

582146-2026 - Competition

Germany – Environmental issues consultancy services – Environmental survey and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for Shore Crossing - AquaDuctus Section 1 (Offshore)
OJ S 162/2026 24/08/2026
Contract or concession notice – standard regime
Services

1. Buyer

1.1. Buyer

Official name: AquaDuctus Pipeline GmbH

Email: vergabe@gascade.de

Legal type of the buyer: Public undertaking, controlled by a central government authority

Activity of the contracting entity: Production, transport or distribution of gas or heat

2. Procedure

2.1. Procedure

Title: Environmental survey and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for Shore Crossing - AquaDuctus Section 1 (Offshore)

Description: Environmental survey and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for Shore Crossing.

Procedure identifier: 0d699165-b640-4117-b434-4f757820b2c5

Internal identifier: 2026-043

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): 90713000 Environmental issues consultancy services

2.1.2. Place of performance

Country: Germany

Anywhere in the given country

2.1.4. General information

Additional information: #Bekanntmachungs-ID: CXVHYH0YTT11C5NS# The contracting authority intends to invite a maximum of four applicants to submit an initial offer.

Legal basis:

Directive 2014/25/EU

sektvo -

2.1.6. Grounds for exclusion

Sources of grounds for exclusion: Notice

Breaching of obligations set under purely national exclusion grounds: See tender documents

Participation in a criminal organisation: See tender documents

Terrorist offences or offences linked to terrorist activities: See tender documents

Money laundering or terrorist financing: See tender documents

Fraud: See tender documents
Corruption: See tender documents
Child labour and including other forms of trafficking in human beings: See tender documents
Breaching obligation relating to payment of taxes: See tender documents
Breaching obligation relating to payment of social security contributions: See tender documents
Breaching of obligations in the fields of environmental law: See tender documents
Breaching of obligations in the fields of social law: See tender documents
Breaching of obligations in the fields of labour law: See tender documents
Insolvency: See tender documents
Assets being administered by liquidator: See tender documents
Business activities are suspended: See tender documents
Analogous situation like bankruptcy, insolvency or arrangement with creditors under national law: See tender documents
Grave professional misconduct: See tender documents
Agreements with other economic operators aimed at distorting competition: See tender documents
Conflict of interest due to its participation in the procurement procedure: See tender documents
Direct or indirect involvement in the preparation of this procurement procedure: See tender documents
Early termination, damages, or other comparable sanctions: See tender documents
Misrepresentation, withheld information, unable to provide required documents or obtained confidential information of this procedure: See tender documents

5. Lot

5.1. Lot: LOT-0001

Title: Environmental survey and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for Shore Crossing - AquaDuctus Section 1 (Offshore)

Description: To address Europe's future energy demand, significant investments into hydrogen infrastructure are essential. One of the core components of this initiative is the development of a pan-European hydrogen pipeline network in the North Sea, designed to connect major hydrogen producers with key consumers across the continent. The AquaDuctus project is part of this future pipeline network. The AquaDuctus project consists of an offshore part (Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) and territorial waters of the German North Sea and a receiving terminal at the coastline of Lower Saxony) and an onshore part to make connection with the onshore grid. The AquaDuctus project is planned as a large diameter pipeline (48 inch) with a transport capacity of 20 GWH2 and a design pressure of 120 bar. The conceptual design of the pipeline enables the connection of neighbouring European hydrogen infrastructures and the planned production facilities in the German EEZ (SEN-1 Area). For the shore crossing, the selected contractor shall prepare a legally compliant EIA as part of the Energy Industry Act (EnWG) permit process, based on agreed scoping with the responsible approval authority (Landesamt für Bergbau, Energie und Geologie - LBEG), covering nature conservation, water protection, and impact compensation requirements, which also include environmental studies. The substantive requirements for the environmental documentation are derived from the Energiewirtschaftsgesetz (EnWG), Bundesnaturschutzgesetz (BNatSchG) and Wasserhaushaltsgesetz (WHG). The contracting authority will align the precise scope of the investigations with the LBEG. The selected contractor shall assist the contracting authority in preparing, planning and executing the permit application process. The services comprise: determination of the data basis; preparation of documents for and participation in the scoping conference with the approval authority and specialist authorities (optional); performance of

environmental surveys; preparation of formal environmental documentation for approval. Further technical requirements are detailed in Attachment B.1 Scope of Work. The duration of the contract is not time limited. The estimated duration is 2.5 years, but the works due under the contract may take longer, e.g., if the works are not yet completed because the permit application process takes longer. Further details are provided in the contract documentation. Internal identifier: 2026-043

5.1.1. Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Services

Main classification (cpv): 90713000 Environmental issues consultancy services

5.1.2. Place of performance

Country: Germany

Anywhere in the given country

5.1.3. Estimated duration

Other duration: Unknown

5.1.4. Renewal

Maximum renewals: 0

5.1.6. General information

Reserved participation:

Participation is not reserved.

