

417658-2026 - Competition

Norway – Accounting, auditing and fiscal services – Framework agreement for project support EU finances

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Contract or concession notice – standard regime

Services

1. Buyer

1.1. Buyer

Official name: NTNU - Norges teknisk-naturvitenskapelige universitet

Email: gry@odinprosjekt.no

Legal type of the buyer: Public undertaking, controlled by a central government authority

Activity of the contracting authority: Education

2. Procedure

2.1. Procedure

Title: Framework agreement for project support EU finances

Description: Participation in the EU's framework programme for research and innovation is a high priority activity at NTNU. This applies to both the current framework programme - Horizon Europe and the next framework programme, which shall start in 2028. Participation will take place in the form of projects that receive financial support from the EU. The projects must follow the terms given in the EU guidelines for the different project types. This includes financial guidelines. At the same time, we must ensure compliance with the guidelines that generally apply for NTNU. The financial monitoring of the projects involves responsibility for following up the finances in the project life cycle, from application to completed project. NTNU has its own routines and templates for financial reporting to the EU and internal status reports. For applications and projects that have several partners and coordinated by NTNU, follow-up also involves follow-up of partners' budgeting and reporting. Clear and understandable communication towards internal and external target groups is significant in all project phases. NTNU has its own personnel (project economists) who carry out these assignments, but NTNU will need to supplement with external resources. The need can vary over time. The offered resources must be able to handle a portfolio of applications and projects. The portfolio will usually belong to one or several organisational entities at NTNU. Other more limited assignments may also be relevant. See Annex 1, the contracting authority's requirement specifications, for further information on which services/work assignments the framework agreement covers. A framework agreement shall be signed with one tenderer. The contract will start as soon as possible after the award of contract. The contract will be valid for 2 years, with an option for an extension for 1+1 year, for a total of up to 4 years.

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Internal identifier: ANSK 26 – 00153 NTNU

Type of procedure: Open

The procedure is accelerated: no

Main features of the procedure: The procurement will be carried out in accordance with the Public Procurement Act of 17 June 2016 (LOA) and the Public Procurement Regulations (FOA) FOR 2016-08-12-974 parts I and part III. The contract will be awarded in accordance with the open tender contest procedure, cf. FOA § 13-1(1). Negotiations are not allowed in this

competition. Tenders cannot, therefore, be changed after the tender deadline has expired. Furthermore, attention is agreed that tenders that include significant deviations from the procurement documents shall be rejected in accordance with the Public Procurement Regulations § 24-8(1) b. The contracting authority can reject tenders that include deviations from the procurement documents, uncertainties etc., which must not be considered insignificant, cf. Regulations § 24-8(2) a.

2.1.1. Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Services

Main classification (cpv): 79200000 Accounting, auditing and fiscal services

Additional classification (cpv): 79000000 Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security

2.1.2. Place of performance

Town: Trondheim

Country subdivision (NUTS): Trøndelag/Tröndelage (NO060)

Country: Norway

Additional information: The services shall be carried out in the contracting authority's premises in Trondheim.

2.1.3. Value

Estimated value excluding VAT: 48 000 000,00 NOK

Maximum value of the framework agreement: 70 000 000,00 NOK

2.1.4. General information

Additional information: Climate and environment in the procurement In accordance with PPR § 7-9 (2), climate and environmental considerations shall as a main rule be weighted with a minimum of 30% in the award criteria. The requirement may be waived if the procurement is assessed to have a climate footprint and environmental impact that is considered immaterial, cf. the Public Procurement Regulations § 7-9 (5). DFØ has prepared an overview of categories that have a low climate intensity, and this procurement comes under the category "Consultant and Analysis Services". The procurement includes consultancy services. The main service includes "desk work", with limited travel activities. The Consultant's climate footprint and environmental impact will be equal to the load from an average permanent employee. The employee's climate footprint and environmental impact are connected to the need for office space with equipment, energy consumption in the building etc., and these elements fall out of the nature of the procurement, which is the actual consultancy service/work of following up budgets and projects. The contracting authority therefore believes that the condition for utilising the exclusion provision in the Public Procurement Regulations § 7-9 (5) is fulfilled.

Legal basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

2.1.6. Grounds for exclusion

Sources of grounds for exclusion: Notice

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.

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).

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).

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)

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.

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).

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.

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.

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.

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?

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.

