

121272-2026 - Direct award preannouncement

Norway – IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support – Intention notice regarding alteration of agreement on operation of real time system

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Voluntary ex-ante transparency notice

Services

1. Buyer

1.1. Buyer

Official name: AtB AS

Email: anbud@atb.no

2. Procedure

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Title: Intention notice regarding alteration of agreement on operation of real time system

Description: AtB AS (the contracting authority) intends to enter into an agreement with Fara AS for the operation of real time bus systems to assist the contracting authority for a shorter period 2028-2029 (for area town) and 2028-2031 (for area region) until new agreements on operation of real time are in place. This involves changes to the current contract with Fara AS, including the execution of an alteration order. Estimated value of the procurement: NOK 20 million. If there are objections to AtB AS' intention to sign the contract, it must be notified atB AS in writing on grounds. Objections to the fact that AtB AS does not have the right to enter into a contract with Fara AS can be sent to an email: anbud@atb.no Deadline for objections that AtB AS has no right to enter into a contract with Fara AS 09.03.2026, 11:00.

Procedure identifier: 2886c66d-eb40-431a-92ac-5f499f32c5f2

Internal identifier: 19/00163

Type of procedure: Negotiated without prior call for competition

2.1.1. Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Services

Main classification (cpv): 72000000 IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

Additional classification (cpv): 30144200 Ticket-issuing machines, 32440000 Telemetry and terminal equipment, 34970000 Traffic-monitoring equipment, 35123300 Timekeeping system, 48000000 Software package and information systems, 60100000 Road transport services

2.1.2. Place of performance

Country subdivision (NUTS): Trøndelag/Tröndelage (NO060)

Country: Norway

2.1.4. General information

Legal basis:

Directive 2014/25/EU

Forsyningsforskriften - AtB AS intends to enter into a contract with Fara AS for the operation of real time bus systems to assist AtB AS for a shorter period 2028-31. This involves changes to the current contract with Fara AS with an amendment order. It is not possible to hold a competition, cf. FOR §9-3, letter b.

5. Lot

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The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA): no

5.1.16. Further information, mediation and review

Review organisation: Trøndelag Tingrett

Organisation providing additional information about the procurement procedure: AtB AS

Organisation signing the contract: AtB AS

6. Results

Direct award

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Justification for direct award: The contract can be provided only by a particular economic operator because of an absence of competition for technical reasons

Other justification: AtB AS (the contracting authority) intends to enter into an agreement with Fara AS for the operation of real time bus systems to assist the contracting authority for a shorter period 2028-2029 (for area town) and 2028-2031 (for area region) until new agreements on operation of real time are in place. This involves changes to the current contract with Fara AS, including the execution of an alteration order. A robust system for real time data is a central and statutory component in the execution of bus traffic. The buses are equipped with hardware that sends data about the bus's location and movements. Such data is used in a number of functions, such as traffic management, tracking regularity/punctuality and prognoses for arrivals/departures. The latter is fundamentally for providing customers with good travel information. As Fara can terminate the agreement with effect from 2028, AtB is in

a situation where there is a risk of being without a real-time solution in the period 2028-2031. In such a situation, the change order is necessary to cover AtB's requirements for a modern real time system. The change order implies a new contract in the procurement regulations and it will normally not be able to be executed without a competition. The Utilities Regulations § 9 3 letter b still allows for exceptions when "competition is impossible for technical reasons". AtB has assessed the following alternatives on the basis of the realities, including whether there are "reasonable alternatives". In this case, the competition with a supplier change will require the following:

- Buses must be taken out of traffic for assembly of new hardware.
- development of a compatible system
- integration with the existing customer areas.
- considerable administrative and operational load.

AtB estimates that a supplier change will incur costs that exceed NOK 100 million. There are, thus, no other reasonable alternatives than using the current supplier to ensure secure and stable operational services. This is considered best as regards stability towards customers, cost efficiency and ensuring that AtB has a real-time solution in the period, with expanded functionality that is deemed necessary for operation. Changing suppliers during operation is demanding and there is a high risk of buses having to drive without real time in a transitional period. This will go beyond customers and operations. The contract signing/alteration order was not part of a tender for procurements for the town and region in 2019 and 2021. AtB intends to announce new competitions in 2026 and 2027, with the aim of starting in 2029 and 2031, where the real time system shall be a part of the bus tenders. This means that, in this interim phase until a new contract has been signed, it is necessary, for technical reasons, to ensure safe and stable operation, to use a supplier who already has good knowledge of AtB and the current real-time systems on buses. Only the current supplier has this expertise today, and the use of a new supplier can give a risk of breaches of safe operation for several months. Consequently, it is not possible to hold a competition for technical reasons, c.f. the Public Procurement Regulations §9-3, letter b.

6.1. Result lot identifier: LOT-0000

6.1.2. Information about winners

Winner:

Official name: Fara AS

Tender:

Tender identifier: Intensjonskunngjøring vedrørende endring av avtale om drift av sanntidsløsning

Identifier of lot or group of lots: LOT-0000

The tender was ranked: no

Contract information:

Identifier of the contract: 18/00364

Title: Intention notice regarding alteration of agreement on operation of real time system

Date on which the winner was chosen: 10/10/2018

Organisation signing the contract: AtB AS

8. Organisations

8.1. ORG-0001

Official name: AtB AS

Registration number: 994686011

Postal address: Prinsens gate 39

Town: TRONDHEIM

Postcode: 7011

Country subdivision (NUTS): Trøndelag/Tröndelage (NO060)

Country: Norway

Contact point: Avdeling Kontrakt

Email: anbud@atb.no

Telephone: +47 02820

Fax: +47 02820

Internet address: <http://www.atb.no>

Roles of this organisation:

Buyer

Organisation providing additional information about the procurement procedure

Organisation signing the contract

8.1. ORG-0002

Official name: Trøndelag Tingrett

Registration number: 926722794

Town: Trondheim

Postcode: 7004

Country subdivision (NUTS): Trøndelag/Tröndelage (NO060)

Country: Norway

Contact point: AtB AS

Email: atb@atb.no

Telephone: 4702820

Fax: +4702820

Internet address: <http://www.atb.no>

Roles of this organisation:

Review organisation

8.1. ORG-0003

Official name: Fara AS

Size of the economic operator: Medium

Registration number: 989112007

Postal address: Falkenborgvegen 36 A

Town: Trondheim

Postcode: 7044

Country subdivision (NUTS): Trøndelag/Tröndelage (NO060)

Country: Norway

Email: info@fara.no

Telephone: +47 815 52 830

Internet address: <https://www.fara.no>

Roles of this organisation:

Tenderer

Winner of these lots: LOT-0000

The winner is listed on a regulated market

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