirement specifications, cf. § 7-9 fourth paragraph. Justification for exceptions from the main rule on weighting climate and environmental considerations: KOFA has stated that the contracting authority must substantiate why the exception is applicable in the concrete procurement, in accordance with the requirement for verifiability, cf. the KOFA case 2025/0819 section 30. The justification shall show that the exception gives an objectively better climate and environmental effect, and that the contracting authority has a sufficient knowledge basis. It is sufficient that the effect is marginally better.

About sodium hypochlorite: The Drinking Water Regulation § 14 second section requires that manufacturers of water treatment chemicals, such as sodium hypochlorite 15%, shall be approved by the Norwegian Food Safety Authority. According to VAV's knowledge, there is only one manufacturer with certification of production. The composition of the chemicals is identical, independent of the wholesaler. It is, therefore, not appropriate to either evaluate or determine the minimum requirements for climate and environment effects connected to the chemical's characteristics/assembly.

About transporting the service ("last mile"). VAV has assessed the minimum requirements for reducing the climate and environmental footprint of transport. However, it is not possible to require that all "cargo mile" transport occurs with zero emission vehicles (100% battery electric or hydrogen powered) or biogas vehicles that at least meet Euro class 6/VI. Transport of sodium hypochlorite is covered by the regulations on land transport of hazardous goods and ADR regulations, cf. §§ 2 and 3. The substance is classified as hazardous goods in class 8 (corrosive substances), cf. § 3. The regulation sets requirements for vehicles that transport hazardous goods, but does not include any provision that restricts the use of alternative propulsion systems on tank vehicles. Electric vehicles are covered by the definition "vehicles" in § 3 and can be used if they fulfil the ADR requirements for safety and certification. Transport with 100% battery electrical vehicles is therefore allowed, provided that the vehicle is ADR certified and fulfils the requirements in the regulations (§§ 4 and 22) as well as ADR chapter 9. The market survey shows that available technology in the market does not fully meet the municipality's requirements for emission free or biogas based transport. In order to ensure a minimum level for environmental requirements, the transport shall, therefore, as a minimum, use certified sustainable bio-fuel. Due to the criteria of the procurement, it is too risky to set a phase-in time for more environmentally friendly fuel technologies. VAV is dependent on receiving tenders, and must therefore have requirements that are both relevant and relative. This shall ensure that VAV can deliver social critical water supply in accordance with applicable law and regulation requirements for drinking water. A rating will be given to tenderers who can document transport systems that deliver on biogas vehicles or emission-free vehicles, under the award criteria 'Environment', will be weighted by 10 percent. This will ensure a reward if there are suppliers who already fulfil the requirements when evaluating the different tender offers. See the Qualification and tender documentation point 7.2 as well as annex 3 - List of vehicles. Other requirements for taking climate and environmental considerations into account:

- Environmental management: Tenderers shall be third party

certified in accordance with ISO 14001 or an equivalent environmental management system. This is a minimum requirement and therefore does not give excess value as the award criterium, as the certifications are equal in accordance with industry standards. • Minimum requirements in legislation and regulations: Tenderers shall handle, store and store sodium hypochlorite in accordance with the current regulations, including the drinking water regulations and the Pollution Act with the accompanying regulations. Conclusion: Together, VAV has assessed that the cumulative effect of the minimum requirements gives a better climate and environmental effect than following the main rule in the FFO. § 7-9 second sections.

Category of award weight criterion: Weight (percentage, exact)

Award criterion number: 0

#### **5.1.11. Procurement documents**

Access to certain procurement documents is restricted

Information about restricted documents is available at: <https://app.artifik.no/procurements/3863>

##### **Ad hoc communication channel:**

Name: e-Tendering

#### **5.1.12. Terms of procurement**

##### **Terms of submission:**

Electronic submission: Required

Address for submission: <https://app.artifik.no/procurements/3863>

Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted: English, Norwegian

Electronic catalogue: Not allowed

Deadline for receipt of requests to participate: 17/03/2026 11:00:00 (UTC+00:00) Western European Time, GMT

##### **Terms of contract:**

The execution of the contract must be performed within the framework of sheltered employment programmes: No

Conditions relating to the performance of the contract: N/A

Electronic invoicing: Required

Electronic ordering will be used: yes

Electronic payment will be used: yes

Financial arrangement: N/A

#### **5.1.15. Techniques**

##### **Framework agreement:**

Framework agreement, without reopening of competition

Maximum number of participants: 1

##### **Information about the dynamic purchasing system:**

No dynamic purchase system

#### **5.1.16. Further information, mediation and review**

Review organisation: Oslo tingrett

Organisation providing additional information about the procurement procedure: Oslo kommune v/ Vann- og avløpsetaten

Organisation providing more information on the review procedures: Oslo kommune v/ Vann- og avløpsetaten

Organisation receiving requests to participate: Artifik AS

## **8. Organisations**

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### 8.1. ORG-0001

Official name: Oslo kommune v/ Vann- og avløpsetaten

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#### **Roles of this organisation:**

Buyer

Organisation providing additional information about the procurement procedure

Organisation providing more information on the review procedures

### 8.1. ORG-0002

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#### **Roles of this organisation:**

Review organisation

### 8.1. ORG-0003

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#### **Roles of this organisation:**

Procurement service provider

Organisation receiving requests to participate

## Notice information

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