

17924-2026 - Competition

Norway – Legal services – Framework agreement - Lawyer services - Barnevernssaker (New notice)

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Contract notice – light regime

Services

1. Buyer

1.1. Buyer

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2. Procedure

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Procedure identifier: f4a81e33-8da3-47fa-ae36-569632b8bb49

Internal identifier: 2025021734

Type of procedure: Open

Main features of the procedure: The assignments are mainly carried out by our employees. However, experience shows that at times with heavy activity and/or holidays/leave, there is a need to supplement our own capacity with the procurement of external services for process assignments. A framework agreement will be signed with one lawyer company. The framework agreement includes compulsory child protection cases, but it can also be used in other disciplines for which the tenderer has competence. This means that this framework agreement can also be used in other disciplines than coercive cases within child protection. The framework agreement is not exclusive. I.e. the municipality can engage other law firms where it is deemed appropriate. Please note that the municipality already has a contract for lawyer services for contracts and public procurements. The number of assignments will depend on the work situation and the influx of cases at the municipal lawyer at all times. Assignments in accordance with the framework agreements will, on behalf of Kristiansand municipality, be administered by the district attorney.

2.1.1. Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Services

Main classification (cpv): 79100000 Legal services

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2.1.2. Place of performance

Country subdivision (NUTS): Agder (NO092)

Country: Norway

2.1.3. Value

Estimated value excluding VAT: 8 000 000,00 NOK

2.1.4. General information

Additional information: It is stated in the tender management tool and the notice form that this is an open tender contest after the public procurement regulations parts I and III,, but this is an error. The competition will be held as an open tender contest after the public procurement regulations parts I and II, as stated in the tender documentation point 2.1. The Contracting Authority has had to write the wrong procedure in the competition implementation tool and the announcement form in order to get the tender exemption in the actual notice. At the current time it is not technically possible to choose the correct procedure in the notice and at the same time get a tender deadline registered in the actual notice.

Legal basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

Anskaffelsesforskriften - The procurement will be made in accordance with the Public Procurement Act of 17 June 2016 (LOA) and the public procurement regulations dated 12 August 2016 (FOA) parts I and part II, Annex 2 Special Services. The contract will be awarded in accordance with the 'Open Tender Contest' procedure, cf. FOA § 8-3.

2.1.6. Grounds for exclusion

Sources of grounds for exclusion: European Single Procurement Document (ESPD), Notice, Procurement Document

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.

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).

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).

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 control of organised crime (EUT L 300 of 11.11.2008, p. 42)

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.

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).

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.

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.

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.

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?

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.

Misrepresentation, withheld information, unable to provide required documents or obtained confidential information of this procedure: Have the tenderer: a) given grossly incorrect information when notifying the information required to verify that there is no basis for rejection, or of the qualification requirements being met, b) failed to provide such information, c) subject to immediately submitting the supporting documents requested by the Contracting Authority, or d) improperly affecting 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: Are tenderers 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?

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 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. Will the purely national rejection reasons, as stated in the relevant notice or in the procurement documents, apply?

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?

Breaching obligation relating to payment of taxes: Has the tenderer not fulfilled his tax and duty obligations in the country in which he is established, and in the contracting authority's 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 made mandatory in accordance with the current national law without the possibility for exceptions.

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 made mandatory in accordance with the current national law without the possibility for exceptions.

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 made mandatory in accordance with the current national law without the possibility for exceptions.

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 made mandatory in accordance with the current national law without the possibility for exceptions.

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 made mandatory in accordance with the current national law without the possibility for exceptions.

Analogous situation like bankruptcy, insolvency or arrangement with creditors under national law: 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 made mandatory in accordance with the current national law without the possibility for exceptions.

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5.1.2. Place of performance

Country subdivision (NUTS): Agder (NO092)

Country: Norway

5.1.3. Estimated duration

Duration: 48 Months

5.1.5. Value

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5.1.6. General information

Reserved participation:

Participation is not reserved.

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5.1.9. Selection criteria

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Criterion: Enrolment in a trade register

Description of selection criterion: Registration Requirement: The tenderer shall be a legally established company. Documented by: Company Registration Certificate or equivalent from the tenderer's home country.

Criterion: Certificates by independent bodies about quality assurance standards

Description of selection criterion: Quality assurance system Requirement: Tenderers are required to have a quality assurance system/quality management system. Documentation: A statement regarding the company's quality assurance system/quality management system or a copy of the system certificate issued by accredited certification bodies.

5.1.11. Procurement documents

Languages in which the procurement documents are officially available: Norwegian

Deadline for requesting additional information: 28/01/2026 11:00:00 (UTC+00:00) Western European Time, GMT

Address of the procurement documents: <https://permalink.mercell.com/270155567.aspx>

5.1.12. Terms of procurement

Terms of submission:

Electronic submission: Required

Address for submission: <https://permalink.mercell.com/270155567.aspx>

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

Advanced or qualified electronic signature or seal (as defined in Regulation (EU) No 910/2014) is required

Variants: Not allowed

Deadline for receipt of tenders: 09/02/2026 11:00:00 (UTC+00:00) Western European Time, GMT

Duration during which the tender must remain valid: 89 Days

Terms of contract:

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

5.1.16. Further information, mediation and review

Review organisation: Agder tingrett

8. Organisations

8.1. ORG-0001

Official name: KRISTIANSAND KOMMUNE

Registration number: 820852982
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Town: SØGNE
Postcode: 4682
Country subdivision (NUTS): Agder (NO092)
Country: Norway
Contact point: Thomas Tverbakk Bjørgve
Email: thomas.tverbakk.bjorgve@kristiansand.kommune.no
Telephone: 90617439

Roles of this organisation:

Buyer

8.1. ORG-0002

Official name: Agder tingrett
Registration number: 926723480
Town: Kristiansand
Postcode: 4614
Country subdivision (NUTS): Agder (NO092)
Country: Norway

Roles of this organisation:

Review organisation

Notice information

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