

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

OJ S 246/2023 21/12/2023

Contract award notice

Services

Legal Basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: Direktoratet for høyere utdanning og kompetanse (HK-dir)

National registration number: 974 788 985

Postal address: Postboks 1093

Town: Bergen

NUTS code: NO Norge

Postal code: 5809

Country: Norway

E-mail: anskaffelser@hkdir.no**Internet address(es):**Main address: <https://hkdir.no/>Address of the buyer profile: <https://eu.eu-supply.com/ctm/Company/CompanyInformation/Index/247255>**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**

Knowledge basis on vocational colleges' cooperation with working life and the relevance of the education for working life

Reference number: 23/09657

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

The Directorate for Higher Education and Competence (HK-dir) would like to carry out a survey on vocational colleges' cooperation with working life, and the relevance of the education for working life. Relevance for working life means the extent to which the education gives students competence that can be used in working life without further educational courses.

See annex 1 the contracting authority's description of the assignment for further details on the assignment.

II.1.6. Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.1.7. Total value of the procurement

Value excluding VAT: 2 500 000,00 NOK

II.2. Description

II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)

73000000 Research and development services and related consultancy services

II.2.3. Place of performance

NUTS code: NO Norge

II.2.4. Description of the procurement

The Directorate for Higher Education and Competence (HK-dir) would like to carry out a survey on vocational colleges' cooperation with working life, and the relevance of the education for working life. Relevance for working life means the extent to which the education gives students competence that can be used in working life without further educational courses.

Vocational colleges' connection to working life is central for this sector's distinctive character. The vocational colleges have traditionally been called working life school. The Vocational College Act states that the education must be practical, meet the need for qualified labour in society, and give competence that can be used in working life without further educational courses (§ 4). Surveys indicate however, that there are differences in the relevance for working life between subjects. The contracting authority would like a survey of how the vocational colleges work to meet this social assignment, as well as why some subjects stand out with a relatively high degree of candidates who progress to other higher education after completing vocational college studies instead of finding work.

See annex 1 the contracting authority's description of the assignment for further details on the assignment.

II.2.5. Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Solution proposal / Weighting: 60%

Quality criterion - Name: Competence / Weighting: 40%

Price - Weighting: 0

II.2.11. Information about options

Options: yes

Description of options:

The assignment has a fixed, non-regulated price of NOK 1,500,000 excluding VAT for the work defined by the contracting authority and tenderer in a signed contract with annexes.

The contracting authority has an option for up to 3 assignments with a total value of up to NOK 1,000,000 excluding VAT if needed, subject to financing from the contracting authority's side.

The option(s) can be an additional assignment and/or after work, and must be taken up at the latest by 01.06.2025.

The upper limit for the assignment is NOK 2,500,000 million excluding VAT.

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

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.2.1. Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number in the OJ S: [2023/S 132-420994](#)

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

Section V: Award of contract

Contract No: 1

Title:

Knowledge basis on vocational colleges' cooperation with working life and the relevance of the education for working life

A contract/lot is awarded: yes

V.2. Award of contract

V.2.1. Date of conclusion of the contract

28/09/2023

V.2.2. Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 7

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 7

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

V.2.3. Name and address of the contractor

Official name: NORDISK INSTITUTT FOR STUDIER AV INNOVASJON, FORSKNING OG UTDANNING (NIFU)

National registration number: 976 073 169

Postal address: Økernveien 9

Town: Oslo

NUTS code: NO Norge

Postal code: 0653

Country: Norway

The contractor is an SME: yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: 2 500 000,00 NOK

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: Hordaland tingrett

Town: Bergen

Country: Norway

VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

16/12/2023