

414797-2026 - Competition

Norway – Food, beverages, tobacco and related products – Purchase and delivery of groceries from local grocery stores

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Contract or concession notice – standard regime

Supplies

1. Buyer

1.1. Buyer

Official name: Midt-telemark Kommune

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Legal type of the buyer: Public undertaking

Activity of the contracting authority: General public services

2. Procedure

2.1. Procedure

Title: Purchase and delivery of groceries from local grocery stores

Description: This framework agreement shall cover Mid-Telemark municipality's need for groceries/food products from local grocery stores with a physical outlet/grocery shop in Midt-Telemark municipality. The agreement shall be used by small units in the municipality, for example, nurseries, schools and other departments. The agreement does not include fresh meat/fish from fresh food counter, flowers and fresh bakery products. The procurement is divided into two lots: Lot 1 - delivery of food products to the municipality's entities This sub-competition is for the procurement of food products that shall be delivered to the municipality's entities, for example, nurseries, schools and other departments. Tenderers must have a physical sales place/grocery shop in Midt-Telemark municipality. In this sub-competition, employees may also shop directly at the store as needed, for example if the unit runs out of some items before the next planned delivery, or an unforeseen need occurs. The delivery points are given in Annex 4 - Delivery Points. Some of the units require weekly delivery, whilst others have more occasional needs. Some units must also be able to deliver several times a week. Lot 2 - in-store purchases directly This sub-competition is for procurements where employees in the municipality shop directly in-store. Tenderers must have a physical sales place/grocery shop in Midt-Telemark municipality. Tenders can be submitted for one or both sub-competitions. Each sub competition will be assessed separately. If a tenderer would like to submit tenders for both lots, the tenderer must submit tenders for both lots in Artifik. This means that all documents and forms that shall be completed must be submitted for each sub-competition. It is not enough to submit a tender in one sub-competition and write that the tender shall also apply for the second sub-competition.

Procedure identifier: 81978683-a151-4db2-afd5-1d00ef718d93

Internal identifier: 6154

Type of procedure: Open

The procedure is accelerated: no

2.1.1. Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Supplies

Main classification (cpv): 15000000 Food, beverages, tobacco and related products

Additional classification (cpv): 15800000 Miscellaneous food products, 15890000
Miscellaneous food products and dried goods

2.1.2. Place of performance

Country subdivision (NUTS): Telemark (NO094)
Country: Norway

2.1.3. Value

Estimated value excluding VAT: 7 200 000,00 NOK
Maximum value of the framework agreement: 6 500 000,00 NOK

2.1.4. General information

Legal basis:
Directive 2014/24/EU

2.1.5. Terms of procurement

Terms of submission:

Maximum number of lots for which one tenderer can submit tenders: 2

Terms of contract:

Maximum number of lots for which contracts can be awarded to one tenderer: 2

2.1.6. Grounds for exclusion

Sources of grounds for exclusion: Notice

Analogous situation like bankruptcy, insolvency or arrangement with creditors under national law: 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 in such a situation is obligatory in accordance with the current national law with no exceptions, when the tenderer is still able to carry out the contract.

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 in such a situation is obligatory in accordance with the current national law with no exceptions, when the tenderer is still able to carry out the contract.

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, by enforceable judgement 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.

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 in such a situation is obligatory in accordance with the current national law with no exceptions, when the tenderer is still able to carry out the contract.

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).

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?

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.

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).

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).

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).

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 in such a situation is obligatory in accordance with the current national law with no exceptions, when the tenderer is still able to carry out the contract.

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.

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 in such a situation is obligatory in accordance with the current national law with no exceptions, when the tenderer is still able to carry out the contract.

Misrepresentation, withheld information, unable to provide required documents or obtained confidential information of this procedure: Has the tenderer: a) given grossly incorrect information with the notification of the information required to verify that there is no basis for rejection, or of the qualification requirements being fulfilled, b) failed to provide such information, c) made reservations immediately to present the supporting documents requested by the contracting authority, or d) improperly affected 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?

Conflict of interest due to its participation in the procurement procedure: Is the tenderer 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?

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.

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?

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.

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?

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 in such a situation is obligatory in accordance with the current national law with no exceptions, when the tenderer is still able to carry out the contract.

