

409017-2026 - Direct award preannouncement

Norway – Data services – KI-based search tool for patent scrutiny

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Voluntary ex-ante transparency notice

Services

1. Buyer

1.1. Buyer

Official name: Patentstyret

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2. Procedure

2.1. Procedure

Title: KI-based search tool for patent scrutiny

Description: Patentstyret intends to enter into a contract with IPRally for a licence for a semantic search tool for use in the patent investigation process. The tool is a semantic search tool that complements patent office's existing search system (Ansera-based Search) by covering search needs that fall outside of this system's strengths, and supports multimodal searches based on text, documents, and figures. The norwegian industrial property office's need is justified in the requirement of search quality as ISA/IPEA authority under PCT, as well as obligations within the Nordic Patent Institute (NPI), where all other Nordic patent authorities already use IPRally. The conclusion is that only IPRally fulfils all the technical requirements and security requirements, and the procurement is therefore carried out as a direct procurement pursuant to PPR § 13-4 letter b no. 2.

Procedure identifier: 747d632f-95aa-45fb-b0f7-13e3049fb805

Internal identifier: 2026/311

Type of procedure: Negotiated without prior call for competition

2.1.1. Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Services

Main classification (cpv): 72300000 Data services

Additional classification (cpv): 48000000 Software package and information systems, 48100000 Industry specific software package, 72316000 Data analysis services, 72322000 Data management services

2.1.2. Place of performance

Country: Norway

Anywhere in the given country

2.1.4. General information

Additional information: Some information in the contract is exempt from access pursuant to the Public Procurement Act § 13, cf. the Public Administration Act § 13 first paragraph. Unit prices: The unit prices in the contract are censure because they are of competitive significance for the tenderer and publication can harm the tenderer's position in future competitions. C.f.

Offentleglova § 13, cf. the Public Administration Act § 13 first section no. 2. Personal contact information: Names connected to personal email addresses and direct contact details are personal information. Such information is subject to client confidentiality and it shall not be

published, cf. the Public Administration Act § 13, c.f. the Public Administration Act § 13 first section no. 1. Details on data security and technical infrastructure: Information on the tenderer's internal security set up and technical infrastructure that it will be of competitive importance to secrecy, cf. the Public Administration Act § 13, cf. the Public Administration Act § 13 first section no. 2.

Legal basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

Anskaffelsesforskriften - The procurement will be carried out as a direct procurement pursuant to PPR § 13-4 letter b no. 2, as competition is impossible for technical reasons. Only one tenderer is able to deliver the service that covers the Norwegian Industrial Property Office's needs.

5. Lot

5.1. Lot: LOT-0000

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5.1.3. Estimated duration

Duration: 6 Years

5.1.6. General information

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA): yes

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5.1.16. Further information, mediation and review

Review organisation: Oslo Tingrett

6. Results

Value of all contracts awarded in this notice: 6 580 000,00 NOK

Direct award

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Justification for direct award: The contract can be provided only by a particular economic operator because of an absence of competition for technical reasons

Other justification: The legal basis for the direct procurement is PPR § 13-4 letter b no. 2. The provision allows procurements without competition when competition is impossible for technical reasons, provided that there are no reasonable alternatives and that the lack of competition is not due to the contracting authority adapting the requirements of one specific supplier. Caseworkers for patent applications must carry out thorough searches in enormous document masses to assess whether an invention is patentable. Patentstyret currently uses Ansera-based Search (AbS) as its primary search tool, based on traditional search methods such as keyword, classes and Boolean operators. There is a need for a semantic search tool that complements AbS by covering the search needs that come outside the AbS's forces and that allows you to work across the tools in the same search process. For a patent authority with ISA/IPEA status under PCT, it is decisive to maintain the search quality at an international level and all Nordic patent authorities have adopted IPRally, which is particularly relevant as the Norwegian Industrial Property Office is a part of the Nordic Patent Institute (NPI). After an initial market survey, relevant suppliers were selected for extensive practical testing in 2025. The testing was carried out by a group consisting of the Methodology Team and three executive officers, who carried out and compared KI semantic searches on published applications from different technical disciplines against a requirement specification prepared for the procurement. After the testing, the tenderers were assessed as not relevant, as they did not meet all requirements in the requirement specification. This concerned, among other things, requirements for search quality across technical disciplines, multi-mode searches, integration with AbS and data storage within the EU/EEA. Only the selected tenderer fulfilled all requirements. The fact that only one supplier fulfils the requirements is due to the market situation and not that the requirements are designed with the intention of favouring this supplier. All the requirements are justifiable justified by the Norwegian Industrial Property Office's operative need and authority obligations. The procurement will therefore be carried out as a direct procurement pursuant to PPR § 13-4 letter b no. 2.

6.1. Result lot identifier: LOT-0000

6.1.2. Information about winners

Winner:

Official name: IPRally Technologies Oy

Tender:

Tender identifier: 2026/311 IPRally Service Agreement

Identifier of lot or group of lots: LOT-0000

The tender was ranked: no

Contract information:

Identifier of the contract: 2026/311 IPRally Service Agreement

8. Organisations

8.1. ORG-0001

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Roles of this organisation:

Buyer

8.1. ORG-0002

Official name: Oslo Tingrett
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Town: Oslo
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Country subdivision (NUTS): Oslo (NO081)
Country: Norway

Roles of this organisation:

Review organisation

8.1. ORG-0003

Official name: IPRally Technologies Oy
Registration number: 2901197-7
Town: Helsinki
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Country subdivision (NUTS): Helsinki-Uusimaa (FI1B1)
Country: Finland

Roles of this organisation:

Tenderer

Winner of these lots: LOT-0000

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