

**Norway-Bergen: Research services**  
**OJ S 224/2016 19/11/2016**  
**Contract notice**  
**Services**

**Directive 2004/18/EC****Section I: Contracting authority**

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**I.1. Name and addresses**

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Electronic access to information: <http://permalink.mercell.com/61864822.aspx>

Electronic submission of tenders and requests to participate: <http://permalink.mercell.com/61864822.aspx>

**Additional information can be obtained from:**

Official name: Mercell Norge AS

Postal address: Karihaugveien 89

Town: Oslo

Postal code: 1086

Country: Norway

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**Specifications and additional documents (including documents for competitive dialogue and a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained from:**

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**I.2. Type of the contracting authority**

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

### **I.3. Main activity**

Other: research

### **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**

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### **II.1. Description**

#### **II.1.1. Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority**

2016/1011 Framework agreement for support for statistical method development and analysis.

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

Services

Service category No 27: Other services

Main site or place of performance: Nordnesgt. 50, 5005 Bergen.

NUTS code NO051 Hordaland

#### **II.1.3. Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

#### **II.1.4. Information about framework agreement**

Framework agreement with a single operator

##### **Duration of the framework agreement**

Duration in months: 24

##### **Estimated total value of purchases for the entire duration of the framework agreement**

Estimated value excluding VAT: 25 000 000 NOK

#### **II.1.5. Short description of the contract or purchase(s)**

The Norwegian Institute of Marine Research started a 4 year project in 2016 with the aim of reducing uncertainty in stock evaluations (REDUS; [www.redus.no](http://www.redus.no)) for different fish stocks.

The Norwegian Institute of Marine Research needs extra expertise within statistics and calculation mathematics, which shall work in an integrated research team and contribute to competence transfer, in order to strengthen the method research within survey design and analysis, stock estimates and research consultancy.

The Norwegian Institute of Marine Research hereby announces a contract, limited to 5 000 000 NOK per annum, with an option for up to a 10 % expansion per annum, for statistics and expertise within methods for sample surveys, modelling data and simulation studies.

Tenderers must document that the extent of their competence is sufficient to cover the breadth of the planned research assignments in the project period.

The contract will include (1) method development for sample surveys and analyses in order to quantify indexes of abundance per age and/or length for fish stocks with uncertain measurements, (2) method development for sample surveys and analyses in order to quantify the number of fish in annual total commercial catches per age and/or length group, (3) development of mathematical/statistical tool for stock calculations with an assessment and quantification of uncertainty and the development and assessment of farming rules that take uncertainty in stock estimates and taxation into consideration, (4) development and implementation of methods to optimise the allocation of efforts in sample surveys that form the basis of the stock calculations, (5) training within statistics inference for sample surveys and statistical methods for stock calculations and (6) participation in internal, national and international meetings on method development and the implementation of methods.

The Norwegian Institute of Marine Research shall enter into a contract with a tenderer for a period of 2 years, with an option for an extension for up to 2 years, so that the contract length is maximum 4 years. The annual deliveries shall be specified in accordance with the priorities in the REDUS project.

The Contracting Authority uses Merzell Sourcing Service. To express your interest and gain access to any documents, please click on the link below or copy and paste the link into your browser. [<http://permalink.merzell.com/61864822.aspx>]. Then follow the instructions on the website.

#### **II.1.6. CPV code(s)**

73110000 Research services, 73112000 Marine research services, 73200000 Research and development consultancy services, 73210000 Research consultancy services, 73300000 Design and execution of research and development, 79330000 Statistical 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: 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**

Estimated value excluding VAT: 25 000 000 NOK

#### **II.2.2. Information about options**

Options: yes

Description of options: Option for a contract extension for up to 24 months.

Provisional timetable for recourse to these options:  
in months: 24 (from the award of the contract)

#### **II.2.3. Information about renewals**

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

Duration in months: 24 (from the award of the contract)

## **Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

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### **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: Requirement: Tenderers shall have their tax and VAT payments in order. Documentation: Tax and VAT certificate, issued by Altinn, the Tax office or the Tax Collection Office. The certificate shall not be issued more than 6 months prior to the tender deadline. Foreign tenderers are to provide certificates from corresponding authorities in the countries where they are registered for tax. If the authorities in the respective countries do not issue such certificates, the supplier must provide a self-declaration on whether there are tax arrears and, if so, the size of them. The self declaration must be signed. The certificate shall be enclosed with the tender. Tenderers who have arrears tax arrears could be rejected. Requirements: compliance with HSE regulations. Tenderers who shall perform work in Norway must meet the requirements for health, safety and environment that the Norwegian authorities always stipulate. Documentation: Annex 3 — HSE self-declaration is to be completed and enclosed with the tender. The declaration shall not be issued more than 6 months before the tender deadline.

### **III.2.2. Economic and financial ability**

List and brief description of conditions: Requirements: the company's solidity. The tenderer must have sufficient economic and financial capacity to complete the contract. Documentation: Tenderers can document their economic/financial capacity in the following ways: —Credit rating report from a company that has a licence from the Norwegian Data Protection Authority to operate a credit information company in Norway, possibly from a company with an equivalent licence in a member country in the EU/EEA. The credit rating report must be based on updated accounting information. — The last year's Annual Financial Statement including the board's annual report and the auditor's statement. Recently established companies that cannot present approved annual accounts can submit the accounts that have been completed. — Appropriate bank/parent company guarantees and/or relevant liability insurance. The Contracting Authority will regard bank/parent company guarantees or relevant liability insurance as suitable if these documents cover the Contracting Authority's financial risk where the tenderer does not have the financial or economic capacity to fulfil the contract. The Contracting Authority's financial risk means economic loss caused by non fulfilment of the contract. Parent Companies providing guarantees must document that they themselves comply with the requirement for 'the company's solidity'. The tenderer is free to provide other information that can be seen as relevant for the assessment of whether the company's solidity requirement is fulfilled. The Contracting Authority reserves the right to obtain credit rating reports. All the received and any obtained information will form the basis for an overall assessment of whether the qualification requirement is fulfilled.

### **III.2.3. Technical and professional ability**

List and brief description of conditions:

Requirement: Experience from similar assignments. The tenderer is required to have good experience from similar assignments. The service provider must complete Attachment 4 — Reference Form, concerning the 3 most important relevant contracts in the last 3 years, including their scope (number of month-hours), value, time frame and the client or recipient. There must also be an overview over contact person for each delivery as well as the contact person's telephone number and e-mail address.

### **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**

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### **IV.1. Type of procedure**

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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**

2016/1011

#### **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: 5.1.2017 - 12:00  
Payable documents: no

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

5.1.2017 - 13:00

#### **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**

#### **IV.3.8. Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date: 5.1.2017 - 13:00

Place:

Bergen, Norway.

Persons authorised to be present at the opening of tenders: no

## **Section VI: Complementary information**

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### **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**

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

### **VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice**

17.11.2016