The names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to perform the contract must be given: Tender requirement

Procurement Project not financed with EU Funds.

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA): yes

This procurement is also suitable for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs): yes

Additional information: #Besonders auch geeignet für:other-sme#

5.1.7. Strategic procurement

Aim of strategic procurement: No strategic procurement

The procurement falls within the scope of the Energy Efficiency Directive (EED) (EU) 2023 /1791

List of products, works, services and buildings related to the Energy Efficiency Directive (EED):

Services (Energy Efficiency Directive-specific works and services not covered by GPP)

5.1.9. Selection criteria

Sources of selection criteria: Notice

Criterion: Enrolment in a trade register

Description of selection criterion: Proof 1 - Proof of registration in the professional or commercial register (PL1) (Mit dem Teilnahmeantrag; Mittels Eigenerklärung): Proof of registration in the professional or commercial register (in Germany: Berufs- oder Handelsregister) in accordance with the legal provisions of the country in which the applicant /tenderer is based (in uncertified copy), if the applicant/tenderer is registered in such a register. In case of non-registration: Submission of a business registration. The proof must identify at least the authorized representatives. According document A1 Forms and Proof

Criterion: Average yearly manpower

Description of selection criterion: Proof 2 - Self-declaration average annual number of employees in the executing office in the last three years (TL2) (Mit dem Teilnahmeantrag; Mittels Eigenerklärung): In the last three years applicant's staff resources in the relevant disciplines to which the invitation to tender is related shall be at least 10 in the executing office location (excluding contractors/non-staff). Each discipline and number for each executing office location must be recorded separately. Regarding the executing office a distinction must be made between permanent staff and contractor personnel. The disciplines must include at least the following disciplines: Project manager, GIS expert, Senior environmental expert. Minimum requirement (failure to meet will result in exclusion): The average annual number of employees in the executing office location in the last three years must be at least 10 (excluding contractors/non-staff). Please insert the corresponding self-declaration(s) here. According document A1 Forms and Proof

Criterion: General yearly turnover

Description of selection criterion: Form 6 - Self-declaration annual turnover (WL1) (Mit dem Teilnahmeantrag; Mittels Eigenerklärung): Self-declaration of the company's average annual turnover of the last 3 (three) completed financial years for which financial figures are available relating to services comparable to the services to be awarded. In the case of a bidding consortium, the turnover of all consortium members can be combined to meet the minimum turnover requirement. In case of reliance on financial and economic capacities of the third-party company, the financial figures of the third-party company relating to services comparable to the services to be awarded may also be combined with the relevant figures of the tenderer or members of the bidding consortium. Minimum requirement (failure to meet will result in exclusion): The average turnover over the last three (3) completed financial years to which the invitation to tenderer is related must be at least EUR 1.5 million (net) for each of the last 3 (three) completed financial years. According document A1 Forms and Proof.

Criterion: References on specified services

Description of selection criterion: Form 7 - Proof of experience (references) (TL1) (Mit dem Teilnahmeantrag; Mittels Eigenerklärung): Proof of experience in the field of services to be awarded is required by providing at least three (3) reference contracts within the last maximum fifteen (15) years that are comparable in type, scope, and complexity to the service being tendered. The references must include at least the following information to demonstrate comparability: Reference title Client (contracting authority) (If the client may not be named for data protection reasons, it is sufficient to categorize the client (e.g., research, industry, other sectors of the contracting entity)) Contact person incl. contact details (e.g., email, phone number) (If the contact person may not be named for data protection reasons, it is sufficient to categorize the client (e.g., research, industry, other sectors client)) Contracting entity which signed the contract with the Client Brief description of the services performed including a confirmation that the reference is comparable to the tendered services described in Attachment B.1 Scope of Work (i.e. the reference includes performance of environmental surveys, preparation of EIA documentation, execution of permitting procedure for linear infrastructure projects in Germany). Confirmation that the applicant has experience with EIA permit application in Germany for linear infrastructure projects. Confirmation that the applicant has worked under German permitting requirements and associated legal framework. Contract value in EUR (net) Execution period Minimum requirement (failure to meet will result in exclusion): At least 3 particularly relevant (comparable) references with a contract value of minimum EUR 100,000 involving an EIA must be submitted. According document A1 Forms and Proof