Breaching obligation relating to payment of taxes: Has the tenderer not fulfilled all of his tax and duty obligations in both the country where he is established and in the contracting authority's member state, if this is a different country than what he is established in?

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 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, of 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.

Offence concerning its professional conduct in the domain of defence procurement: 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, have been legally convicted of offences regarding professional behaviour in defence procurements?

Lack of reliability to exclude risks to the security of the country: Is the tenderer assessed to lack the reliability necessary to exclude the risk of national security?

Breaching of obligations set under purely national exclusion grounds: The contracting authority shall state that in Norway there are national rejection reasons. These shall be described in the procurement documents. Tenderers must respond to whether they are in one or more of the situations described in the national rejection reasons.

5. Lot

5.1. Lot: LOT-0001

Title: Lot 1: Delivery of food products to the municipality's entities

Description: This framework agreement shall cover Mid-Telemark municipality's need for groceries/food products from local grocery stores with a physical outlet/grocery shop in Mid-Telemark municipality. The agreement shall be used by small units in the municipality, for example, nurseries, schools and other departments. The agreement does not include fresh meat/fish from fresh food counter, flowers and fresh bakery products. The procurement is divided into two lots: Lot 1 - delivery of food products to the municipality's entities This sub-competition is for the procurement of food products that shall be delivered to the municipality's entities, for example, nurseries, schools and other departments. Tenderers must have a physical sales place/grocery shop in Mid-Telemark municipality. In this sub-competition, employees may also shop directly at the store as needed, for example if the unit runs out of some items before the next planned delivery, or an unforeseen need occurs. The delivery points are given in Annex 4 - Delivery Points. Some of the units require weekly delivery, whilst others have more occasional needs. Some units must also be able to deliver several times a week.

Internal identifier: 8051

5.1.1. Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Supplies

Main classification (cpv): 15000000 Food, beverages, tobacco and related products

Additional classification (cpv): 15800000 Miscellaneous food products, 15890000

Miscellaneous food products and dried goods

5.1.2. Place of performance

Country subdivision (NUTS): Telemark (NO094)

Country: Norway

5.1.3. Estimated duration

Duration: 48 Months

5.1.4. Renewal

Maximum renewals: 1

Other information about renewals: 24 months. The framework agreement period is 2 years.

The contracting authority shall have the option to extend the framework agreement for a further 1+1 years, a total of 4 years. The tentative agreement will be valid from 01.10.2026.

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): no

5.1.7. Strategic procurement

Aim of strategic procurement: Reduction of environmental impacts

Description: Reduction of environmental impact

5.1.9. Selection criteria

Sources of selection criteria: Notice

Criterion: Other economic or financial requirements

Description of selection criterion: Tenderers shall have their tax and VAT payments in order.

Documentation requirements: · The certificate for tax and VAT shall be obtained from the Altinn.no. The certificate shall be valid and not older than six months from the tender deadline.
· Foreign tenderers must provide certificates from equivalent authorities in the country where the business is established.

Criterion: Enrolment in a trade register

Description of selection criterion: Tenderers shall be registered in a company register, professional register or trade register in the country where the tenderer is established.

Documentation requirements: · Norwegian companies: Company Registration Certificate · Foreign companies: Documentation that the company is registered in a relevant register in the country where the company is established.

Criterion: Other economic or financial requirements

Description of selection criterion: The tenderer is required to have sufficient economic and financial solidity, which gives the Contracting Authority the security that the tenderer will be able to fulfil the contract throughout the entire contract period. Documentation requirements: · The contracting authority will assess the tenderer's financial situation itself based on available credit information, including through the credit rating tool Creditsafe. · Tenderers who do not alone fulfil the requirement for economic and financial capacity shall submit a completed and signed Commitment Statement (annex 5). Tenderers who, according to the contracting authority's overall and factual assessment, show significant weaknesses in the economy can be rejected. Conditions that may cause doubt about the tenderer's financial carrying capacity are negative equity, residual deficits, payment remarks, weak liquidity, ongoing insolvency or debt negotiations, low credit worthiness or other conditions that collectively indicate increased financial risk.