Misrepresentation, withheld information, unable to provide required documents or obtained confidential information of this procedure: Have the tenderer:a) given grossly incorrect information when notifying the information required to verify that there is no basis for rejection, or of the qualification requirements being met,b) failed to provide such information,c) subject to immediately submitting the supporting documents requested by the Contracting Authority, or d) improperly affecting 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: Are tenderers 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?

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 set under purely national exclusion grounds: The following rejection reasons in the procurement regulations § 24-2 are purely national rejection reasons: - §24-2 (2). This provision states that the contracting authority shall reject a tenderer when he is aware that the tenderer has been legally convicted or has accepted a wroght for the stated punishable conditions. The requirement that the contracting authority shall reject tenderers who have accepted a wreap for the stated punishable conditions is a distinctively Norwegian requirement. - 24-2(3) letter in. The rejection reason in the ESPD form only concerns serious errors in professional practice, whilst the Norwegian rejection reason also includes other serious errors that can lead to doubt about the tenderer's professional integrity.

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?

Breaching obligation relating to payment of taxes: Has the tenderer not fulfilled his tax and duty obligations in the country in which he is established, and in the contracting authority's 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 made mandatory in accordance with the current national law without the possibility for exceptions.

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 made mandatory in accordance with the current national law without the possibility for exceptions.

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 made mandatory in accordance with the current national law without the possibility for exceptions.

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 made mandatory in accordance with the current national law without the possibility for exceptions.

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 made mandatory in accordance with the current national law without the possibility for exceptions.

Analogous situation like bankruptcy, insolvency or arrangement with creditors under national law: 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 made mandatory in accordance with the current national law without the possibility for exceptions.

5. Lot

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5.1.3. Estimated duration

Duration: 2 Years

5.1.4. Renewal

Maximum renewals: 2

Other information about renewals: A contract shall be signed for 2 years, with an option for an extension for 1+1 year.

5.1.5. Value

Estimated value excluding VAT: 48 000 000,00 NOK

Maximum value of the framework agreement: 70 000 000,00 NOK

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): yes

This procurement is also suitable for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs): yes

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5.1.9. Selection criteria

Sources of selection criteria: Notice

Criterion: Enrolment in a trade register

Description of selection criterion: Tenderers shall be registered in a company register, professional register or registered in a commerce register in the country where the tenderer is established. Documentation: - Norwegian companies: Company Registration Certificate. - Foreign companies: Verification that the tenderer is registered in a company register, professional register or a commerce register in the country where the tenderer is established. Documentation: Delivered upon request.

Criterion: Other economic or financial requirements

Description of selection criterion: Tenderers must have sufficient economic and financial capacity to be able to fulfil the contract. Creditworthiness with no requirement for collateral will be sufficient to meet the requirement. Documentation: - A credit rating based on the most recent financial figures. The rating shall be carried out by a credit rating company with licence to conduct this service. The contracting authority reserves the right to obtain further credit ratings or other financial information that, but not limited to, annual financial statements including notes, the board's annual reports and auditor's reports. Documentation: Delivered upon request.

Criterion: References on specified services

Description of selection criterion: Experience requirements Tenderers shall have experience from comparable contracts. Comparable assignments means relevant financial experience from EU projects (projects financed by the EU's framework programme). Documentation: Description of the tenderer's most relevant contracts in the course of the last 3 years. The description must include a statement of the assignment's value, date/period and recipient (name, telephone number and e-mail address), as well as a brief description of which work has been carried out. It is the tenderer's responsibility to document relevance through the description. Tenderers can document their experience by referring to competence of the personnel he has at his disposal and can use this assignment, even if the experience has been worked up while the personnel have served another service provider. Documentation: Delivered with the tender.

Criterion: Relevant educational and professional qualifications

Description of selection criterion: Requirement for professional qualifications/competence. Tenderers must have a sufficient number of resources with the necessary competence to provide the services included in this framework agreement, in accordance with the contracting authority's sketched needs and the requirements in Annex 1 the Contracting Authority's requirement specifications. Tenderers must, as a minimum, have 7 resources with relevant competence. Tenderers must have sufficient capacity to handle assignments during staff holidays, illnesses and other absences. Documentation: A short account/overview of the number of resources that are relevant for this contract and who have the necessary competence, preferably in a table form. Documentation: Delivered with the tender.

5.1.10. Award criteria

Criterion:

Type: Price

Name: Price

Description: Under this criteria, the sum will be assessed on the following price records: - Hourly rates for the consultant and senior consultant, multiplied by an estimated annual extent.

