

Norway-Oslo: Research and development services and related consultancy services

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Contract notice**Services****Legal Basis:**

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

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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=317597&B=DFO

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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**

Evaluation of the measure arbeidsforberedende trening [work preparation training] (AFT).

Analysis of results and assessment of cost-benefit and efficiency.

Reference number: 21/3770

II.1.2.

Main CPV code

73000000 Research and development services and related consultancy services

II.1.3. Type of contract

Services

II.1.4. Short description

In 2016, Work preparation training (AFT) replaced the measures 'Work Experience in Sheltered Business (APS)' and 'Qualification in Sheltered Workshop (KIA)'. It was established in order to provide a better offer to persons with reduced ability to work, who for a period of time need a facilitated and sheltered working environment. The new AFT measure involves among other thing, the possibility of giving a more holistic offer within a temporary measure in the sheltered sector, greater emphasis on trialling in ordinary working life and the possibility of vocational training and learning within the same measure.

II.1.5. Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: 2 000 000,00 NOK

II.1.6. Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.2. Description**II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)**

73200000 Research and development consultancy services, 73210000 Research consultancy services, 73220000 Development consultancy services

II.2.3. Place of performance

NUTS code: NO081 Oslo

II.2.4. Description of the procurement

The purpose of AFT is to contribute to testing the individual's ability to work and to strengthen the possibility of getting ordinary work. The measure is aimed at persons with complex assistance needs who have had their ability to work reduced and who have particularly contingent occupational requirements, and a need for close and broad follow-up. Work preparation training (AFT) is currently the most used time-limited labour market measure for persons with reduced ability to work where the goal is to come back to ordinary working life. Several previous studies have compared the impacts/effects of labour market measures in the sheltered sector, among other things, measures that AFT replaced, with measures for persons with reduced ability to work in ordinary working life. Such studies are not carried out for AFT. In 2020 Oslo Economics carried out mapping of AFT. They point out in the report that for such a large and important measure as AFT, there is a need for more knowledge about the actual effect of the measure, among other things about which components of AFT are decisive for the transition to work and education.

The Employment Committee (NOU 2021: 2 Competence, activity and income protection) and the Welfare Service Committee (NOU 2020: 13 Private actors in the welfare state) have pointed out that there is a need for cost-benefit and efficiency analyses of the labour market measure.

There is a need to strengthen the knowledge base to assess improvements to the measure's framework conditions, structure, and how and to what extent the measure is used. The project will analyse:

1. Transition to work for participants in AFT, including reasons for the results
2. AFT compared with other relevant measures

3. Cost-benefit and efficiency

The contract has an estimated value of between NOK 1.8 million excluding VAT to NOK 2 million excluding VAT.

The contractor must submit a progress report no later than the end of 2022. The final report /scientific article must be presented no later than 1 June 2023. The contractor must send the contracting authority the draft no later than 1 May 2023.

For a more detailed description of the assignment, see annex 1 of the contract (the Contracting Authority's description of the assignment).

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: 2 000 000,00 NOK

II.2.7. Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

End: 01/06/2023

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: no

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:

Qualification requirements

Tenderers must be a legally established company.

Documentation Requirement

- Norwegian companies: Company registration certificate or a printout from the Unit Register for single person companies not required to register.

- Foreign companies: Confirmation that the company is registered in a trade or business register as prescribed by the law of the country where the tenderer is established.

Confirmation can be delivered in writing or by reference to BRIS.

III.1.2. Economic and financial standing

List and brief description of selection criteria:

Qualification requirements

Paid taxes and fees

Documentation Requirement

- A certificate, not older than six months, which verifies that the tenderer has fulfilled the obligations of payment of taxes, social security contributions and VAT. The certificate can be ordered and obtained from Altinn by using a separate link on skatteetaten.no. If this is not possible, it can be ordered from the tax collector or the Norwegian Tax Administration. The certificate is electronically certified and is therefore not signed. For further information, see skatteetaten.no.

- Foreign tenderers must submit certificates from authorities equivalent to the Norwegian authorities.

Qualification requirements

Tenderers must have sufficient economic and financial capacity to carry out the delivery, in which, amongst other things, being creditworthy without any requirement for collateral will be adequate.

Documentation Requirement

- A credit rating with key figures from a recognised credit assessment company or other form of documentation to demonstrate that the requirement has been met.

III.1.3. Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of selection criteria:

Qualification requirements

Tenderers must have sufficient ability and experience to carry out the delivery.

Documentation Requirement

- A description of the tenderer's three most relevant assignments in the last three years, together with information about the contract value, date of delivery or execution and the name of the recipient. Relevant assignments means research or reporting assignments within the labour market and welfare issues. Tenderers are responsible for ensuring that the description is of such a nature that it documents fulfilment of the requirement.

III.2. Conditions related to the contract

III.2.3. Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

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

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: 14/01/2022 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.2.7. Conditions for opening of tenders

Date: 14/01/2022 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

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VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

29/11/2021