Criterion: Security of supply

Description of selection criterion: Tenderers shall have a physical sales place/grocery shop in Midt-Telemark municipality. Documentation requirements: Tenderers shall state the name and address of the sales place/grocery store in the tender (annex 1 - tender letter). It is not necessary to enclose special documentation. If the Contracting Authority needs more information, the Contracting Authority can ask the tenderer for this. The requirement is justified in the nature of the contract and the contracting authority's need for quick and flexible access to food products, including an option for delivery at short notice and action directly in-store as needed. The requirement can also facilitate practical execution of work training and work inclusion locally, where relevant for the tenderer's organisation and execution of the contract. The sales place shall have an assortment of products that is suitable for complying with the Contracting Authority's requirements in accordance with the contract, and the tenderer shall have sufficient capacity to carry out deliveries in the contract period.

5.1.10. Award criteria

Criterion:

Type: Price

Description: Price

Category of award weight criterion: Weight (percentage, exact)

Award criterion number: 20

Criterion:

Type: Quality

Description: Quality

Category of award weight criterion: Weight (percentage, exact)

Award criterion number: 50

Criterion:

Type: Quality

Description: Environment

Category of award weight criterion: Weight (percentage, exact)

Award criterion number: 30

5.1.11. Procurement documents

Access to certain procurement documents is restricted

Information about restricted documents is available at: <https://app.artifik.no/procurements/6154>

Ad hoc communication channel:

Name: e-Tendering

5.1.12. Terms of procurement

Terms of submission:

Electronic submission: Required

Address for submission: <https://app.artifik.no/procurements/6154>

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

Electronic catalogue: Not allowed

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

Duration during which the tender must remain valid: 3 Months

Terms of contract:

The execution of the contract must be performed within the framework of sheltered employment programmes: No

Conditions relating to the performance of the contract: N/A

Electronic invoicing: Required

Electronic ordering will be used: yes

Electronic payment will be used: yes

Financial arrangement: N/A

5.1.15. Techniques

Framework agreement:

Framework agreement, without reopening of competition

Maximum number of participants: 3

Information about the dynamic purchasing system:

No dynamic purchase system

5.1.16. Further information, mediation and review

Review organisation: Nedre Telemark tingrett

Organisation providing additional information about the procurement procedure: Midt-telemark Kommune

Organisation providing more information on the review procedures: Midt-telemark Kommune

Organisation receiving requests to participate: Artifik AS

5.1. Lot: LOT-0002

Title: Sub competition 2: In-store purchases directly

Description: This sub-competition is for procurements where employees in the municipality shop directly in-store. Tenderers must have a physical sales place/grocery shop in Midt-Telemark municipality. Tenders can be submitted for one or both sub-competitions. Each sub competition will be assessed separately. If a tenderer would like to submit tenders for both lots, the tenderer must submit tenders for both lots in Artifik. This means that all documents and forms that shall be completed must be submitted for each sub-competition. It is not enough to submit a tender in one sub-competition and write that the tender shall also apply for the second sub-competition. A comprehensive description of the delivery and supplier requirements is given in Annex 2 - Requirement Specifications.

Internal identifier: 8052

5.1.1. Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Supplies

Main classification (cpv): 15000000 Food, beverages, tobacco and related products

Additional classification (cpv): 15800000 Miscellaneous food products, 15890000

Miscellaneous food products and dried goods

5.1.2. Place of performance

Country subdivision (NUTS): Telemark (NO094)

Country: Norway

5.1.3. Estimated duration

Duration: 48 Months

5.1.4. Renewal

Maximum renewals: 1

Other information about renewals: 24 months. The framework agreement period is 2 years.

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further 1+1 years, a total of 4 years. The tentative agreement will be valid from 01.10.2026.

5.1.6. General information

Reserved participation:

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Procurement Project not financed with EU Funds.

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA): no

5.1.7. Strategic procurement

Aim of strategic procurement: Reduction of environmental impacts

Description: Reduction of environmental impact

5.1.9. Selection criteria

Sources of selection criteria: Notice

Criterion: Other economic or financial requirements

Description of selection criterion: Tenderers shall have their tax and VAT payments in order.

Documentation requirements: · The certificate for tax and VAT shall be obtained from the

Altinn.no. The certificate shall be valid and not older than six months from the tender deadline.
· Foreign tenderers must provide certificates from equivalent authorities in the country where the business is established.

Criterion: Enrolment in a trade register

Description of selection criterion: Tenderers shall be registered in a company register, professional register or trade register in the country where the tenderer is established.

