

Norway-Bergen: Water transport 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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I.3. Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: <https://tendsign.no/doc.aspx?Uniqueld=afiqfmxhg&GoTo=Docs>

Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via: <https://tendsign.no/doc.aspx?Uniqueld=afiqfmxhg&GoTo=Tender>

I.4. Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5. Main activity

Other activity: Public transport

Section II: Object

II.1. Scope of the procurement

II.1.1. Title

Operation of the boat route Kleppestø-Strandkaien and the boat route Knarvik-Frekhaug-Strandkaien.

Reference number: SKYSS/22/16

II.1.2. Main CPV code

60600000 Water transport services

II.1.3. Type of contract

Services

II.1.4. Short description

The aim of the procurement is to get an operator in place for the operation of the route Kleppestø-Strandkaaien (the Askøy route) and route Knarvik-Frekhaug-Strandkaaien (the Nordhordland route). For further information on the requirements for fulfilling the contract, see the contract document for delivery requirements in chapter 2, requirements for vessels in chapter 3, requirements for route production in chapter 4 and climate requirements in chapter 5.

The contracting authority would like to enter into a joint contract for the operation of the two routes with one operator.

II.1.5. Estimated total value

II.1.6. Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.2. Description

II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)

60000000 Transport services (excl. Waste transport)

II.2.3. Place of performance

NUTS code: NO0A2 Vestland

Main site or place of performance: The boat route Kleppestø - Strandkaaien uses quays in Askøy Municipality and Bergen Municipality. The boat route route Knarvik - Frekhaug - Strandkaaien uses quays in Alver Municipality and Bergen Municipality.

II.2.4. Description of the procurement

The contract period is from the date the contract is signed until and including 15 January 2040. The start-up of operation must be latest 20 January 2025, with an option for the winning operator to start up earlier. See the contract point 1.1.6.1.

Skyss estimates an annual contract sum of approx. NOK 68 million to NOK 73 million deducted support and estimated one-time costs connected to energy infrastructure, grid upgrade and quay improvements of NOK 47 million to NOK 51 million. This is equivalent to NOK 70 million to NOK 80 million a year if the costs of the energy infrastructure, quay improvements, and grid upgrade are spread out over the years, and after the deduction of support from the NOx fund and Klimasats. These estimates do not include the contract's rights to change and options, partly the operator's right to start operations earlier, the contracting authority's right to increase the route production, access to require larger and/or extra vessels on the routes, change rights.

II.2.5. Award criteria

Criteria below

Price

II.2.6. Estimated value

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

Start: 20/01/2025 End: 15/01/2040

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: yes

Description of options:

The winning operator will have the right to start up operation of one or both routes earlier than 20.01.2025 in the period 1 July 2024 to 20 January 2025. If the contracting authority, through a dialogue with the Grid operator before the final tender deadline, receives information that says that the grid upgrade will be completed at an earlier date, the option period will be further expanded.

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

The contract includes a requirement for the use of zero emission technology in order to achieve reduced emissions on the routes. The technology, energy concept, and energy store requirements are described in chapter 5 of the contract.

If the winning tender uses less fuel on the Nordhordland route each year than what is stated in the contract's climate requirements, the winning tenderer will receive a climate bonus.

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:

Tenderers must have their tax, payroll tax and VAT payments in order. Tenderers must be a legally established company.

Tenderers must have good competence and experience from operation of express boats for passengers.

III.1.2. Economic and financial standing

List and brief description of selection criteria:

Tenderers must have sufficient economic and financial strength to be able to fulfil the contract.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required:

See Annex A for further information on what the contracting authority will look at when assessing this qualification requirement.

Annual accounts

The tenderer's annual accounts including notes with the boards and auditor's reports for 2019, 2020 and 2021. For the 2021 financial year, the contracting authority will accept auditor-approved accounts.

Demand guarantee

Confirmation from a bank, insurance company or financing institution must be attached stating that a demand guarantee for correct fulfilment of the Contract will be provided if the tenderer is awarded the contract.

The endorsement is confirmation that a guarantee in accordance with Annex G2 will be issued if the tenderer is awarded the contract. The declaration to provide a future guarantee must be binding for the guarantor throughout the entire period from the application deadline for qualification until the expiry of the abidance deadline for the tender in the contest. The contracting authority requests that tenderers use the template for the endorsement of a

demand guarantee, Annex G1. The winning tenderer must send the final guarantee document to the contracting authority at the latest within one month after contract signing, cf. point 1.3 of the contract. See the template for final guarantee document, Annex G2.

Licence guarantee

Confirmation from a bank, insurance or financing institution shall be enclosed stating that a licence guarantee in accordance with the Professional Transport Act is presented if the tenderer is awarded the contract.

The endorsement is confirmation that a guarantee will be issued. Tenderers are requested to use the template for endorsement of a license guarantee, Annex E.

Key information

Tenderers must complete and attach the form with key information, cf. Appendix F.

Liquidity plan

Tenderers must deliver a brief description/plan for how the tenderer will maintain or possibly improve the liquidity in the company in the coming years. For example.: What does the company do to ensure its liquidity? What is the desired liquidity degree in the company?

Credit Rating

The contracting authority reserves the right to carry out a credit rating with the help of an independent credit rating company. Financial strength will be evaluated in relation to turnover, operating profit margin, equity and liquidity.

III.1.3. Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of selection criteria:

Tenderers must have good competence and experience from operation of express boats for passengers.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required:

Tenderers must document their experience in the last 3 years with

- Operation of minimum 1 express passenger vessel with a maximum length of 24 metres or longer, where

o the operation of the vessel was part of a publicly available route service with a public contracting authority for a minimum duration of 1 year and

o the operation had minimum 2 daily departures 3 days a week.

The reference assignments must as a minimum contain information about:

- Contracting authority
- Connection information
- Commencement and end dates
- Brief account of the assignment (frequency/scope, (number of departures per week) vessel size, crossing speed).
- Contract value and duration

Tenderers must complete and attach the form Annex D.

III.2. Conditions related to the contract

III.2.2. Contract performance conditions

The contract with annexes including the requirements and terms for the execution of the assignment.

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1. Description

IV.1.1.

Type of procedure

Competitive procedure with negotiation

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

IV.1.5. Information about negotiation

The contracting authority reserves the right to award the contract on the basis of the initial tenders without conducting negotiations

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: 12/05/2022 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.2.6. Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Tender must be valid until: 20/12/2022

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1. Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: no

VI.2. Information about electronic workflows

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3. Additional information

Vestland County c/o Transport uses electronic invoicing in EHF format. Tenderers are obliged to submit invoices as described at

<https://www.vestlandfylke.no/om-oss/sendefaktura-til-vestland/>

Mercell notice: <https://opic.com/id/afiqlfmxhg>.

VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

Official name: Bergen tingrett

Town: Bergen

Country: Norway

VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

08/04/2022