

495430-2026 - Competition

Norway – Business and management consultancy and related services – Utgreiing buss eigenregi

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Contract or concession notice – standard regime - Change notice
Services

1. Buyer

1.1. Buyer

Official name: Vestland fylkeskommune

Email: Bjorn.Erik.Linde@vlfk.no

Legal type of the buyer: Regional authority

Activity of the contracting authority: General public services

2. Procedure

2.1. Procedure

Title: Utgreiing buss eigenregi

Description: The report shall give a verifiable decision basis for whether – and if so how – Vestland county can organize bus operations in-house for one limited contract area. The aim is to look at • Better resource utilization • More diversity in the business segment/better competition • Flexibility in investment and operation The report should also highlight consequences for the county administration in its governance/administration and financial risk management for a model where in-house bus operations or a hybrid model (with public ownership of the buses and competitive tendering for operators) can run parallel to full contracting out in the other contract areas. The report shall give a verifiable decision basis considering a realistic time frame for political decisions and regime implementation (organization, recruitment and – if relevant – transfer of undertaking), before a conclusion is drawn about which contract area may be suitable and feasible as a pilot for in-house operations. The report is limited to bus operations. Boats, ferries and light rail are not to be considered. Contract areas/route packages in the geographical area of Vestland shall be considered as possible candidates, and the assignment shall be based on realistic timeframes for political decisions and implementation, so that recommended candidates have an operational feasibility within relevant contractual time windows. The assignment is divided into two phases: Phase 0 and Phase 1. Phase 0: Comprises two sub-deliveries (L0A and L0B) and a political steering point (SP0) inside the phase, where the contracting authority can adjust the scope and possibly limit additional work with alternative models to reduce complexity. The administration has estimated Phase 0 to be between 500 and 900 hours depending on data access, chosen case, and scope of organization and material management. Phase 1 is an option for the contracting authority. This phase covers more specifically defined additional deliverables and/or further analysis. The scope of a potential Phase 1 is estimated at just under 1,350 hours.

Procedure identifier: 57811160-747a-4121-8bd4-5aa69b6405de

Internal identifier: VLfk/26/184

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): 79400000 Business and management consultancy and related services

Additional classification (cpv): 66519310 Insurance consultancy services, 72221000 Business analysis consultancy services, 72224000 Project management consultancy services, 79412000 Financial management consultancy services

2.1.2. Place of performance

Country subdivision (NUTS): Vestland (NO0A2)

Country: Norway

Additional information: The County Executive Committee in Vestland has decided upon a statute mandate and delivery model for a phased report on the feasibility of the in-house operation of a bus route package in Vestland.

2.1.3. Value

Estimated value excluding VAT: 7 000 000,00 NOK

2.1.4. General information

Legal basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

2.1.6. Grounds for exclusion

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

5. Lot

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Options:

Description of the options: Vidare's assignment in the form of Phase 1, is dealt with as an option and can be carried out in accordance with the decision in The County Governor's Office in Vestland. Further assignment in the form of Phase 1, is dealt with as an option and can be carried out in accordance with the decision in the County Executive Committee in Vestland.

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5.1.3. Estimated duration

Duration: 1 Year

5.1.5. Value

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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: Procurement Document

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: Price

Name: Price

Description: The evaluation price will be calculated as stated in the ssa-o_bilag 5a Price Form.

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

Award criterion number: 50

Criterion:

Type: Quality

Name: Comprehension

Description: The tenderer shall show how they will manage methods and procedures for carrying out the assignment through the phased deliveries, including how the tenderer will ensure progress, quality and management of information- and data uncertainties. The description must cover L0A and L0B. In addition, tenderers ought to show how they will approach the entire assignment, including the options, and – without going into detail – show how options may fit with L0A and L0B. The task comprehension shall be specifically linked to the assignment as described in annex 1, and shall not exceed four pages. Tenderers shall show how much of the delivery will be given under the fixed price. The description shall as a minimum include: • Methodical approach, • Data basis and analysis methodology, • involvement of the contracting authority and other interested party members, • how the tenderer will ensure progress and on-time delivery • quality assurance • Expected deliveries, work phases and schedule with milestones.

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

Award criterion number: 20

Criterion:

Type: Quality

Name: The tenderer's competence and experience

Description: Competence and resources for Phase 0. Competence and resources for Phase 1 (option). Tenderer ought to show which options it cannot deliver on. The tenderer may also refer to competence to deliver beyond the options. • The education and experience of the resources that are used for the assignment. • The resource distribution and how the team is assembled and complements each other • To what degree the members are used to collaborating with each other

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

Award criterion number: 30

5.1.11. Procurement documents

Languages in which the procurement documents are officially available: Norwegian

Deadline for requesting additional information: 12/08/2026 22:00:00 (UTC+00:00) Western European Time, GMT

Address of the procurement documents: <https://tendsign.com/doc.aspx?MeFormsNoticeId=96686>

5.1.12. Terms of procurement**Terms of the procedure:**

Estimated date of dispatch of the invitations to submit tenders: 28/09/2026

Terms of submission:

Electronic submission: Required

Address for submission: <https://tendsign.com/doc.aspx?MeFormsNoticeId=96686&GoTo=Tender>

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

Electronic catalogue: Allowed

Deadline for receipt of requests to participate: 19/08/2026 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

A non-disclosure agreement is required: 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: For tenderers who are rejected in accordance with the Public Procurement Regulations §§ 24-1 and 24-2 or not invited to submit a tender in accordance with the Public Procurement Regulations § 16-12, a deadline of 15 days will be set to demand a temporary decision, cf. the Public Procurement Regulations § 20-7. The deadline of 15 days will be announced from the day after the contracting authority has sent notification about rejection or notification of selection.

Organisation providing more information on the review procedures: Vestland fylkeskommune

8. Organisations

8.1. ORG-0001

Official name: Vestland fylkeskommune

Registration number: 821311632

Department: Innkjøpsseksjonen

Postal address: Askedalen 2

Town: LEIKANGER

Postcode: 6863

Country subdivision (NUTS): Vestland (NO0A2)

Country: Norway

Contact point: Bjørn Erik Linde

Email: Bjorn.Erik.Linde@vlfk.no

Telephone: +47 05557

Roles of this organisation:

Buyer

Organisation providing more information on the review procedures

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

Email: hordaland.tingrett@domstol.no

Telephone: 55 69 97 00

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

Roles of this organisation:

10. Change

Version of the previous notice to be changed

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Main reason for change

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Information updated

Description

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The description in the notice has been updated in order to comply with the Assignment Description. Applications for participation in the competition and any tenders can be submitted in Danish, Swedish and English in addition to Norwegian.

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