

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

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Contract notice**Services****Legal Basis:**

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

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Internet address(es):Main address: <https://www.regjeringen.no/no/dep/asd/id165/>Address of the buyer profile: <https://eu.eu-supply.com/ctm/Company/CompanyInformation/Index/329002>**I.3. Communication**The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: http://eu.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlenrance_s.asp?PID=306258&B=DFO

Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via: http://eu.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlenrance_s.asp?PID=306258&B=DFO

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I.4. Type of the contracting authority

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

I.5. Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1. Scope of the procurement**II.1.1. Title**

Evaluation and Review of a Shielding Scheme for Recipients of Sick Pay with a Risk of a Lot of Sickness Absence and an Insurance Scheme for Small Companies

Reference number: 21/2362

II.1.2.

Main CPV code

73000000 Research and development services and related consultancy services

II.1.3. Type of contract

Services

II.1.4. Short description

The aim of the procurement is to acquire more knowledge on the shielding scheme for recipients of sick pay with a risk of a lot of sickness absence and the insurance scheme to protect small companies from sick pay expenses. The procurement is related to proposals in the Employment Committee (NOU 2021:2 Competence, Activity, and Income Protection - Measures for Increased Employment), which propose, amongst other things, a partial shift in employers' financing responsibilities for long term absences against employers paying less for short term absences.

II.1.5. Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: 1 500 000,00 NOK

II.1.6. Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.2. Description**II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)**

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II.2.3. Place of performance

NUTS code: NO081 Oslo

II.2.4. Description of the procurement

The model is expected to strengthen the incentives for better follow-up of and adaptations for persons on sick pay, and thereby counteract the dropout rate from working life to long term health benefits. At the same time emphasis must be put on a review of how such a scheme can be organised to counteract possible unfortunate effects for including vulnerable groups and limit the impact on small companies. The aim is to get updated knowledge on the use of the schemes and their effects, as well as review how the schemes should be adapted when altering employers' financing responsibility in accordance with the Employment Committee's proposal.

The assignment period is calculated from when the contract is signed (estimated to be September 2021) to the submission of the final report (estimated to be 30 May 2022).

For a more detailed description of the assignment, see annex 1 of the contract (the Contracting Authority's description of the assignment).

II.2.5. Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6. Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: 1 500 000,00 NOK

II.2.7. Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

End: 30/05/2022

This contract is subject to renewal: no

II.2.10. Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: no

II.2.11. Information about options

Options: yes

Description of options:

The estimated contract value is NOK 1 500 000 excluding VAT. The contracting authority would like an option for more purchasing as needed, beyond the supplied financial framework and time limits.

II.2.13. Information about European Union funds

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

II.2.14. Additional information

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1. Conditions for participation

III.1.1. Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions:

Qualification requirements

Paid taxes and fees

Documentation Requirement

- A certificate, not older than six months, which verifies that the tenderer has fulfilled the obligations of payment of taxes, social security contributions and VAT. The certificate can be ordered and obtained from Altinn by using a separate link on skatteetaten.no. If this is not possible, it can be ordered from the tax collector or the Norwegian Tax Administration. The certificate is electronically certified and is therefore not signed. For further information, see skatteetaten.no.

- Foreign tenderers must submit certificates from authorities equivalent to the Norwegian authorities.

Qualification requirements

Tenderers must be a legally established company.

Documentation Requirement

- Norwegian companies: Company registration certificate or a printout from the Unit Register for single person companies not required to register.

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

Confirmation can be submitted in writing or through BRIS.

III.1.2. Economic and financial standing

List and brief description of selection criteria:

Qualification requirements

Tenderers must have sufficient economic and financial capacity to carry out the delivery, in which, amongst other things, being creditworthy without any requirement for collateral 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.

III.1.3. Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of selection criteria:

Qualification requirements

Tenderers must have sufficient ability and experience to carry out the delivery.

Documentation Requirement

A description of the tenderer's three most relevant assignments in the last 3 years, together with information on the contracts' value, date of delivery or execution and the name of the recipient. Relevant assignments mean research and evaluations of the Norwegian sick pay scheme and Norwegian measures aimed at persons receiving sick pay and employers' follow-up of employees on sick leave. Tenderers are responsible for ensuring that the description is of such a nature that it documents fulfilment of the requirement.

Qualification requirements

Tenderers must have sufficient capacity to carry out the delivery within the specified frames and deadlines.

Documentation Requirement

- A statement of the tenderer's average annual workforce in the last 3 years.

III.2. Conditions related to the contract

III.2.3. 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

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1. Description

IV.1.1. Type of procedure

Open procedure

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

IV.1.8. Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes

IV.2. Administrative information

IV.2.2. Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date: 30/08/2021 Local time: 12:00

IV.2.3. Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

IV.2.4. Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

Norwegian

IV.2.7. Conditions for opening of tenders

Date: 30/08/2021 Local time: 12:00

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1. Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: no

VI.3. Additional information**VI.4. Procedures for review****VI.4.1. Review body**

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VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

02/07/2021