

218919-2026 - Competition

Norway – Printed books – Textbooks and digital learning material

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Contract or concession notice – standard regime

Supplies

1. Buyer

1.1. Buyer

Official name: VESTBY KOMMUNE

Email: karl.anders.ovrelid@vestby.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

1.1. Buyer

Official name: Ås kommune

Email: post@as.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

1.1. Buyer

Official name: Nesodden kommune

Email: post@nesodden.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

1.1. Buyer

Official name: Frogn kommune

Email: postmottak@frogn.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

1.1. Buyer

Official name: Nordre Follo kommune

Email: postmottak@nordrefollo.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: Textbooks and digital learning material

Description: The Joint Procurement Office (FIK) is carrying out for Frogn, Nesodden, Vestby, Ås and Nordre Follo municipalities a procurement for the delivery of textbooks and digital learning material to the municipalities in the cooperation. The agreement shall ensure schools access to a broad and updated assortment of physical teaching aids and digital teaching resources, with competitive discounts and predictable terms of delivery. The tenderer shall offer efficient ordering and delivery routines, as well as support schemes connected to licence management and the use of digital platforms.

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Internal identifier: 26/00576

Type of procedure: Open

The procedure is accelerated: no

Main features of the procedure: The objective of the procurement is to ensure the municipalities a broad, updated and educational relevant range of teaching resources, with good discounts, predictable deliveries and efficient ordering and licence handling routines. The agreement shall cover a comprehensive assortment that includes, but not limited to: textbooks, digital textbooks, apps for teaching, fiction books, subject books, reference books and other non-fiction. The framework agreement shall also include non-fiction for other municipal entities than schools, so that all sectors have access to relevant and updated knowledge material. Tenderers shall be able to offer both physical and digital products, as well as necessary support services connected to use, administration and access management. The tenderer is expected to have good logistics systems, high delivery ability and user friendly ordering systems that support the municipalities' needs for efficient operation. For digital resources, the tenderer shall be able to offer stable licence models, good user support and systems that safeguard privacy and information security requirements.

2.1.1. Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Supplies

Main classification (cpv): 22110000 Printed books

Additional classification (cpv): 22111000 School books, 22112000 Textbooks, 48190000 Educational software package

2.1.2. Place of performance

Country subdivision (NUTS): Akershus (NO084)

Country: Norway

2.1.3. Value

Estimated value excluding VAT: 92 000 000,00 NOK

2.1.4. General information

Legal basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

Anskaffelsesforskriften - The procurement will be carried out as an open tender contest in accordance with the procurement regulation part III. All interested tenderers can submit tender offers.

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, af 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.

5. Lot

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Country: Norway

5.1.3. Estimated duration

Duration: 48 Months

5.1.5. Value

Estimated value excluding VAT: 92 000 000,00 NOK

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): no

5.1.9. Selection criteria

Sources of selection criteria: European Single Procurement Document (ESPD)

5.1.11. Procurement documents

Languages in which the procurement documents are officially available: Norwegian

Deadline for requesting additional information: 27/04/2026 10:00:00 (UTC+00:00) Western European Time, GMT

Address of the procurement documents: <https://permalink.mercell.com/276647370.aspx>

5.1.12. Terms of procurement

Terms of submission:

Electronic submission: Required

Address for submission: <https://permalink.mercell.com/276647370.aspx>

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

Electronic catalogue: Not allowed

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: 04/05/2026 10:00:00 (UTC+00:00) Western European Time, GMT

Duration during which the tender must remain valid: 3 Months

Information about public opening:

Opening date: 04/05/2026 10:00:00 (UTC+00:00) Western European Time, GMT

Terms of contract:

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

Electronic invoicing: Required

Electronic ordering will be used: yes

Electronic payment will be used: yes

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: Follo og Nordre Østfold tingrett

Information about review deadlines: In accordance with LOA and FOA

8. Organisations

8.1. ORG-0001

Official name: VESTBY KOMMUNE

Registration number: 943485437

Postal address: Rådhusgata 1

Town: VESTBY

Postcode: 1540

Country subdivision (NUTS): Akershus (NO084)
Country: Norway
Contact point: Karl Anders Øvrelid
Email: karl.anders.ovrelid@vestby.kommune.no
Telephone: 47781179
Internet address: <http://www.vestby.kommune.no/>

Roles of this organisation:

Buyer
Group leader
Central purchasing body awarding public contracts or concluding framework agreements for works, supplies or services intended for other buyers

8.1. ORG-0002

Official name: Ås kommune
Registration number: 964948798
Town: Ås
Postcode: 1431
Country subdivision (NUTS): Akershus (NO084)
Country: Norway
Email: post@as.kommune.no
Telephone: 64962000

Roles of this organisation:

Buyer

8.1. ORG-0003

Official name: Nesodden kommune
Registration number: 944 383 565
Town: Nesoddtangen
Postcode: 1451
Country subdivision (NUTS): Akershus (NO084)
Country: Norway
Email: post@nesodden.kommune.no
Telephone: 66964300

Roles of this organisation:

Buyer

8.1. ORG-0004

Official name: Frogn kommune
Registration number: 963 999 089
Town: Drøbak
Postcode: 1441
Country subdivision (NUTS): Akershus (NO084)
Country: Norway
Email: postmottak@frogn.kommune.no
Telephone: 64906000

Roles of this organisation:

Buyer

8.1. ORG-0005

Official name: Nordre Follo kommune
Registration number: 922 092 648

Town: Ski
Postcode: 1402
Country subdivision (NUTS): Akershus (NO084)
Country: Norway
Email: postmottak@nordrefollo.kommune.no
Telephone: 02178

Roles of this organisation:

Buyer

8.1. ORG-0006

Official name: Follo og Nordre Østfold tingrett
Registration number: 926 725 920
Town: Ski
Postcode: 1401
Country subdivision (NUTS): Akershus (NO084)
Country: Norway
Roles of this organisation:
Review organisation

Notice information

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