

318225-2026 - Competition

Norway – Research and development services and related consultancy services – Evaluation of the municipality reform

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Contract or concession notice – standard regime

Services

1. Buyer

1.1. Buyer

Official name: Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development

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Legal type of the buyer: Central government authority

Activity of the contracting authority: General public services

2. Procedure

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Title: Evaluation of the municipality reform

Description: "KDD" would like a comprehensive evaluation of the municipality reform. The evaluation ought to be based on the zero point survey. KDD would like the evaluation to describe and analyse any differences in developments between merged and non-merged municipalities. A central point in the evaluation will be to be able to say something about any effects can be explained by municipal merger, or whether they can be explained by other conditions such as changed national and international framework conditions and events. The final delivery deadline for the contract is 1 November 2028. The estimated value of the procurement is up to NOK 4,000,000 excluding VAT. The estimated value is not binding for the contracting authority. See annex 1 of the contract for further details on the delivery.

Procedure identifier: aab10447-670d-43c6-abe7-bf466e623a01

Internal identifier: 26/1480

Type of procedure: Open

The procedure is accelerated: no

2.1.1. Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Services

Main classification (cpv): 73000000 Research and development services and related consultancy services

Additional classification (cpv): 73110000 Research services, 73200000 Research and development consultancy services, 73210000 Research consultancy services

2.1.2. Place of performance

Anywhere in the European Economic Area

2.1.3. Value

Estimated value excluding VAT: 4 000 000,00 NOK

2.1.4. General information

Legal basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

2.1.6. Grounds for exclusion

Sources of grounds for exclusion: 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?

Offence concerning its professional conduct in the domain of defence procurement: In accordance with the procurement regulations.

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?

Lack of reliability to exclude risks to the security of the country: In accordance with the procurement regulations.

Breaching of obligations set under purely national exclusion grounds: In accordance with the procurement regulations.

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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5.1.3. Estimated duration

Duration: 2 Years

5.1.5. Value

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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): yes

5.1.9. Selection criteria

Sources of selection criteria: Notice, Procurement Document

Criterion: Enrolment in a trade register

Description of selection criterion: Qualification requirement: The tenderer shall be a legally established company. Documentation requirement: Norwegian companies: Company Registration Certificate or printout from the Register of Business Units for non-registration obliged individual companies. Foreign companies: Confirmation that the company is registered in a trade or business register as prescribed by the law of the country where the company is established. The confirmation can be delivered in writing or with reference to BRIS.

Criterion: Other economic or financial requirements

Description of selection criterion: Qualification requirement: Tenderers must have sufficient economic and financial capacity to be able to fulfil the contract. Creditworthiness with no requirement for guarantees will be adequate. Documentation requirement: A credit rating with key figures from a certified credit rating company or other form of documentation to demonstrate that the requirement has been met. The credit rating shall include the credit rating degree (rating) of the tenderer - typically indicated by a rating code or brief text. The assessment shall include, or be attached, an explanation on the rating code/scale of possible rating codes. The assessment should be based on the last annual accounts.

Criterion: Relevant educational and professional qualifications

Description of selection criterion: Qualification requirement: Tenderers shall have experience with assignments that have included: -Research/review assignments on municipal administration in a broad perspective, including assignments or research within services /quality, economy and democracy and social development, cf. annex 1 to the contract. Documentation requirement: Description of up to three of the tenderer's most relevant contracts in the last three years. The descriptions must also include the contract value, date and name of the recipient (if possible).

5.1.11. Procurement documents

Address of the procurement documents: https://eu.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlenrance_s.asp?PID=454951&TID=200415676&B=

5.1.12. Terms of procurement

Terms of submission:

Electronic submission: Required

Address for submission: https://eu.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlenrance_s.asp?PID=454951&TID=200415676&B=

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

Electronic catalogue: Not allowed

Deadline for receipt of tenders: 08/06/2026 10:00:00 (UTC+00:00) Western European Time, GMT

Duration during which the tender must remain valid: 35 Weeks

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: no

Electronic payment will be used: yes

5.1.15. Techniques

Framework agreement:

No framework agreement

Information about the dynamic purchasing system:

No dynamic purchase system

Electronic auction: no

5.1.16. Further information, mediation and review

Review organisation: Oslo District Court

Information about review deadlines: In accordance with the Law

8. Organisations

8.1. ORG-0001

Official name: Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development

Registration number: 972 417 858

Postal address: Postboks 8112 Dep

Town: Oslo

Postcode: 0032

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Country: Norway

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Telephone: +47 47293670

Internet address: <https://www.regjeringen.no/no/dep/kdd/id504/>

Buyer profile: <https://eu.eu-supply.com/ctm/company/companyinformation/index/328895>

Roles of this organisation:

Buyer

8.1. ORG-0002

Official name: Oslo District Court

Registration number: 926 725 939
Postal address: Postboks 2106 Vika
Town: Oslo
Postcode: 0125
Country subdivision (NUTS): Oslo (NO081)
Country: Norway
Email: oslo.tingrett@domstol.no
Telephone: +47 22035200
Internet address: <http://www.domstol.no/otir>

Roles of this organisation:

Review organisation

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