Criterion: Authorisation or membership of a particular organisation needed for service contracts

Description of selection criterion: Form 8 - Self-Declaration (sanctions against Russia) (PL3) (Mit dem Teilnahmeantrag; Mittels Eigenerklärung): This declaration must be submitted by all applicants/tenderer/all members of a bidding consortium. The following declaration is made binding by me/us _____, (if applicable, also on behalf of those represented according to the request for participation): The applicant does/do not belong to the persons or companies mentioned in Article 5k (1) of Regulation (EU) No. 833/2014, including by Art. 1 No. 25 of Regulation (EU) 2025/395 of the Council of February 24, 2025, and subsequent amendments as amended from time to time, concerning restrictive measures considering actions by Russia that destabilize the situation in Ukraine, who have a connection to Russia as defined in the regulation, a) through the Russian nationality of the applicant or the establishment of the applicant in Russia, b) through the participation of a natural person or a company that meets one of the criteria in letter a) in the applicant by holding shares exceeding of more than 50 %, c) through the actions of the applicant on behalf of or at the instruction of persons or companies to whom the criteria set out in points (a) and/or (b) apply. The companies involved in the contract as subcontractors, suppliers, or companies whose capacities are relied upon in connection with the provision of proof of eligibility, which account for more than 10% of the value of the contract, also do not belong to the group of persons referred in the regulation with a connection to Russia as defined in the regulation. It is confirmed and ensured that, even during the term of the contract, no subcontractors, suppliers, or companies whose capacities are used in connection with the provision of proof of eligibility, which account for more than 10 % of the value of the contract and that do belong to the group of persons referred to in the regulation with a connection to Russia within the meaning of the regulation, are involved. Article 5k of Regulation (EU) No. 833/2014 as amended by Art. 1 No. 25 of Regulation (EU) 2025/395 of the Council of February 24, 2025, reads as follows: 1. It shall be prohibited to award or continue the execution of any public or concession contract falling within the scope of the public procurement Directives, as well as Article 10(1), (3), (6) points (a) to (e), (8), (9) and (10), Articles 11, 12, 13 and 14 of Directive 2014/23/EU, Article 7, points (a) to (d), and Article 8, Article 10 points (b) to (f) and (h) to (j) of Directive 2014/24/EU, Article 18, Article 21 points (b) to (e) and (g) to (i), Articles 29 and 30 of Directive 2014/25/EU and Article 13 points (a) to (d), (f) to (h) and (j) of Directive 2009/81/EC, to or with: (a) a Russian national, a natural person residing in Russia, or a legal person, entity or body established in Russia; (b) a legal person, entity or body whose proprietary rights are directly or indirectly owned for more than 50 % by an entity referred to in point (a) of this paragraph; or (c) a natural or legal person, entity or body acting on behalf or at the direction of an entity referred to in point (a) or (b) of this paragraph, including, where they account for more than 10 % of the contract value, subcontractors, suppliers or entities whose capacities are being relied on within the meaning of the public procurement Directives. 2. By way of derogation from paragraph 1, the competent authorities may authorise the award and continued execution of contracts intended for: (a) the operation, maintenance, decommissioning and radioactive waste management, fuel supply and retreatment and safety of civil nuclear capabilities, and the continuation of design, construction and commissioning required for the completion of civil nuclear facilities, such as the Paks II project, as well as the supply of precursor material for the production of medical radioisotopes and similar medical applications, critical technology for environmental radiation monitoring, as well as civil nuclear cooperation, in particular in the field of research and development; (b) intergovernmental cooperation in space programmes; (c) the provision of strictly necessary goods or services which can only be provided, or which can only be provided in sufficient quantities, by the persons referred to in paragraph 1; (d) the functioning of diplomatic and consular representations of the Union and of the Member States in Russia, including delegations, embassies and missions, or international organisations in

Russia enjoying immunities in accordance with international law; or (e) unless prohibited under Article 3m or 3n, the purchase, import or transport of natural gas and oil, including refined petroleum products, as well as titanium, aluminium, copper, nickel, palladium and iron ore from or through Russia into the Union. 3. The Member State concerned shall inform the other Member States and the Commission of any authorisations granted under this Article within two weeks of the authorisation. 4. The prohibitions in paragraph 1 shall not apply to the execution until 10 October 2022 of contracts concluded before 9 April 2022. According document A1 Forms and Proof.

