

**Denmark-Copenhagen: Evaluation consultancy services**

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Contract notice

Services

**Legal Basis:**

Directive 2014/24/EU

**Section I: Contracting authority**

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**I.1. Name and addresses**

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**I.3. Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: <https://www.ethics.dk/ethics/eo#/65b70ee4-66d9-4a5b-8502-d14767bb6770/publicMaterial>

Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via: <https://www.ethics.dk/ethics/eo#/65b70ee4-66d9-4a5b-8502-d14767bb6770/homepage>

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the abovementioned address

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at: <https://www.ethics.dk/ethics/eo#/65b70ee4-66d9-4a5b-8502-d14767bb6770/homepage>

**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**

Other activity: Development assistance

**Section II: Object**

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

Joint Nordic evaluation of contributions to multilateral trust funds

Reference number: 2023-18099

### **II.1.2. Main CPV code**

79419000 Evaluation consultancy services

### **II.1.3. Type of contract**

Services

### **II.1.4. Short description**

The focus of the evaluation will be on the use of trust funds from a Nordic donor perspective with focus on the World Bank, the UNMPTF and the African Development Bank. The evaluation will contain a comparative perspective in which the engagement and management of the individual Nordic donors' support to the trust funds will be assessed. The evaluation will also assess to which extent the Nordic donors coordinate their financial support and overall engagement in multilateral trust funds, and at which coordination strategies are applied. In addition, it will be explored whether the approach to coordination differs between different multilateral organizations and different types of trust funds. The evaluation will also explore if the trust funds are relevant to Nordic development priorities, to which extent there is documentation about results and how it is reported and if the administration of the funds is cost efficient.

### **II.1.5. Estimated total value**

### **II.1.6. Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: no

## **II.2. Description**

### **II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)**

75211200 Foreign economic-aid-related services

### **II.2.3. Place of performance**

NUTS code: DKZ Extra-Regio NUTS 1

NUTS code: DK011 Byen København

NUTS code: SE11 Stockholm

NUTS code: NO081 Oslo

NUTS code: FI1B Helsinki-Uusimaa

NUTS code: IS001 Höfuðborgarsvæði

NUTS code: US United States

NUTS code: CI Côte D'Ivoire

Main site or place of performance: The evaluation will require visits to the Nordic capitals (Copenhagen, Stockholm, Oslo, Helsinki and Reykjavik) as well as Washington DC, New York and Abidjan.

### **II.2.4. Description of the procurement**

The focus of the evaluation will be both accountability and learning. Based on DAC's evaluation criteria, the evaluation will assess the Nordic support to multilateral trust funds, including a comparative perspective and will in particular focus on the anticipated and achieved results of this support. In addition, the evaluation will provide recommendations on the use of this instrument in the future.

The evaluation will comprise three parts:

(1) A descriptive part which will cover the whole multilateral trust fund portfolio of the Nordic donors. The descriptive part will provide an overview of the total Nordic support to multilateral trust funds in the World Bank, the African Development Bank and the UNMPTF, including different types of trust funds with which the Nordic countries have engaged (e.g. small and

large trust funds; single-donor and different multi-donor trust funds). To the extent information is available, the overview will cover support provided since 2004 and will address questions like overall trends, distribution across multilateral organizations and sectors and similarities and comparisons of the Nordic countries use of trust funds.

(2) A part which will include an assessment of a sample of jointly supported multilateral trust funds by Nordic donors. This will comprise multilateral trust funds in the World Bank, the African Development Bank, and the UNMPTF, which have received support from at least three Nordic Donors (for AfDB it will be at least two donors) since 2013. Based on this sample of multilateral trust funds, which is expected to comprise app. 100 trust funds this part of the evaluation will address questions like differences in governance and management structures, types of earmarking, donor composition, anticipated and achieved results, and comparison and coordination between the Nordic donors.

(3) A third part with an in-depth assessment of a limited number of trust funds among the jointly supported trust funds mentioned above. This part of the evaluation will, similar to the second part, cover the last 10 years. The methodology for selection of trust funds for this part of the evaluation will be defined during the inception phase of the evaluation, and it is envisaged that selection criteria will be for instance thematic, trust fund type and/or sectorial (e.g. humanitarian, peace and transition and/or climate trust funds), based on the analytical approach. This part of the evaluation will go more in depth in addressing issues related to Nordic management of and engagement in multilateral trust funds, including coordination issues and anticipated and achieved results, the trust funds monitoring and evaluation systems, trust fund administration and management issues.

