

451457-2026 - Competition

Norway – Water transport services – QUALIFICATION - Operation of boat route Sunnhordland
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Contract or concession notice – standard regime
Services

1. Buyer

1.1. Buyer

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Legal type of the buyer: Regional authority

Activity of the contracting authority: General public services

2. Procedure

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Procedure identifier: edd5405c-3daf-4907-b17f-07f866f82158

Internal identifier: SKYSS/26/38

Type of procedure: Negotiated with prior publication of a call for competition / competitive with negotiation

The procedure is accelerated: no

2.1.1. Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Services

Main classification (cpv): 60600000 Water transport services

Additional classification (cpv): 60000000 Transport services (excl. Waste transport)

2.1.2. Place of performance

Country subdivision (NUTS): Vestland (NO0A2)

Country: Norway

Additional information: Bergen - Sunnhordaland

2.1.3. Value

Estimated value excluding VAT: 850 000 000,00 NOK

2.1.4. General information

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: 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: 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 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

Start date: 01/01/2028

Duration end date: 01/12/2028

5.1.4. Renewal

Maximum renewals: 3

Other information about renewals: Renewal length is 12 months

5.1.5. Value

Estimated value excluding VAT: 850 000 000,00 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): no

5.1.9. Selection criteria

Sources of selection criteria: Notice

Criterion: Other economic or financial requirements

Description of selection criterion: Requirement: Tenderers shall be able to provide inspections for the payment of tax, employer contribution and VAT. Documentation requirement: Tax certificate (not older than six months).

Criterion: Enrolment in a trade register

Description of selection criterion: Requirement: Tenderers shall be a legally established company. Documentation requirement: Company Registration Certificate (not older than six months).

Criterion: Financial ratio

Description of selection criterion: Requirement: Tenderers shall have sufficient economic and financial strength to fulfil the contract. [Documentation requirement: See Annex A for further information on what the contracting authority will look at when assessing this qualification requirement. Annual accounts The tenderer's annual accounts including notes with the board's and auditor's report for the years 2023, 2024 and 2025. If there are reasons that a company's annual accounts cannot be enclosed, the tenderer must document the financial position in an own way. Liquidity plan Tenderers shall submit a short description/plan for the choir supplier shall establish or possibly require liquidity in the company in the next few years. E.g. What does the company do to ensure liquidity? What is the equivalent degree of liquidity in the company? Credit rating The contracting authority has the right to self-carry out a credit assessment with the help of an independent credit rating company. The financial strength of the host assessed in relation to turnover, profit ratio, equity sector and liquidity.

Criterion: Technicians or technical bodies for quality control

Description of selection criterion: Requirement: Tenderers must have good competence and experience from the hire of fast passenger boats, including experience with the administration of a minimum of 1 passenger vessel with maximum potential for speed of 20 knots or higher there. - at least one of the vessels was ISM certified, and - the operation of the vessel in an official route offered by public contracting authorities with a permanent lift of minimum 2 years and the operation involved a minimum of 2 daily departures 5 days in the road. Documentation requirement: Tenderers shall document their experience by filling in Annex D for the reference assignment/tenderers that have carried out the last three years. The contracting authority reserves the right to contact the stated references and to emphasise the assessment as a host given by the gender neutral preferred in connection with the evaluation of the tenderer's qualifications.

Information about the second stage of a two-stage procedure:

Minimum number of candidates to be invited for the second stage of the procedure: 3
The procedure will take place in successive stages. At each stage, some participants may be eliminated
The buyer reserves the right to award the contract on the basis of the initial tenders without any further negotiations

5.1.10. Award criteria

Criterion:

Type: Cost

Name: Total Cost

Description: "Total Evaluation Price" in the Price Form, based on this evaluation.

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

Award criterion number: 70

Criterion:

Type: Quality

Name: Climate and environmental inspections

Description: The tenderer's climate and environmental measures in connection with the implementation of the Assignment. Particular emphasis will be put on concrete and binding measures in the evaluation that reduce the CO2 back-up from operations, to specifically maximum consumption per distance (litres/km). See the contract chapters 5 and 7 for inspections of the tenderer's maximum energy consumption figures and draw-out factors for recess from consumption to the outlet.

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

Award criterion number: 30

5.1.11. Procurement documents

Deadline for requesting additional information: 13/08/2026 22:00:00 (UTC+00:00) Western European Time, GMT

Address of the procurement documents: <https://tendsign.com/doc.aspx?MeFormsNoticId=94360>

5.1.12. Terms of procurement

Terms of the procedure:

Estimated date of dispatch of the invitations to submit tenders: 02/09/2026

Terms of submission:

Electronic submission: Required

Address for submission: <https://tendsign.com/doc.aspx?MeFormsNoticId=94360&GoTo=Tender>

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

Electronic catalogue: Allowed

Variants: Not allowed

Tenderers may submit more than one tender: Not allowed

Deadline for receipt of requests to participate: 21/08/2026 10:00:58 (UTC+00:00) Western European Time, GMT

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:

No framework agreement

Information about the dynamic purchasing system:

No dynamic purchase system

5.1.16. Further information, mediation and review

Review organisation: Hordaland tingrett

Information about review deadlines: In accordance with the Procurement Regulations.

Organisation providing more information on the review procedures: Hordaland tingrett

Organisation receiving requests to participate: Skyss

Organisation processing tenders: Skyss

8. Organisations

8.1. ORG-0001

Official name: Skyss

Registration number: 992051825

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Country subdivision (NUTS): Vestland (NO0A2)

Country: Norway

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

Roles of this organisation:

Buyer

Organisation receiving requests to participate

Organisation processing tenders

8.1. ORG-0002

Official name: Hordaland tingrett

Registration number: 926 723 367

Postal address: Postboks 7412

Town: Bergen

Postcode: 5020

Country subdivision (NUTS): Vestland (NO0A2)

Country: Norway

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Telephone: 55 69 97 00

Internet address: <https://www.domstol.no/no/domstoler/tingrett/hordaland-tingrett/>

Roles of this organisation:

Review organisation

Organisation providing more information on the review procedures

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