

Norway-Oslo: Accounting and auditing services

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Contract notice

Services

Legal Basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: Utenriksdepartementet

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Address of the buyer profile: <https://eu.eu-supply.com/ctm/Company/CompanyInformation/Index/245665>

I.3. Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: http://eu.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlenrance_s.asp?PID=378466&B=DFO

Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via: http://eu.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlenrance_s.asp?PID=378466&B=DFO

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

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 Special Audit and Forensic Audit

Reference number: 23/11492

II.1.2. Main CPV code

79210000 Accounting and auditing services

II.1.3.

Type of contract

Services

II.1.4. Short description

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norad, Norec and the Ministry of Climate and Environment need access to specialised auditing services and Forensic Audit in cases where there are suspected to be financial fraud related to the use of grants, especially in aid projects.

Three parallel framework agreements will be entered into, where the call-offs will be distributed in accordance with the "waterfall method". The framework agreements will have a duration of 2 years, and the contracting authority will have an option to extend the agreements for a further 2 years. The estimated value of the procurement over the maximum contract period of four years is from NOK 8 million excluding VAT to NOK 15 million excluding VAT.

II.1.5. Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: 15 000 000,00 NOK

II.1.6. Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.2. Description

II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)

79200000 Accounting, auditing and fiscal services, 79212000 Auditing services, 79720000 Investigation services

II.2.3. Place of performance

NUTS code: NO081 Oslo

II.2.4. Description of the procurement

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norad, Norec and the Ministry of Climate and Environment need access to specialised auditing services and Forensic Audit in cases where there are suspected to be financial fraud related to the use of grants, especially in aid projects. The service must be able to be delivered globally.

Three parallel framework agreements will be entered into, where the call-offs will be distributed in accordance with the "waterfall method". This means that the highest ranked tenderer will always be given first priority for call-offs and the opportunity to deliver. If this tenderer cannot deliver, the request will be directed to no. 2 – and then to no. 3 if it is also unable to provide the requested services. The framework agreements will have a duration of 2 years, and the contracting authority will have an option to extend the agreements for a further 2 years.

The estimated value of the procurement over the maximum contract period of four years is from NOK 8 million excluding VAT to NOK 15 million excluding VAT. The estimate is subject to great uncertainty. The framework agreements will not be exclusive and do not entail an obligation to purchase for the contracting authority. See annex 1 of the contract for further details.

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: 15 000 000,00 NOK

II.2.7.

Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months: 24

This contract is subject to renewal: no

II.2.10. Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: no

II.2.11. Information about options

Options: yes

Description of options:

The contracting authority has the option to extend the contract for a further 2 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 III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

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:

Requirement: Tenderers must be a legally established company.

Documentation requirement: Norwegian tenderers: Company registration certificate or a printout from the Unit Register for single member companies not required to register. Foreign tenderers: Verification that the company is registered in an industry or business register as prescribed by the law of the country where the tenderer is established. The verification can be submitted in writing or by referring to BRIS.

III.1.3. Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of selection criteria:

Requirement: Tenderers must have relevant experience from comparable assignments.

Relevant experience means that the tenderer has experience with assignments where financial fraud was suspected.

Documentation requirement: A description of the tenderer's 3-5 most relevant assignments in the the last three years. The description must include information on the assignment's value, date and name of the recipient (if possible). Documentation for relevant assignments that the tenderer has performed more than three years ago (up to five years) will also be taken into account in order to ensure sufficient competition.

At least two of the assignments must be related to financial fraud outside of Norway. The tenderer may have used a foreign supplier for these assignments.

It is the tenderer's responsibility to document relevance through the descriptions.

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1. Description

IV.1.1. Type of procedure

Open procedure

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

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement
Framework agreement with several operators Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 3

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: 10/10/2023 Local time: 12:00

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

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

Norwegian

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

Tender must be valid until: 31/12/2023

IV.2.7. Conditions for opening of tenders

Date: 10/10/2023 Local time: 12:00

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1. Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: no

VI.3. Additional information

VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

Official name: Oslo tingrett

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VI.4.2. Body responsible for mediation procedures

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VI.4.4.

Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

Official name: Utenriksdepartementet

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VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

04/09/2023