

Norway-Leikanger: Road transport 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:

the abovementioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted: the abovementioned address**I.2. Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

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**

Tender: Route package Sogn.

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

Services

Service category No 2: Land transport services [2], including armoured car services, and courier services, except transport of mail

Main site or place of performance: Leikanger, Norway.

NUTS code NO052 Sogn og Fjordane

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)

Sogn og Fjordane county shall announce a tender contest in November 2015 for scheduled bus transport services in Lærdal, Årdal, Aurland, Sogndal, Luster, Leikanger and Vik municipalities.

The estimated number of kilometers is 2 100 000.

Large parts of the routes are set up around school routes. The school routes are also included in our ordinary passenger transport to the regional and municipality centres. Correspondance routes with other public communication such as buses (other companies) and ferries/fast boats are an important element in the route production. Many of the routes can be carried out with vehicles from the small vehicle segment.

II.1.6. CPV code(s)

60100000 Road transport services, 60112000 Public road transport services, 60000000 Transport services (excl. Waste transport)

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes

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 aim of the procurement is to obtain an operator for the route production in Sogndal, Årdal, Lærdal, Aurland, Vik, Luster and Leikanger municipalities (hereafter called Route Package Sogn) from 19 June 2017.

The contract covers route production in Route Package Sogn. Large parts of the routes are set up around school routes. The school routes are also included in our ordinary passenger transport to the regional and municipality centres. Correspondance routes with other public communication such as buses (other companies) and ferries/fast boats are an important element in the route production. Many of the routes can be carried out with vehicles from the small vehicle segment. The operator will be responsible for entering into contracts with any sub suppliers for the provision of the services in this tender.

The route production is approx. 2 100 000 kilometers per annum.

A gross contract will be signed. This means that the operator will be remunerated for the costs of providing the route production, with income such as passenger income and any advertising income falling to the contracting authority.

A contract will be signed with 1 service provider.

The contract for the assignment will be valid for the period 19.6.2017 until 22.6.2025. The contracting authority shall have an option for a contract extension for up to two years.

The contract will be regulated by contract regulations, which will be attached to the tender documentation that will be sent out after the prequalification.

II.2.2. Information about options

Options: yes

Description of options: The contracting authority shall have an option for a contract extension for up to 2 years.

II.2.3. Information about renewals

This contract is subject to renewal: no

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

Start 19.6.2017. Completion 22.6.2025

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1. Conditions related to the contract

III.1.1. Deposits and guarantees required

A bank guarantee for correct fulfilment of the contract will be provided. This guarantee is in addition to the licence guarantee for the award of licence.

See the qualification documentation for further information. A financial institution is to confirm that a bank guarantee will be provided when a tender is submitted after the prequalification.

III.1.2. Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them

The contract terms will be in the tender documentation after the prequalification.

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

List and brief description of conditions: Applicants shall have their tax, payroll tax and VAT payments in order by the deadline for requesting participation in the competition, the qualification deadline, cf. the Public Procurement Regulations § 17-14.

Documentation requirement:

Tax certificates not older than 6 months calculated from the qualification deadline. Tax certificate means:

For Norwegian applicants:

A tax and VAT certificate from the Norwegian Tax Authority. The certificate can be ordered in Altinn.

For foreign applicants:

— Foreign applicants must present equivalent certificates from their country that show that they have the tax payments in order. If the authorities in the relevant country do not issue such certificates, the applicant shall enclose a declaration that states that all taxes have been paid. The declaration shall be approved and signed by the applicant's top finance manager.

Qualification requirement:

Applicants must be a legally established company.

Documentation requirement:

Norwegian applicants:

— Company registration certificate. www.altinn.no

Foreign applicants:

— Confirmation that the application is registered in a branch register or company register in accordance with the legislation in the country where the applicant is established.

If groups of service providers would like to submit a

joint tender, see the Public Procurement Regulations § 17-7 (1). In such cases a legal company with joint and several liability will have to be established before the contract is signed.

Qualification requirement:

Applicants shall be a part of a publicly certified apprenticeship scheme by time the contract work starts and they shall offer apprenticeship places for drivers in this contract, cf. the Public Procurement Regulations § 3-11 (3)

This requirement applies to both Norwegian and foreign applicants.

Documentation requirement:

Declaration from the company on membership of publicly certified apprenticeship schemes.

If an applicant is already a certified training company, the certificate shall be enclosed with the declaration. If the certificate was issued more than two years ago, confirmation from the public body that administers the apprenticeship scheme shall also be enclosed with the certificate.

See the qualification documentation point 6 for further information.