The following volume will be based on 1 year for evaluation purposes: Consultant - 8,500 hours Senior consultant - 500 hours The stated estimate is not binding for the contracting authority. Documentation: Completed table in Annex 3 Price and Payment Terms.

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

Award criterion number: 30

Criterion:

Type: Quality

Name: Competence

Description: A team of 6 named resources shall be offered. The team shall consist of 5 consultants and 1 senior consultant. The total competence of the offered team will be evaluated in accordance with the minimum requirements, cf. Annex 1, requirement 2. It counts positively about the resources: • Can document experience from the implementation phase for several projects financed by the EU's framework programme. • have experience as responsible for projects where the institution had the role of coordinator. • have submitted a CFS (Certificate on the Financial Statement) that has been approved. • have been responsible for following-up finances for EU audits of a project. Documentation: The attached CV template (annex 2) shall be used. • Tenderers shall deliver a total of 6 CVs with the requested information on each offered resource. • Each CV can be up to 2 A4 pages, font size at least 10. • A maximum of 3 relevant reference projects can be described. If the tenderer describes more than three reference projects, only the first three will be evaluated. Reference projects means one individual project. The reference projects ought to include information on the following: • A brief description of the type of project, the aim of the project and a description of why the project is considered relevant. • The resource's role in the project and what concrete assignments have been carried out/what has been delivered and any goal achievement.

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

Award criterion number: 70

5.1.11. Procurement documents

Deadline for requesting additional information: 05/08/2026 10:00:00 (UTC+00:00) Western European Time, GMT

Address of the procurement documents: https://eu.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlenrance_s.asp?PID=457407&TID=200417992&B=

5.1.12. Terms of procurement

Terms of submission:

Electronic submission: Required

Address for submission: https://eu.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlenrance_s.asp?PID=457407&TID=200417992&B=

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

Electronic catalogue: Not allowed

Variants: Not allowed

Tenderers may submit more than one tender: Not allowed

Deadline for receipt of tenders: 14/08/2026 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

Electronic invoicing: Required

Electronic ordering will be used: yes

Electronic payment will be used: yes

5.1.15. Techniques

Framework agreement:

Framework agreement, without reopening of competition

Maximum number of participants: 1

Information about the dynamic purchasing system:

No dynamic purchase system

5.1.16. Further information, mediation and review

Review organisation: Trøndelag Tingrett

Information about review deadlines: Ten days.

Organisation providing information concerning the general regulatory framework for taxes applicable in the place where the contract is to be performed: Trøndelag Tingrett

Organisation providing additional information about the procurement procedure: Odin Prosjekt AS

Organisation providing offline access to the procurement documents: Odin Prosjekt AS

Organisation providing more information on the review procedures: Trøndelag Tingrett

Organisation receiving requests to participate: Odin Prosjekt AS

Organisation processing tenders: Odin Prosjekt AS

8. Organisations

8.1. ORG-0001

Official name: Odin Prosjekt AS

Registration number: 994950967

Postal address: Fabrikkgaten 6

Town: BERGEN

Postcode: 5059

Country subdivision (NUTS): Vestland (NO0A2)

Country: Norway

Contact point: Gry Loftesnes

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Telephone: +47 47396115

Internet address: <https://odinprosjekt.no>

Roles of this organisation:

Organisation providing additional information about the procurement procedure

Organisation providing offline access to the procurement documents

Organisation receiving requests to participate

Organisation processing tenders

8.1. ORG-0002

Official name: NTNU - Norges teknisk-naturvitenskapelige universitet

Registration number: 974767880

Town: Trondheim

Postcode: 7491

Country subdivision (NUTS): Trøndelag/Tröndelage (NO060)

Country: Norway

Contact point: Gry Loftesnes

Email: gry@odinprosjekt.no

Telephone: 47396115

Internet address: <https://www.ntnu.no/>

Roles of this organisation:

Buyer

8.1. ORG-0003

Official name: Trøndelag Tingrett

Registration number: 926 722 794

Town: Trondheim

Postcode: 7004

Country subdivision (NUTS): Trøndelag/Tröndelage (NO060)

Country: Norway

Email: trondelag.tingrett@domstol.no

Internet address: <https://www.domstol.no/trondelag>

Roles of this organisation:

Review organisation

Organisation providing more information on the review procedures

Organisation providing information concerning the general regulatory framework for taxes applicable in the place where the contract is to be performed

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