

81487-2026 - Mededinging

Duitsland – Waterstof – Auction Procedure for the Purchase of Hydrogen - Global Lot (GL)

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Aankondiging van een opdracht of concessie – standaardregeling - Bericht van wijziging van een aankondiging

Leveringen

1. Koper

1.1. Koper

Officiële naam: Hintco NG GmbH

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Rechtsvorm van de koper: Organisatie die een door een aanbestedende dienst gesubsidieerde opdracht gunt

Activiteit van de aanbestedende dienst: Milieubescherming

2. Procedure

2.1. Procedure

Titel: Auction Procedure for the Purchase of Hydrogen - Global Lot (GL)

Beschrijving: This auction procedure is part of the H2Global mechanism, an instrument for competition-based support of the market ramp-up of renewable hydrogen.

Identificatiecode van de procedure: 9f60be58-79be-4a54-91d7-9e5c44184adb

Interne identificatiecode: HINT-2025-0005

Type procedure: Onderhandelingsprocedure met voorafgaande oproep tot mededinging / mededingingsprocedure met onderhandeling

De procedure wordt versneld: neen

2.1.1. Doel

Aard van het contract: Leveringen

Belangrijkste classificatie (cpv): 24111600 Waterstof

2.1.2. Plaats van uitvoering

Overall in de Europese Economische Ruimte

2.1.3. Waarde

Geraamde waarde exclusief btw: 597 949 995,00 EUR

2.1.4. Algemene informatie

Aanvullende informatie: - BT-105: Type of procedure: Hintco notes that it is not a contracting authority within the meaning of Sections 98 et seq. of the German Act Against Restraints of Competition (Gesetz gegen Wettbewerbsbeschränkungen, GWB) and therefore the scope of application laid down in Part 4 GWB and the German Regulation on the Award of Public Contracts (Verordnung über die Vergabe öffentlicher Aufträge, VgV) is not applicable. The auction procedure is oriented to the provisions laid down in Part 4 GWB and the VgV to award an HPA. Especially, Hintco strictly follows the principles of non-discrimination and transparency to ensure the highest possible level of competition. However, Hintco exercises its right to freely structure the auction procedure and makes decisions that deviate from Part 4 GWB and the VgV. === - BT-50: Minimum number of applicants to be invited to the second

phase of the procedure: This contract notice refers to a minimum of three (3) candidates for the second phase, due to technical constraints (schematron validation). Otherwise, it would not have been possible to publish the contract notice. However, the auction procedure will proceed even if only one (1) candidate is deemed eligible. Therefore, the minimum number of candidates for the second phase of the procedure is one candidate. === - BT-54: Extensions and options: After consultation with the funding authority, Hintco might purchase optional delivery quantities using proceeds from the Hydrogen Sale Auctions. However, this decision is expressly subject to the funding authority's discretion. === - BT-27: Estimated Value (without VAT): As addressed in the auction documents (see Section 2 'Performance Specifications') as well as the TED-Notice (Notice-Number: 619904-2025; OJ S 182/2025 23/09/2025), the available budget of for the Global Lot (EUR 597.95 million), consisting of the share provided by the Netherlands as well as the German share, are subject to a shift. Regarding the German funds, the parliamentary processes for the German federal budget laws for the years 2025 as well as 2026 were concluded in 2025. Among other things, they include additional budget as well as a shift of funds available from 2032 onwards (four-year deferral from 2028 to 2032), while preserving an overall HPA-length of 10 years. The European Commission has already given its approval, and the Grant Decision is currently being revised. Although financial resources provided by the Netherlands are currently unaffected, a formal process has been initiated to shift also the Dutch funds from 2028 to 2031 onwards (three-year deferral). The European Commission has already given its approval. This process is expected to be finalised in April 2026. Such a budgetary shift is common budget practice in the Netherlands; however, like any budgetary shift, remains subject to parliamentary approval. Additional or modified funding does not automatically translate into availability for the Global Lot. Hintco reserves sole discretion to determine how any new or changed funding is integrated into the Global Lot auction procedure. === - Anonymised Market Data: Information from the Request to Participate or bid may be published as aggregated, anonymised market data. === - BT-821 Eligibility Criteria: Eligibility is assessed on the basis of the eligibility criteria listed below. If the minimum requirements of the eligibility criteria are not met, this will result in the mandatory exclusion. Minimum requirements are explicitly labeled as such. They include: Qualification and Authorisation to Pursue the Professional Activity, Economic and Financial Capacity, Technical and Professional Ability & Electric Input Capacity of at least 5 MW. === - BT-540: Description Award Criteria: For reasons of transparency, it is expressly stated that the respective sum and scoring formula for the award criteria 1 and 2, as it is stipulated in the auction documents cannot be displayed due to technical limitations of the contract notice system (summation operator, fraction). Therefore, a logically and mathematically equivalent version has been displayed in this contract notice to present it. === - BT-769: Surcharge on the first offer: Candidates may participate under certain conditions with multiple projects and therefore submit multiple requests to participate (see Section 1 lit. d Conditions of Participation). === - BT-727: Place of performance: In contrast to BT-727 (Place of performance), delivery has to take place in either Germany or the Netherlands. This cannot be displayed due to technical constraints. === BT 24: Description of the tender: Due to a technical character restriction, the following text is displayed here. The bidder is required to include the Price and Quantity Sheet with the bid, indicating the quantities and prices offered. The Price and Quantity Sheet differentiates between deliveries to Germany and to the Netherlands. The bidder may offer different quantities for Germany and the Netherlands. For each country of delivery, a separate HPA will be concluded with the Seller. Please note that the current Price and Quantity Sheet is a preliminary version. An updated version of the Price and Quantity Sheet may be required, especially in light of changes of the funding framework (see Section 2 'Performance Specifications'). The final version of the Price and Quantity Sheet will be provided alongside the final version of the HPA once the negotiation process is