Criterion: Relevant educational and professional qualifications

Description of selection criterion: Form 9 - Self-Declaration of Knowledge of German Directives (Mit dem Teilnahmeantrag; Mittels Eigenerklärung): The contractor will be at the time of both tendering and execution of the Scope of Work familiar with all applicable relevant directives in the German market to ensure acceptance by German authorized body including the following non exhaustive list: Approval Planning (Genehmigungsplanung) Coordination with German authorities. According document A1 Forms and Proof.

Criterion: Relevant educational and professional qualifications

Description of selection criterion: Form 10 - Self-Declaration Language (German) (Mit dem Teilnahmeantrag; Mittels Eigenerklärung): A self-declaration that tenderer and its personnel will have at the time of execution the skills and capacity to perform the services fluently in German regarding Approval Planning (Genehmigungsplanung) Coordination with German authorities. According document A1 Forms and Proof.

Criterion: Relevant educational and professional qualifications

Description of selection criterion: Form 11 - Self-Declaration Language (English) (Mit dem Teilnahmeantrag; Mittels Eigenerklärung): A self-declaration that tenderer and its personnel have the skills and capacity to perform the services fluently in English must be attached. According document A1 Forms and Proof.

Criterion: Authorisation or membership of a particular organisation needed for service contracts

Description of selection criterion: Form 3.1 - Self-declaration of the absence of exclusion grounds pursuant to §§ 123, 124 GWB (PL2) (Mit dem Teilnahmeantrag; Mittels Eigenerklärung): PL2: Self-declaration of the absence of exclusion reasons grounds pursuant to §§ 123, 124 GWB. The proof of self-cleaning measures in accordance with § 125 GWB is possible.

Criterion: Enrolment in a trade register

Description of selection criterion: Form 1.1 - Declaration of (individual) applicant/tenderer - Request for participation (Mit dem Teilnahmeantrag; Mittels Eigenerklärung): Allgemeine Informationen/General Information. According document A1 Forms and Proof.

Criterion: Enrolment in a trade register

Description of selection criterion: Form 1.2 - Bidding Consortium - Request for participation (Mit dem Teilnahmeantrag; Mittels Eigenerklärung): Allgemeine Informationen/General Information According document A1 Forms and Proof.

Criterion: Enrolment in a trade register

Description of selection criterion: Form 2 - Information on subcontractors (if applicable) (Mit dem Teilnahmeantrag; Mittels Eigenerklärung): According document A1 Forms and Proof.

Criterion: Security of information

Description of selection criterion: Form 3.2 - Declaration of self-cleaning measures (PL2) (Mit dem Teilnahmeantrag; Mittels Eigenerklärung): Form 3.2 - Declaration of self-cleaning measures (PL2) (if applicable) in accordance with § 125 GWB. According document A1 Forms and Proof.

Criterion: Other economic or financial requirements

Description of selection criterion: Form 4 - Declaration of reliance on capabilities (Mit dem Teilnahmeantrag; Mittels Eigenerklärung): To demonstrate eligibility with regard to economic and financial standing, as well as technical and professional ability, in accordance with § 47 SektVO. According document A1 Forms and Proof.

Criterion: Security of information

Description of selection criterion: Form 5 - Commitment declaration for subcontractors/reliance on third-party capacities (eligible loan) (Mit dem Teilnahmeantrag; Mittels Eigenerklärung): (if applicable), in accordance with the scope of reliance pursuant to § 47 (3) SektVO. According document A1 Forms and Proof.

Criterion: Other economic or financial requirements

Description of selection criterion: Form 12 - Self-Declaration on Compliance with the Collective Bargaining Commitment (Mit dem Teilnahmeantrag; Mittels Eigenerklärung): Form in accordance with Section 126b of the German Civil Code (BGB). According to document A1 Forms and Proof.

