

162143-2026 - Competition

Norway – Hire of buses and coaches with driver – Open tender contest for a framework agreement for planned bus transport for Drammen municipality.

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Contract or concession notice – standard regime

Services

1. Buyer

1.1. Buyer

Official name: Drammen kommune

Email: kommunepost@drammen.kommune.no

Legal type of the buyer: Body governed by public law, controlled by a local authority

Activity of the contracting authority: General public services

2. Procedure

2.1. Procedure

Title: Open tender contest for a framework agreement for planned bus transport for Drammen municipality.

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Internal identifier: 4294

Type of procedure: Open

The procedure is accelerated: no

2.1.1. Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Services

Main classification (cpv): 60172000 Hire of buses and coaches with driver

Additional classification (cpv): 60000000 Transport services (excl. Waste transport), 60100000

Road transport services, 60170000 Hire of passenger transport vehicles with driver, 60140000

Non-scheduled passenger transport, 60112000 Public road transport services, 60130000

Special-purpose road passenger-transport services

2.1.2. Place of performance

Country subdivision (NUTS): Buskerud (NO085)

Country: Norway

2.1.3. Value

Estimated value excluding VAT: 20 000 000,00 NOK

Maximum value of the framework agreement: 30 000 000,00 NOK

2.1.4. General information

Legal basis:

Directive 2014/24/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, of 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

5.1. Lot: LOT-0001

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5.1.1. Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Services

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Additional classification (cpv): 60000000 Transport services (excl. Waste transport), 60100000

Road transport services, 60170000 Hire of passenger transport vehicles with driver, 60140000

Non-scheduled passenger transport, 60112000 Public road transport services, 60130000

Special-purpose road passenger-transport services

5.1.2. Place of performance

Country subdivision (NUTS): Buskerud (NO085)

Country: Norway

5.1.3. Estimated duration

Duration: 1 461 Days

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: Enrolment in a trade register

Description of selection criterion: Tenderers shall be registered in a company register, professional register or registered in a commerce register in the country where the tenderer is established. Documentation requirements: • Norwegian companies: Company Registration Certificate. • Foreign companies: Verification that the tenderer is registered in a company register, professional register or a commerce register in 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. Creditworthiness with no requirement for collateral will be sufficient to meet the requirement Documentation requirements: Credit rating based on the most recent financial figures. The rating shall be carried out by a credit rating company with licence to conduct this service.

5.1.10. Award criteria

Criterion:

Type: Price

Description: Price

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

Award criterion number: 70

Criterion:

Type: Quality

Description: Quality

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

Award criterion number: 30

Criterion:

Type: Quality

Description: The contracting authority has concluded that the exclusionary provision can be used here since it is "clear" that it will give a better climate and environmental effect to require at least 90% zero emission buses than by evaluating the environment by 30% weight. Below is a statement of the election. Parent The contracting authority has a clear need to reduce the climate footprint from bus transport. For this type of service procurement, environment is a central part of the objective of the procurement. Main findings from the market dialogue. The market dialogue shows that a requirement for at least 90% zero emission buses is ambitious, but feasible for key actors. This indicates that 90% zero emission buses are within what suppliers consider practically possible, while allowing for a limited amount of fossil-driven buses as needed. Several tenderers express that they expect clear and relatively strict environmental requirements. This supports the fact that the market is focused on considerable emphasis on the environment, and that a high minimum requirement for zero emission buses is perceived as a legitimate means. At the same time, the market dialogue shows that some suppliers do not currently have zero emission buses, but can mobilise such material for some time. This suggests that a requirement for 90% zero emission buses should be connected to actual delivery over time, such as the share of driving kilometres in the agreement period, and thus it also retains access to handling the factual need for exceptions within the limited portion of the remaining 10%. Why the minimum requirement is more appropriate than the award criteria With a minimum requirement of at least 90% zero emission buses, it is ensured that all tenders that can be awarded the contract fulfil the Contracting Authority's environmental ambition. If the percentage of zero emission buses is only included as one of several award criteria, an offer with a lower zero emission bus can still be won due to a lower price or combination of a lower price and a good score on other award criteria. This puts the risk that

the result will not reflect the environmental level the market can actually deliver. A minimum requirement is, therefore, a more accurate means of achieving the desired climate effect than a relative point scale, deduction model or other evaluation model. The minimum requirement is operationalised as a requirement for a share of driving kilometres of electric buses over four years. This is easy to control through standard reporting and the accompanying sanctions possibilities. An award criteria based on the proportion of zero emission buses, preferably with a sliding scale and compound scales with gradual inclusion over several years, complicates both the evaluation and later follow-up. The risk increases so that the actual delivery deviates from what was assumed in the evaluation. A minimum requirement therefore gives more verifiable and enforceable environmental obligations in the contract period. The market dialogue shows that the majority of tenderers can deliver 80-95% emission free driving either as of today's date or at least with suggested formulation of the minimum requirements. By choosing a minimum requirement, a high environmental ambition level can be combined with real competition and feasibility for the supplier market. Summarised Evaluation of emission-free vehicles risks offers with lower offered emission-free driving at a lower price, or the combination of price and other quality elements, and that the environmental gains will be lower than the market could actually deliver. It is therefore clear that the minimum requirement gives a better climate and environmental effect as the market dialogue shows that several central suppliers can already deliver around 90-95% emission-free driving. A requirement for at least 90% driving with zero emission buses is therefore both realistic and suitable to ensure that this high level is actually achieved.

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/4294>

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/4294>

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

Electronic catalogue: Not allowed

Deadline for receipt of tenders: 09/04/2026 12:43:00 (UTC+00:00) Western European Time, GMT

Duration during which the tender must remain valid: 3 Months

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: Buskerud tingrett

Organisation providing additional information about the procurement procedure: Drammen kommune

Organisation providing more information on the review procedures: Drammen kommune

Organisation receiving requests to participate: Artifik AS

8. Organisations

8.1. ORG-0001

Official name: Drammen kommune

Registration number: 921234554

Postal address: Engene 1

Town: Drammen

Postcode: 3015

Country subdivision (NUTS): Buskerud (NO085)

Country: Norway

Contact point: Ida Elleflaadt

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Telephone: +47 32040000

Internet address: <https://www.drammen.kommune.no/>

Buyer profile: <https://www.drammen.kommune.no/>

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

Official name: Buskerud tingrett

Registration number: 826726342

Postal address: Postboks 1066 Bragernes

Town: Drammen

Postcode: 3001

Country subdivision (NUTS): Oslo (NO081)

Country: Norway

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Telephone: +47 32211600

Internet address: <https://www.domstol.no/no/domstoler/tingrett/buskerud-tingrett/>

Roles of this organisation:

Review organisation

8.1. ORG-0003

Official name: Artifik AS

Registration number: 925364967

Postal address: Stortingsgata 12

Town: Oslo

Postcode: 0161

Country subdivision (NUTS): Oslo (NO081)

Country: Norway

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Internet address: <https://artifik.no>

Roles of this organisation:

Procurement service provider

Organisation receiving requests to participate

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