complete. === BT 24: Description of the tender: Due to a technical character restriction, the following text is displayed here. Awarded bidders will be awarded two distinct HPAs from both the Netherlands (HPA NL) and Germany (HPA DE) with a maximum duration of 120 months each. With regard to the estimated duration of the HPA NL and the HPA DE it is clarified, that payments under the HPA to the awarded bidder of the Global Lot could therefore occur for more than ten years, while the duration of the individual HPAs (HPA NL and HPA DE) and thus the duration of payments from the Netherlands or Germany individually will be no more than ten years. === BT 536, 537: Duration of contract: For clarity, Hintco explains that the financial resources provided by the Netherlands will be available from 2031 onwards.

Rechtsgrondslag:

Richtlijn 2014/24/EU

vgv -

2.1.6. Gronden voor uitsluiting

Bronnen voor uitsluitingsgronden: Aankondiging, Aanbestedingsstuk

Met faillissement vergelijkbare toestand uit hoofde van nationale recht: All grounds for exclusion specified in the auction documents pursuant to Sections 123, 124 and 126 of the German Act against Restraints of Competition (GWB) apply. Candidates must declare that no grounds for exclusion apply.

Corruptie: see above

Deelname aan een criminele organisatie: see above

Vervalsing van de mededinging: see above

Niet-nakoming van verplichtingen op het gebied van milieurecht: see above

Witwassen van geld of financiering van terrorisme: see above

Fraude: see above

Kinderarbeid en andere vormen van mensenhandel: see above

Insolventie: see above

Niet-nakoming van verplichtingen op het gebied van arbeidsrecht: see above

Activa beheerd door vereffenaar: see above

Gaf valse verklaringen af, hield informatie achter, was niet in staat vereiste documenten te verstrekken of verkreeg vertrouwelijke informatie over deze procedure: see above

Belangenconflict als gevolg van deelneming aan de aanbestedingsprocedure: see above

Directe of indirecte betrokkenheid bij de voorbereiding van deze aanbestedingsprocedure: see above

Ernstige beroepsfout: see above

Voortijdige beëindiging, schadevergoeding of andere vergelijkbare sancties: see above

Niet-nakoming van verplichtingen op het gebied van sociaal recht: see above

Niet-nakoming van de verplichting tot betaling van socialezekerheidsbijdragen: see above