Criterion: References on specified services

Description of selection criterion: Preparation of EIA documentation - Extra points for preparation of EIA documentation for linear infrastructure projects in the German Wadden Sea area

The criteria will be used to select the candidates to be invited for the second stage of the procedure

Weight (points, exact): 476,00

Criterion: References on specified services

Description of selection criterion: Environmental surveys - Extra points for environmental surveys for linear infrastructure projects onshore in the German Wadden Sea area

The criteria will be used to select the candidates to be invited for the second stage of the procedure

Weight (points, exact): 476,00

Criterion: References on specified services

Description of selection criterion: Additional reference - If an additional reference fulfills the minimum requirement, it gets an extra point (up to 3 additional references are counted)

The criteria will be used to select the candidates to be invited for the second stage of the procedure

Weight (points, exact): 48,00

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

Minimum number of candidates to be invited for the second stage of the procedure: 4

Maximum number of candidates to be invited for the second stage of the procedure: 4

The procedure will take place in successive stages. At each stage, some participants may be eliminated

5.1.11. Procurement documents

Languages in which the procurement documents are officially available: English

Deadline for requesting additional information: 08/09/2026 23:59:59 (UTC+02:00) Eastern European Time, Central European Summer Time

Address of the procurement documents: <https://www.dtv.de/Satellite/notice/CXVHYH0YTT11C5NS/documents>

Ad hoc communication channel:

URL: <https://www.dtv.de/Satellite/notice/CXVHYH0YTT11C5NS>

5.1.12. Terms of procurement

Terms of the procedure:

Estimated date of dispatch of the invitations to submit tenders: 06/10/2026

Terms of submission:

Electronic submission: Required

Address for submission: <https://www.dtv.de/Satellite/notice/CXVHYH0YTT11C5NS>

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

Electronic catalogue: Not allowed

Variants: Not allowed

Tenderers may submit more than one tender: Not allowed

Deadline for receipt of requests to participate: 22/09/2026 12:00:00 (UTC+02:00) Eastern European Time, Central European Summer Time

Information that can be supplemented after the submission deadline:

At the discretion of the buyer, all missing tenderer-related documents may be submitted later.

Additional information: The Contracting Authority reserves the right to request the submission of missing documents in accordance with Section 51 of the SektVO. Any documents requested must be submitted by the respective applicant/tenderer within the deadline specified by the Contracting Authority. Applicants/tenderers shall have no entitlement to such a request for clarification or submission of documents.

Terms of contract:

The execution of the contract must be performed within the framework of sheltered employment programmes: No

Conditions relating to the performance of the contract: See tender documents

Electronic ordering will be used: no

Electronic payment will be used: no

Financial arrangement: See tender documents

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: Vergabekammer des Bundes

Information about review deadlines: The tender documents must be checked by the interested companies for completeness and legibility upon receipt/download. If the contract notice, the tender documents or any other documents or information communicated, handed over or made accessible to the applicants/tenderers contain ambiguities or violate applicable law, the

applicants/tenderers are obliged to notify the contracting authority immediately. Unresolved ambiguities must be considered by the applicants/tenderers as risks to be accounted for in their offers. Any procedural complaints (in German: Rügen) must be clearly marked as such. Applicants/tenderers are expressly reminded of their obligation to raise complaints under § 160 (3) GWB. Furthermore, the contracting authority expressly points out the legal remedy deadline under § 160 (3) sentence 1 no. 4 GWB. According to this, a request for review (in German: Nachprüfungsantrag) is inadmissible if more than 15 calendar days have passed since receipt of the contracting authority's notification that it does not intend to remedy the complaint.

Organisation providing additional information about the procurement procedure: AquaDuctus Pipeline GmbH

Organisation receiving requests to participate: AquaDuctus Pipeline GmbH

8. Organisations

8.1. ORG-0001

Official name: AquaDuctus Pipeline GmbH

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Country: Germany

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Roles of this organisation:

Buyer

Organisation providing additional information about the procurement procedure

Organisation receiving requests to participate

8.1. ORG-0002

Official name: Vergabekammer des Bundes

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Town: Bonn

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Country: Germany

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Roles of this organisation:

Review organisation

8.1. ORG-0003

Official name: Datenservice Öffentlicher Einkauf (in Verantwortung des Beschaffungsamts des BMI)

Registration number: 0204:994-DOEVD-83

Town: Bonn

Postcode: 53119

Country subdivision (NUTS): Bonn, Kreisfreie Stadt (DEA22)

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Roles of this organisation:

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