III.2.2. Economic and financial ability

List and brief description of conditions: Applicants shall have sufficient economic and financial competence to fulfil the contract. Applicants shall have good liquidity and solidity.

The company's total economic and financial position will be assessed on, amongst other things, turnover, operating margin, solidity and liquidity.

When assessing the company's solidity, leasing contracts for site resources will be taken into consideration.

Liquidity and equity in the group, parent or subsidiary company shall not be taken into consideration when calculating liquidity and solidity unless guarantees are provided. Liquidity shall likewise not be included in working partnerships.

Documentation requirement:

Applicants must provide sufficient information in order to document their economic position and that the applicant has sufficient financial strength to fulfil the contract. Applicants must make a concrete assessment of what information shall be enclosed with the application in addition to:

the annual accounts

— the applicant's Board approved annual accounts including notes with the board's and auditor's reports from the last two financial years. The annual accounts means what Norwegian companies to the Brønnøysund Register Centre.

— The applicant's half yearly accounts per 30.6.2015, or if available, the quarterly accounts per 30.09.2015 shall also be enclosed.

— Companies that have a different financial year are to enclose the last two public accounts.

In addition the term accounts shall be enclosed for as close as possible to the qualification deadline for this competition.

Other documentation for all applicants:

— Applicants shall fill in and enclose the form on key information, cf. annex F.

— Available liquidity:

Applicants shall state the company's available liquidity (deposited in a bank/credit institution and any unused amount within the cash credit limit) on a date within two months before the application deadline. Documentation on the information must be available within a week upon

request from the contracting authority in the form of a declaration from a bank or equivalent.
Use annex F.

— Short term obligations:

The company shall provide information on the company's total short term obligations on the same date as the information on available liquidity. Documentation on the information must be available within a week upon request from the contracting authority in the form of an overview of the obligations, including due dates.

Use annex F.

— If there are leasing contracts for site resources: Provide information on these contracts in annex F.

— A liquidity strategy shall be provided so that we have the best possible basis for assessing liquidity. A 'liquidity strategy' means a description of how any liquidity deficit will be handled by the company. E.g.: What does the company do to ensure its liquidity? What is the desired liquidity degree in the company? Is the company aiming for a concrete liquidity degree?

— Recent information of relevance for the applicant's accounting figures shall be enclosed. The contracting authority can carry out their own credit assessment of applicants and any cooperating companies via an independent credit rating company.

The above information shall also be provided for any parent company.

A service provider can use other companies' financial and economic strength independent of the legal character of the connection between them, cf. §§ 17-8 og 17-9.

Applicants who will use other companies' capacity must document that they have access to these companies in accordance with the Public Procurement Regulations § 17-8 (2).

See the qualification documents point 6 for further information on the documentation requirement.

III.2.3. Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of conditions:

Qualification requirement:

Applicants must have extensive experience from bus operations.

Documentation requirement:

Documentation requirement:

— Applicants' references for relevant contracts in the last three years. The references shall, at a minimum, include:

— The contracting authority and a contact person.

— The annual value of the contract.

— The start and completion date.

— A short account of what the contract included, the total number of manlabour years differentiated between own employees and sub suppliers and names of sub suppliers.

— Documentation of professional qualifications in the form of information on technical personnel and CVs for key persons who will provide the services covered by the contract.

— If an applicant will use other companies' capacity, documentation in accordance with the Public Procurement Regulations § 17-9(2) shall be enclosed.

Qualification requirement:

Applicants shall have a good and well functioning quality assurance system, adapted to the assignment in question.

Documentation requirement:

— Detailed information on the applicant's quality assurance/management system, as well as CVs for personnel who will be responsible for quality control, cf. Annex H.

— A copy of any certificate issued by an independent quality control institution stating that the

applicant meets certain quality assurance standards in accordance with the Public Procurement Regulations § 17-12.

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

IV.1.1. Type of procedure

Negotiated

Some candidates have already been selected (if appropriate under certain types of negotiated procedures) no

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

Recourse to staged procedure to gradually reduce the number of solutions to be discussed or tenders to be negotiated no

IV.2. Award criteria

IV.2.1. Award criteria

Lowest price

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

15/6447

IV.3.2. Previous publication concerning this procedure

Prior information notice

Notice number in the OJ S: [2014/S 227-401821](#) of 25.11.2014

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

5.10.2015 - 14:00

IV.3.5.

Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

20.11.2015

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

Other: Norwegian.

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

IV.3.8. Conditions for opening of tenders

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

VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

VI.4.2. Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures: To be sent to the contracting authority's address, fao the contact person stated in the qualification documentation point 2.2.

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

VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

1.9.2015