#### **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: 4 000 000,00 DKK

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

Start: 01/01/2024 End: 30/11/2024

This contract is subject to renewal: no

#### **II.2.9. Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited**

Envisaged number of candidates: 5 Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:

Candidates will be selected on the basis of the information concerning technical and professional ability, cf. section III.1.3), in relation to the object of this contract, cf. sections II.1.4) and II.2.4).

In the selection, the contracting authority will specifically emphasise:

(1) The number of relevant contracts, as defined in section III.1.3);

(2) The extent to which the performed contracts compare to the description of this procurement, including:

(a) the extent to which the performed contracts concern evaluations of multilateral multi-donor activities,

(b) the extent to which the performed contracts concern evaluations covering a span of 10+ years,

(c) the extent to which the performed contracts concern evaluations of different sectors,

(d) the extent to which the performed contracts concern evaluations in different regions of the world; and

(3) The extent to which the contracts are performed for clients comparable to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark.

#### **II.2.10. Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: no

#### **II.2.11. Information about options**

Options: no

#### **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**

The contracting authority has a maximum budget of DKK 4,000,000.00 net of VAT in relation to the procurement. Tenders will be rejected if they exceed the contracting authority's maximum budget.

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

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#### **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:

In Part III.A-C of the ESPD, economic operators must answer whether they are subject to exclusion grounds.

An economic operator is excluded from the procurement procedure if the economic operator itself or any person who is a member of its administrative, management or supervisory body or has powers of representation, decision or control therein has been convicted by final judgement or fined within the last 5 years for any of the exclusion grounds relating to the criminal convictions listed in section 135(1) of the Danish Public Procurement Act.

An economic operator is excluded from the procurement procedure if it has unpaid overdue debt of DKK 100,000 or more to public authorities in relation to payment of taxes and payment of social security, cf. section 135(3) of the Danish Public Procurement Act. An economic operator is, however, not excluded where the economic operator has agreed on a repayment scheme with the collection authority and that scheme is observed, cf. section 135(4), or where the economic operator provides guarantee of payment of the part of the debt which constitutes DKK 100,000 or more, cf. section 135(5).

An economic operator is excluded from the procurement procedure if it is subject to any of the exclusion grounds listed in sections 136(1)(1) and 136(1)(2) of the Danish Public Procurement Act.

An economic operator is excluded from the procurement procedure if it within the last 3 years has been subject to any of the exclusion grounds listed in sections 136(1)(3-4) and 137(1)(2) of the Danish Public Procurement Act.

An economic operator is not required to answer whether it is subject to purely national exclusion grounds, cf. Part III.D of the ESPD.

An economic operator is excluded from the procurement procedure if the economic operator is established in a country which is entered on the EU list of non-cooperative jurisdictions for tax purposes and which has not adopted the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA) or other trade agreements that oblige Denmark to open its market for public contracts for tenderers established in the country in question, cf. section 134 a of the Danish Public Procurement Act.

The contracting authority can accept the following documentation in relation to the exclusion grounds in sections 135(1), 135(3) and 137(1)(2) of the Danish Public Procurement Act (in order of priority):

(1) Extracts from the relevant register or similar documents issued by a competent judicial or administrative authority or certificates issued by the competent authority in the country referred to as documentation that the tenderer is not subject to the grounds for exclusion stipulated in sections 135(1), 135(3) and 137(1)(2);

(2) A declaration on oath (only if such extracts, certificates or similar documents are not issued in the country where the economic operator is established, or where the documentation does not cover all the grounds for exclusion stipulated in sections 135(1), 135(3) and 137(1)(2) entirely);

(3) A solemn declaration made by the person concerned before a competent judicial or administrative authority, a notary or a competent professional or trade body, in the country of origin or in the country where the economic operator is established (only if there is no provision for declarations on oath in the country where the economic operator is established). Thus, the contracting authority cannot accept e.g. a solemn declaration made before a notary if there can be issued a certificate by the competent authority in the country where the economic operator is established. Moreover, the contracting authority cannot accept self-declarations or similar declarations issued by the economic operator or the person concerned as documentation in relation to the exclusion grounds.