Documentation requirements: · Norwegian companies: Company Registration Certificate · Foreign companies: Documentation that the company is registered in a relevant register in the country where the company is established.

Criterion: Other economic or financial requirements

Description of selection criterion: The tenderer is required to have sufficient economic and financial solidity, which gives the Contracting Authority the security that the tenderer will be able to fulfil the contract throughout the entire contract period. Documentation requirements: · The contracting authority will assess the tenderer's financial situation itself based on available credit information, including through the credit rating tool Creditsafe. · Tenderers who do not alone fulfil the requirement for economic and financial capacity shall submit a completed and signed Commitment Statement (annex 5). Tenderers who, according to the contracting authority's overall and factual assessment, show significant weaknesses in the economy can be rejected. Conditions that may cause doubt about the tenderer's financial carrying capacity are negative equity, residual deficits, payment remarks, weak liquidity, ongoing insolvency or debt negotiations, low credit worthiness or other conditions that collectively indicate increased financial risk.

Criterion: Security of supply

Description of selection criterion: Tenderers shall have a physical sales place/grocery shop in Midt-Telemark municipality. Documentation requirements: Tenderers shall state the name and address of the sales place/grocery store in the tender (annex 1 - tender letter). It is not necessary to enclose special documentation. If the Contracting Authority needs more information, the Contracting Authority can ask the tenderer for this. The requirement is justified in the nature of the contract and the contracting authority's need for quick and flexible access to food products, including an option for delivery at short notice and action directly in-store as needed. The requirement can also facilitate practical execution of work training and work inclusion locally, where relevant for the tenderer's organisation and execution of the contract. The sales place shall have an assortment of products that is suitable for complying with the Contracting Authority's requirements in accordance with the contract, and the tenderer shall have sufficient capacity to carry out deliveries in the contract period.

5.1.10. Award criteria

Criterion:

Type: Price

Description: Price

Category of award weight criterion: Weight (percentage, exact)

Award criterion number: 20

Criterion:

Type: Quality

Description: Quality

Category of award weight criterion: Weight (percentage, exact)

Award criterion number: 50

Criterion:

Type: Quality

Description: Environment

Category of award weight criterion: Weight (percentage, exact)

Award criterion number: 30

5.1.11. Procurement documents

Access to certain procurement documents is restricted

Information about restricted documents is available at: <https://app.artifik.no/procurements/6154>

Ad hoc communication channel:

Name: e-Tendering

5.1.12. Terms of procurement**Terms of submission:**

Electronic submission: Required

Address for submission: <https://app.artifik.no/procurements/6154>

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

Electronic catalogue: Not allowed

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

Duration during which the tender must remain valid: 3 Months

Terms of contract:

The execution of the contract must be performed within the framework of sheltered employment programmes: No

Conditions relating to the performance of the contract: N/A

Electronic invoicing: Required

Electronic ordering will be used: yes

Electronic payment will be used: yes

Financial arrangement: N/A

5.1.15. Techniques**Framework agreement:**

Framework agreement, without reopening of competition

Maximum number of participants: 3

Information about the dynamic purchasing system:

No dynamic purchase system

5.1.16. Further information, mediation and review

Review organisation: Nedre Telemark tingrett

Organisation providing additional information about the procurement procedure: Midt-telemark Kommune

Organisation providing more information on the review procedures: Midt-telemark Kommune

Organisation receiving requests to participate: Artifik AS

8. Organisations

8.1. ORG-0001

Official name: Midt-telemark Kommune

Registration number: 920297293

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Buyer profile: <https://midt-telemark.kommune.no/>

Roles of this organisation:

Buyer
Organisation providing additional information about the procurement procedure
Organisation providing more information on the review procedures

8.1. ORG-0002

Official name: Nedre Telemark tingrett
Registration number: 926723545
Postal address: Postboks 2624
Town: Skien
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Country subdivision (NUTS): Telemark (NO094)
Country: Norway
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Internet address: <https://www.domstol.no/no/domstoler/tingrett/nedre-telemark-tingrett/>

Roles of this organisation:

Review organisation

8.1. ORG-0003

Official name: Artifik AS
Registration number: 925364967
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Postcode: 0161
Country subdivision (NUTS): Oslo (NO081)
Country: Norway
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Internet address: <https://artifik.no>

Roles of this organisation:

Procurement service provider
Organisation receiving requests to participate

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