

Norway-Oslo: Research and development consultancy services

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Contract notice

Services

Directive 2004/18/EC

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: Norges forskningsråd (The Research Council of Norway)

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Internet address(es):Address of the buyer profile: <https://kgv.doffin.no/ctm/Supplier/CompanyInformation/Index/1032>Electronic access to information: <https://kgv.doffin.no/ctm/Supplier/Documents/Folder/135507>**Additional information can be obtained from:**

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**

National or federal agency/office

I.3. Main activity

General public services

Other: research-related activities

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**

Assistance in connection with evaluation of the social sciences institutes.

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 NO011 Oslo

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 Research Council of Norway (norges forskningsråd) shall evaluate the 22 social science institutes that are included in the guidelines for government based financing, and which receive basic function via The Research Council of Norway. In this connection, The Research Council of Norway, The Division for Science and The Division for Institute Police, extend an invitation to open tender contest for signing of agreements for the purchase of assistance.

II.1.6. CPV code(s)

73200000 Research and development consultancy services, 73000000 Research and development services and related consultancy services

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: yes

Tenders may be submitted for one or more lots

II.1.9. Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: no

II.2. Scope of the procurement

II.2.1. Total quantity or scope

Evaluation of the research institutes is part of the Research Council of Norway's strategic responsibility for the institute sector. Institute evaluations are an important element in the knowledge base for the institute policy. The external assistance that The Research Council of Norway seeks in connection with the evaluation of the 22 social science institutes is connected to 3 projects:

— Project 1: Academic secretariat

— Project 2: User and impact survey

— Project 3: Bibliometry survey

Tenderer may respond to 1 or all of the assignments. Each project will be assessed separately. In the final selection, all things being equal, it will be taken into account whether the tenderer has responded to several projects or one project.

We refer to the attached assignment description for further information (the tender documentation annex 1).

Estimated value excluding VAT: 1 950 000 NOK

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

Start 4.1.2016. Completion 31.1.2016

Information about lots

Lot No: 1

Lot title: Project 1: Academic Secretariat

1) Short description

See the tender documentation.

2) CPV code(s)

73200000 Research and development consultancy services, 73000000 Research and development services and related consultancy services

3) Quantity or scope

See the tender documentation.

Estimated value excluding VAT: 800 000 NOK

4) Indication about different time frame or duration

Start 4.1.2016. Completion 31.1.2017

5) Additional information about lots

See the tender documentation.

Lot No: 2

Lot title: Project 2: User and impact survey

1) Short description

See the tender documentation.

2) CPV code(s)

73200000 Research and development consultancy services, 73000000 Research and development services and related consultancy services

3) Quantity or scope

See the tender documentation.

Estimated value excluding VAT: 800 000 NOK

4) Indication about different time frame or duration

Start 4.1.2016. Completion 30.6.2016

5) Additional information about lots

See tender documentation for further information.

Lot No: 3

Lot title: Project 3: Bibliometry survey

1) Short description

See the tender documentation.

2) CPV code(s)

73200000 Research and development consultancy services, 73000000 Research and development services and related consultancy services

3) Quantity or scope

See the tender documentation.

Estimated value excluding VAT: 350 000 NOK

4) Indication about different time frame or duration

Start 4.1.2016. Completion 31.7.2016

5) Additional information about lots

See tender documentation for further information.

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

List and brief description of conditions: 1) The tenderer shall be a legally established company. Documented by:

Norwegian companies: Company registration certificate.

Foreign companies: Documentation proving that the company is registered in a trade or business register as prescribed by the law of the country where the tenderer is established.

2) The tenderer must possess competent personnel, documented by:

Account of whether the tenderer possesses competent personnel in accordance with the Research Council of Norway's general provisions for competency and trust. See the document 'Provisions on legal competence and trust' on: www.forskningsradet.no/habilitet

There is also a report on legal competence as regards institutional ownership that can be used for this assessment. See the document: 'The report from the committee that has assessed legal competence and quality in the Research Council of Norway's application process, chapter 6.6.3 Institutional ownership' on the Research Council of Norway's internet site: www.forskningsradet.no/habilitet

III.2.2. Economic and financial ability

List and brief description of conditions: 1) The tenderer must have sufficient financial ability to execute the contractual obligations, documented by:

Credit evaluation/rating, not older than 1 year, and which is based on the last known fiscal figures. The rating shall be carried out by an officially certified credit rating institution. The Research Council of Norway also wishes to obtain own credit assessments where appropriate.

2) The tenderer shall have his tax and VAT payments in order, documented by:

— Tax certificate.

— VAT certificate (Certificate for paid VAT).

Businesses can order tax and VAT certificates from the one place. You can either apply to your local tax collection office or to the tax office. The certificates should not be older than 6 months from the tender deadline. See: www.skatteetaten.no

Foreign tenderers must provide certificates from equivalent authorities to the Norwegian authorities.

III.2.3. Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of conditions:

The service provider must have:

- Extremely good implementation ability and capacity to carry out the requested services.
- A good and well functioning quality assurance system is required.

Documented By:

- A brief description of the tenderer's implementation ability (for the relevant type of assignment) and capacity attached with a report on the company's procedure for quality assurance.

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: no

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1. Type of procedure

IV.1.1. Type of procedure

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

15/1702

IV.3.2. Previous publication concerning this procedure

no

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

Time limit for receipt of requests for documents or for accessing documents: 28.10.2015 - 00:00

Payable documents: no

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

28.10.2015 - 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

Other: Norwegian.

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

until: 31.1.2016

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

See tender documentation for further information.

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

15.9.2015