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Norway – Research and development services and related consultancy services – New Procurement - Strategic Foresight in regard to the exam scheme and stance assessment.

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**Contract or concession notice – standard regime - Change notice
Services**

1. Buyer

1.1. Buyer

Official name: Utdanningsdirektoratet

Email: post@udir.no

Legal type of the buyer: Central government authority

Activity of the contracting authority: Education

2. Procedure

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Type of procedure: Open

The procedure is accelerated: no

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2.1.1. Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Services

Main classification (cpv): 73000000 Research and development services and related consultancy services

Additional classification (cpv): 73100000 Research and experimental development services, 73200000 Research and development consultancy services, 75100000 Administration services , 80300000 Higher education services

2.1.2. Place of performance

Country: Norway

Anywhere in the given country

2.1.4. General information

Legal basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

Anskaffelsesforskriften - See the procurement regulations.

Anskaffelsesforskriften - Updated with the correct tender documentation.

2.1.6. Grounds for exclusion

Sources of grounds for exclusion: European Single Procurement Document (ESPD), Notice, Procurement Document

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, af 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 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?

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Country: Norway

Anywhere in the given country

5.1.3. Estimated duration

Start date: 06/09/2026

Duration end date: 01/09/2027

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

5.1.9. Selection criteria

Sources of selection criteria: Procurement Document

5.1.11. Procurement documents

Languages in which the procurement documents are officially available: Norwegian

Deadline for requesting additional information: 03/08/2026 21:59:00 (UTC+00:00) Western European Time, GMT

Address of the procurement documents: <https://permalink.mercell.com/287206289.aspx>

5.1.12. Terms of procurement

Terms of submission:

Electronic submission: Required

Address for submission: <https://permalink.mercell.com/287206289.aspx>

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

Electronic catalogue: Not allowed

Advanced or qualified electronic signature or seal (as defined in Regulation (EU) No 910/2014) is required

Variants: 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: 120 Days

Information about public opening:

Opening date: 14/08/2026 10:00:00 (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: Oslo tingrett

Information about review deadlines: See the procurement regulations.

Organisation providing more information on the review procedures: Oslo tingrett

8. Organisations

8.1. ORG-0001

Official name: Utdanningsdirektoratet

Registration number: 970018131

Postal address: Schweigaardsgate 15b

Town: OSLO

Postcode: 0135
Country subdivision (NUTS): Oslo (NO081)
Country: Norway
Contact point: Ingunn Kjøl Wiig
Email: post@udir.no
Telephone: 23 30 12 00
Fax: +47 23301200
Internet address: <http://www.udir.no/>

Roles of this organisation:

Buyer

8.1. ORG-0002

Official name: Oslo tingrett
Registration number: 926725939
Town: Oslo
Postcode: 0125
Country subdivision (NUTS): Oslo (NO081)
Country: Norway

Roles of this organisation:

Review organisation
Organisation providing more information on the review procedures

10. Change

Version of the previous notice to be changed
:
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Main reason for change
:
Information updated

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Section identifier: PROCEDURE

Notice information

Notice identifier/version: 3ade526b-0e77-4076-a5a2-fcf9d979324f - 01
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Notice type: Contract or concession notice – standard regime
Notice subtype: 16
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