Staking van bedrijfsactiviteiten: see above

Niet-nakoming van de verplichting tot betaling van belastingen: see above

Terroristische misdrijven of strafbare feiten in verband met terroristische activiteiten: see above

Niet-nakoming van verplichtingen op grond van louter nationale uitsluitingsgronden: see above

5. Perceel

5.1. Perceel: LOT-0000

Titel: Auction Procedure for the Purchase of Hydrogen - Global Lot (GL)

Beschrijving: Hintco strictly adheres to the principles of non-discrimination and transparency in order to ensure a high level of competition during the auction. The auction procedure is designed to be vector-neutral. Producers can therefore supply RFNBO compliant hydrogen to

Hintco, regardless of the vector utilized. Hintco requires that the product is produced using renewable energy and in compliance with sustainability requirements as specified in the Performance Specifications and the Hydrogen Purchase Agreement, incl. its Annexes. In the Global Lot, Hintco will provide two HPAs: An HPA for deliveries to Germany (HPA DE) and an HPA for deliveries to the Netherlands (HPA NL). This approach is necessary to reflect (i) the distinct supply chains to the Netherlands and to Germany and (ii) the respective national regulatory frameworks and legal orders. The HPAs are beyond that identical in wording. For reasons of clarity Hintco provides a synopsis of the HPA DE and the HPA NL. The auction process will be carried out as follows: === First of all, Hintco will assess the eligibility of the candidates with regard to the subject of the auction. Interested companies must therefore submit a request to participate. === This request to participate is assessed by Hintco in two stages: first for a complete submission on time and in the correct form, then for eligibility based on defined criteria. Candidates meeting all minimum requirements will be invited to a negotiation phase (see Section 4 Conditions of Participation). === Hintco will then invite all candidates who have submitted an eligible request to participate to a nondiscriminatory negotiation process that will take place before the submission of a bid (see Section 2 Conditions of the Bidding Phase). === All bidders receive the same draft HPA synopsis as the basis for negotiation proposals. Negotiations aim to create a single set of HPA contract terms for the global lot, allowing for competitive bids. All bidders receive the same draft HPA synopsis, but the grey-highlighted contract sections are generally excluded from negotiations (deemed non-negotiable). This limit is mainly due to regulation, state aid rules, and Hintco's operational setup. Exceptions may be considered in justified cases. After negotiations end, bidders have at least 8 weeks to prepare and submit their bids. The dead-line for the submission of bids will not be before. === Only bids meeting all formal and substantive requirements will be admitted. This requires a final and binding bid in due form and time, a completed Price and Quantity Sheet, an updated project description, a self-assessment of RFNBO certification-readiness, a calculation of the greenhouse gas emissions and a sufficient probability that the bidder will fulfil the contractual obligations (see Section 4 lit. a Conditions of the Bidding Phase). === A price cap of €353/MWh applies. Any bid exceeding this cap in any contract year will not qualify for the auction (see Section 4 lit. b Conditions of the Bidding Phase). === The award criteria for the bids will consist of 90 % volume weighted average price and 10 % maximum optional delivery quantity (see Section 4 lit. d Conditions of the Bidding Phase). === The best bidder of each lot will be subject to an extended validation. As part of the extended validation, the best bidder of each lot according to the award criteria will be requested to provide a proof of a market-conform return on equity of the project, a proof of a successful RFNBO pre-certification through one of the recognised Voluntary Schemes and, if applicable, a bid bond (see Section 5 Conditions for the Bidding Phase). === This lot only includes production in the following countries or territories: Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Kosovo, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Vatican City (Holy See), Algeria, Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Afghanistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei,

Cambodia, China, Georgia, Hong Kong (SAR), India, Indonesia, Iraq, Israel, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Lebanon, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Oman, Pakistan, Palestinian Territories, Philippines, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Syria, Taiwan, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Turkmenistan, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan, Vietnam, Yemen, Argentina, Australia, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cook Islands, Ecuador, Fiji, Guyana, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, New Zealand, Tonga, Tuvalu, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Suriname, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Canada, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, United States of America.