Economic operators can identify the relevant documentation using the online platform e-Certis: <https://ec.europa.eu/tools/ecertis>

Economic operators are encouraged to submit all necessary documentation as early as possible.

### **III.1.2. Economic and financial standing**

List and brief description of selection criteria:

In Part IV.B of the ESPD, the economic operator must fill in its average yearly turnover for the last 2 financial years available (where the economic operator can present annual reports).

If the economic operator consists of a group of economic operators (e.g. a consortia or joint venture) or if the economic operator relies on the capacity of other entities, each involved economic operator or entity must submit a completed ESPD.

When an economic operator is participating in the procurement procedure together with others (e.g. a consortia or joint venture) or if the economic operator relies on the economic and financial standing of other entities, the participating economic operators or the entities referred to are subject to joint and several liability for the performance of the contract.

The contracting authority can accept annual reports or excerpts hereof or relevant statements from a bank or certified accountant as documentation in relation to the economic and financial standing.

When an economic operator is participating in the procurement procedure together with others or when an economic operator relies on the economic and financial standing of other entities, the economic operator must also provide statements of support or other documentation proving that the economic operator has access to the necessary economic and financial standing. The statements of support must establish a legal obligation for the party concerned and state that the involved economic operators or entities are subject to joint and several liability for the performance of the contract.

Economic operators are encouraged to submit all necessary documentation as early as possible.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required:

The economic operator is required to have an average yearly turnover of minimum DKK 8,000,000.00 for the last 2 financial years available.

When the economic operator is participating in the procurement procedure together with others (e.g. a consortia or joint venture) or if the economic operator relies on the capacity of other entities, it is required that the participating economic operators or the economic operator and the entities referred to altogether meet the selection criteria.

### **III.1.3. Technical and professional ability**

List and brief description of selection criteria:

In Part IV.C of the ESPD, the economic operator must fill in a list of maximum 5 contracts entered into, ongoing or finalized within the last 3 years.

The number of performed contracts is determined based on all submitted ESPDs (i.e. from all involved economic operators in a group of economic operators and/or other supporting entities).

If an economic operator has listed more than 5 contracts, the contracting authority will only read and assess the 5 most recent contracts listed (first based on end date, and then based on start date).

Each listed contract should include the following information:

- (1) a description of the contract (nature and quantity of services from the economic operator and how they compare to the description of this procurement),
- (2) amount (remuneration received by the economic operator for the performance of the services),
- (3) start date (date of conclusion of the contract),
- (4) end date (date of completion of services), and
- (5) recipient (name and contact information).

If the economic operator consists of a group of economic operators (e.g. a consortia or joint venture) or if the economic operator relies on the capacity of other entities, each involved economic operator or entity must submit a completed ESPD.

When an economic operator is participating in the procurement procedure together with others (e.g. a consortia or joint venture) or if the economic operator relies on the technical and professional abilities of other entities, the specific parts of the contract must be performed by the economic operators or entities with the required technical and professional abilities.

When an economic operator is formed by a group of economic operators or relies on the technical and professional abilities of other entities, the economic operator must also provide statements of support or other documentation proving that the economic operator has access to the necessary technical and professional abilities. The statements of support must establish a legal obligation for the party concerned and state the parts of the contract to be performed by the party concerned.

The contracting authority reserves the right to contact the recipients of services or require statements from the recipients, confirming that the economic operator has performed the listed contracts, as documentation in relation to the technical and professional ability.

Economic operators are encouraged to submit all necessary documentation as early as possible.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required:

The economic operator is required to have performed (entered into, ongoing or finalized) minimum 1 contract regarding an independent evaluation of bilateral donor support to one or more multilateral entities (trust funds, multilateral core support, etc.).

An 'independent evaluation' is an evaluation carried out for an evaluation unit of a development organisation.

A monitoring assignment (i.e. a long-term performance review of the implementation and results of a programme) will not be considered as a relevant reference.

An award of a framework agreement will not, in itself, be considered as a relevant reference, but a contract awarded under a framework agreement can be considered as a relevant reference if it fulfils the stipulated requirements.

When the economic operator is participating in the procurement procedure together with others (e.g. a consortia or joint venture) or if the economic operator relies on the capacity of other entities, it is required that the participating economic operators or the economic operator and the entities referred to altogether meet the selection criteria.

