

Norway-Oslo: Research and development services and related consultancy services

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Contract notice**Services****Directive 2004/18/EC****Section I: Contracting authority**

I.1. Name and addresses

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the abovementioned address

Specifications and additional documents (including documents for competitive dialogue and a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained from:

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Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted: the abovementioned address

I.2. Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority, including their regional or local subdivisions

I.3. Main activity

General public services

I.4. Contract award on behalf of other contracting authorities

The contracting authority is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities: no

Section II: Object of the contract

II.1. Description**II.1.1. Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority**

Invitation to apply for financial support — speech recognition software for Norwegian (Bokmål and Nynorsk).

II.1.2. Type of contract and place of performance or delivery

Services

Service category No 8: Research and development services

Main site or place of performance: Oslo, Norway.

NUTS code NO Norge

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

The notice involves a public contract

II.1.4. Information about framework agreement

II.1.5. Short description of the contract or purchase(s)

The purpose of the aid is to obtain software for speech recognition in Norwegian. Such software is already available in major languages such as English and German. The aim of the Ministry is to make the possibilities that come with speech recognition available in Norwegian, for the general public, people with disabilities and the educational and business sectors.

The purpose of the announcement is to obtain software for speech recognition in Bokmål and Nynorsk.

The delivery shall include:

1. Basic technology on speech recognition in Bokmål and Nynorsk with an application program interface (API) for developers that wish to use speech recognition in their systems.
2. System for dictation of text in regular office applications and for voice control of such applications. The system must be able to handle commands on control of the systems and dictation of text with continuous speech, and it must be able to alternate between these, by using voice.

The supplier shall maintain the basic technology and development tools in accordance with further agreement. The application shall contain descriptions of a scheme on maintenance and duration.

II.1.6. CPV code(s)

73000000 Research and development services and related consultancy services, 48314000 Voice recognition software package

II.1.7. Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: no

II.1.8. Lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.1.9. Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: no

II.2. Scope of the procurement

II.2.1. Total quantity or scope

The expenses that shall be covered and the maximum subsidy intensity.

The maximum allocation is 13 000 000 NOK. However, the Norwegian State Subsidy Regulations have restrictions in relation to the expenses that can be covered by public authorities, and how high the subsidy intensity can be.

II.2.2. Information about options

Options: no

II.2.3. Information about renewals

This contract is subject to renewal: no

II.3. Duration of the contract or time limit for completion

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1. Conditions related to the contract

III.1.1. Deposits and guarantees required

- III.1.2. Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them**
- III.1.3. Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded**
- III.1.4. Contract performance conditions**
The performance of the contract is subject to particular conditions: no
- III.2. Conditions for participation**
 - III.2.1. Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**
 - III.2.2. Economic and financial ability**
 - III.2.3. Technical and professional ability**
 - III.2.4. Information about reserved contracts**
- III.3. Conditions specific to services contracts**
 - III.3.1. Information about a particular profession**
Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession: no
 - III.3.2. Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract**
Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract: yes

Section IV: Procedure

- IV.1. Type of procedure**
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Open
 - IV.1.2. Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited**
 - IV.1.3. Information about reduction of the number of solutions or tenders during negotiation or dialogue**
- IV.2. Award criteria**
 - IV.2.1. Award criteria**
The most economically advantageous tender in terms of Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents
 - IV.2.2. Information about electronic auction**
An electronic auction will be used: no
- IV.3. Administrative information**
 - IV.3.1. File reference number attributed by the contracting authority**
14/5030
 - IV.3.2. Previous publication concerning this procedure**
no

IV.3.3. Conditions for obtaining specifications and additional documents or descriptive document

Payable documents: no

IV.3.4. Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

15.8.2015 - 12:00

IV.3.5. Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

IV.3.6. Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

Danish. English. Swedish.

Other: Norwegian.

IV.3.7. Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

IV.3.8. Conditions for opening of tenders

Persons authorised to be present at the opening of tenders: no

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1. Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: no

VI.2. Information about European Union funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds:
no

VI.3. Additional information

The agreement that shall be entered into is not considered to be a contract under the Public Procurement Regulations. In the Public Procurement Regulations § 4-1 (a) a contract is defined as a mutual burdened agreement that is entered into in writing between 1 or several contracting authorities, and one or several suppliers. The Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs will, via a separate letter of intent, state assumptions and requirements to the delivery, in accordance with the tender notice and the attached requirement specifications. The Ministry makes reservations that the financial support is used in accordance with the assumptions. C.f. the Appropriation Regulations §10.

The subsidy is published in Doffin and TED. The publication in Doffin/Ted is voluntary and the contracting authority emphasise that the tender notice therefore does not comply with the Public Procurement Regulations.

The announcement is made in accordance with the General Block Exemption Regulation (Commission regulation (EU) No 651/2014 of June 2014). The measure falls within the category of experimental research. It is the responsibility of applicants to know the requirements for receiving public aid according to the GBER. GBER is available on the following website:

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legalcontent/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32014R0651&from=EN>

It can be relevant to carry out dialogues with the applicants in connection with the management of applications.

VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

VI.4.2. Review procedure

VI.4.3. Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

17.6.2015