

Norway-Oslo: Research and development consultancy services
OJ S 204/2020 20/10/2020
Contract award notice
Services

Legal Basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: Finansdepartementet

National registration number: 972 417 807

Postal address: Postboks 8008 Dep.

Town: Oslo

NUTS code: NO011 Oslo

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Address of the buyer profile: <https://eu.eu-supply.com/ctm/Company/CompanyInformation/Index/328985>

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

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1. Scope of the procurement

II.1.1. Title

Framework Agreement for Investigations on Working Conditions for Migrant Workers

Reference number: 20/5

II.1.2. Main CPV code

73200000 Research and development consultancy services

II.1.3. Type of contract

Services

II.1.4. Short description

The Global Government Pension Fund of Norway's Council on Ethics shall enter into a framework agreement with one provider who shall conduct investigations into companies in the Fund's portfolio that are involved in practices that may constitute forced labour or other forms of exploitation in working life. The investigations should have a special focus on the

working situations for migrant workers. The investigations shall form a basis for decisions on whether the companies' conduct can lead to examination or exclusion in accordance with the human rights criterion in the ethical guidelines of the Global Government Pension Fund. The investigations can be conducted in various countries, including but not limited to countries that import a large proportion of migrant workers, such as the Gulf states (including Saudi Arabia) and Malaysia, together with countries that export a large proportion of migrant workers, such as Bangladesh, Nepal and Pakistan. The companies subject to investigations can operate in any sector, but there will be a primary focus on labour-intensive sectors such as service, production, and raw materials.

II.1.6. Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.1.7. Total value of the procurement

Value excluding VAT: 500 000,00 EUR

II.2. Description

II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)

73000000 Research and development services and related consultancy services, 73210000 Research consultancy services, 73220000 Development consultancy services, 98133000 Services furnished by social membership organisations, 98200000 Equal opportunities consultancy services, 98900000 Services provided by extra-territorial organisations and bodies

II.2.3. Place of performance

NUTS code: NO011 Oslo

II.2.4. Description of the procurement

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II.2.5. Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: The quality of the service / Weighting: 40 %

Quality criterion - Name: Competence / Weighting: 40 %

Price - Weighting: 20 %

II.2.11. Information about options

Options: yes

Description of options:

Option for 2 years (1 + 1) extension of the agreement. The maximum framework agreement period is 4 years.

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

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1. Description

IV.1.1. Type of procedure

Competitive procedure with negotiation

IV.1.3. Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

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.2.1. Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number in the OJ S: [2020/S 093-223249](#)

IV.2.8. Information about termination of dynamic purchasing system

IV.2.9. Information about termination of call for competition in the form of a prior information notice

The contracting authority will not award any further contracts based on the above prior information notice

Section V: Award of contract

Contract No: 1

Title:

Framework Agreement for Surveys of Working Conditions for Migrant Workers

A contract/lot is awarded: yes

V.2. Award of contract

V.2.1. Date of conclusion of the contract

08/10/2020

V.2.2. Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 4

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 4

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: no

V.2.3. Name and address of the contractor

Official name: Verite Inc

National registration number: 04-3304538

Postal address: 44 Belchertown Rd

Town: Amherst

NUTS code: 00 Other or Not Specified
Postal code: 01002
Country: United States
E-mail: nbenevides@verite.org
The contractor is an SME: no

V.2.4. Information on value of the contract/lot

Total value of the contract/lot: 500 000,00 EUR

V.2.5. Information about subcontracting

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.3. Additional information

VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

Official name: Oslo Tingrett
Postal address: C.J. Hambros plass 4
Town: Oslo
Postal code: 0164
Country: Norway
E-mail: oslo.tingrett@domstol.no
Telephone: +47 22035200
Internet address: <http://www.domstol.no/otir>

VI.4.2. Body responsible for mediation procedures

Official name: Oslo Tingrett
Postal address: C.J. Hambros plass 4
Town: Oslo
Postal code: 0164
Country: Norway

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

Official name: Finansdepartementet
Town: Oslo
Country: Norway

VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

15/10/2020