### **III.2. Conditions related to the contract**

#### **III.2.2. Contract performance conditions**

The winning tenderer is to perform the contract in compliance with the Danida Anti-Corruption Policy and the principles of the UN Global Compact.

Economic operators can find more information on:

<http://um.dk/en/danida-en/about-danida/Danida-transparency/anti-corruption/>

<https://www.unglobalcompact.org/what-is-gc/mission/principles>

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## **Section IV: Procedure**

### **IV.1. Description**

#### **IV.1.1. Type of procedure**

Restricted 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: 14/08/2023 Local time: 14:00

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

Date: 28/08/2023

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

English

#### **IV.2.6. Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

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## **Section VI: Complementary information**

### **VI.1. Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: no

### **VI.2. Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

### **VI.3. Additional information**

The tender procedure is governed by Danish law and the rules applicable hereunder.

An English translation of the Danish Public Procurement Act is available on: <https://www.kfst.dk/media/54435/the-public-procurement-act.pdf>

Access to the procurement procedure requires online registration.

Guidance (in Danish and English) on the use of the tendering system can be found at:

<https://mercell.atlassian.net/servicedesk/customer/portal/3/article/177996038?src=1869524006>

Local time in section IV is according to Central European Time (CET) in Denmark.

Economic operators may only submit one application or tender.

Economic operators must submit a European Single Procurement Document (ESPD) as preliminary evidence that the economic operator is not subject to exclusion grounds and that the economic operator fulfils the requirements for economic and financial standing and technical and professional ability.

When the economic operator is participating together with others or if the economic operator relies on the capacity of other entities, each participating economic operator must provide a separate ESPD.

In the tender, economic operators must submit a completed and signed statement regarding Article 5k(1) of Council Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 of 31 July 2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine, as amended by Council Regulation (EU) No 2023/1214 of 23 June 2023. The contract cannot be awarded to a tenderer subject to Article 5k(1) of Council Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 of 31 July 2014, as amended by Council Regulation (EU) No 2023/1214 of 23 June 2023.

The assignment will include evaluation of Nordic contributions to trust funds in the World Bank, UN MPTF and African Development Bank. Therefore, economic operators must submit declarations of prior and ongoing involvement from the economic operator and each involved Key Staff. Decisions on whether a conflict of interest or unfair competition exists rest with the contracting authority and are made on a case-by-case basis.

Before the time limit for receipt of tenders, the candidates, which the contracting authority has invited to tender, must present documentation of the information provided in the ESPD.

If an economic operator is entered on an official list of approved economic operators or has an equivalent certificate (e.g. under a national (pre)qualification system), the economic operator may refer to the list in question or present a certificate issued by the competent authority instead of documentation of the information provided in the ESPD.

When an economic operator is participating in the procurement procedure together with others, the economic operator must present a joint statement from all the participating economic operators which identifies the member of the group who can act as an agent on behalf of the group with mandate to establish a legal obligation on behalf of the group in relation to the contracting authority.

Prior to the signing of the contract, the tenderer, which the contracting authority has awarded the contract to, must present statements of availability from all non-permanent staff (e.g. project specific consultants or freelance consultants).

This contract has not been divided into lots, cf. section II.1.6), due to necessary coordination and market and economic considerations.

Economic operators will not receive remuneration for their participation in the procedure.

### **VI.4. Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1. Review body**

Official name: Klagenævnet for Udbud

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Internet address: <https://naevneneshus.dk/start-din-klage/klagenaevnet-for-udbud/>

#### **VI.4.3. Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures:

Actions regarding requests to participate and selection must be submitted within 20 calendar days from the day after the contracting authority has notified the economic operators of the decisions regarding selection.

Other actions regarding the procedure (e.g. decisions regarding award of contract) must be submitted within 45 calendar days from the day after the publication of a contract award notice in the Official Journal of the EU.

Complaint guidelines (in English) can be found at: <https://naevneneshus.dk/media/9802/complaint-guidelines.pdf>

#### **VI.4.4. Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

Official name: Konkurrence- og Forbrugerstyrelsen

Postal address: Carl Jacobsens Vej 35

Town: Valby

Postal code: 2500

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Internet address: [www.kfst.dk](http://www.kfst.dk)

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

07/07/2023