Interne identificatiecode: LOT-0000

5.1.1. Doel

Aard van het contract: Leveringen

Belangrijkste classificatie (cpv): 24111600 Waterstof

Opties:

Beschrijving van de opties: Optional Contract Quantity

5.1.3. Geraamde duur

Begindatum: 01/01/2032

Einddatum van de duur: 31/12/2041

5.1.5. Waarde

Geraamde waarde exclusief btw: 567 949 995,00 EUR

5.1.6. Algemene informatie

Voorbehouden deelname:

Deelname is niet voorbehouden.

De namen en beroepskwalificaties van het voor de uitvoering van de opdracht ingezette personeel moeten worden vermeld: Niet vereist

Aanbestedingsproject dat niet uit EU-fondsen wordt gefinancierd

De aanbesteding valt onder de Overeenkomst inzake overheidsopdrachten (GPA): neen

Deze aanbesteding is ook geschikt voor kleine en middelgrote ondernemingen (kmo's): neen

Informatie over eerdere aankondigingen:

Identificatiecode van de eerdere aankondiging: 116322-2025

Aanvullende informatie: Support for technical aspects of the procedure can be found, by studying the Operating Instructions for the Tender Platform and the Tender application.

Candidates can also engage Hintcos Service Provider PTG Consulting AG for technical support via support@ptgconsulting.de

5.1.7. Strategische aanbestedingen

Doel van strategische aanbestedingen: Geen strategische aanbesteding

5.1.9. Selectiecriteria

Bronnen van selectiecriteria: Aankondiging

Criterium: Inschrijving in een handelsregister

Beschrijving van het selectie criterium: Qualification and Authorisation to Pursue the

Professional Activity: Qualification and Authorisation to Pursue the Professional Activity shall first be met by providing a Registration in the Professional or Trade Register and a declaration of the absence of grounds for exclusion pursuant to 123 and 124 GWB. Proof of registration in

the professional or trade register in accordance with the legal provisions of the State in which the candidate is established. In the event of non-registration: Proof of authorised professional activity by other means or a self-declaration as to why proof cannot be provided. The proof must not be older than 12 months at the time of the deadline for submitting requests to participate. In the case of a consortium of candidates, proof must be provided individually for each member of the consortium. The candidates shall submit a self-declaration on the grounds for exclusion pursuant to Sections 123, 124 of the German Act Against Restraints of Competition (Gesetz gegen Wettbewerbsbeschränkungen, GWB). The self-declaration is part of the 'Request to Participate'. In the event of failure to submit the self-declaration (i.e. the existence of a ground for exclusion), the following must be set out in a document prepared by the candidate (self-declaration to be prepared by the candidate): - the circumstances leading to the existence of the grounds for exclusion pursuant to Sections 123, 124 GWB (type of misconduct, time of the misconduct and the damage caused by the misconduct) - remedial actions taken in accordance with Section 126 GWB In addition, the candidate must provide a declaration that there are no additional grounds for exclusion beyond the misconduct outlined. In the case of a consortium of candidates, the self-declaration must be provided by the authorised representative of the consortium, stating that none of the consortium members have compulsory or discretionary grounds for exclusion. === Self-Declaration on EU-Sanctions against Russia: The candidate does not belong to the persons or companies referred to in Article 5(k)(1) of Council Regulation (EU) 833/2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine, as amended by Article 1 no. 23 of Council Regulation (EU) 2022/576 of 8 April 2022, Art. 1 no. 12 of Council Regulation (EU) 2022/879 of 3 June 2022 and Art. 1 no. 15 of Council Regulation (EU) 2022/1269 of 21 July 2022 which have a connection to Russia within the meaning of the provision, a) through the candidate's/consortium member's Russian nationality or the candidate's/consortium member's establishment in Russia, b) through the involvement of a natural person or an undertaking to whom one of the criteria under point (a) applies, in the candidate/consortium member by owning an indirect or direct proprietary right amounting to more than 50%, c) through the candidate/consortium member acting on behalf of or at the direction of persons or undertakings to whom the criteria in points (a) and/or (b) apply. 2. The undertakings involved in the contract as subcontractors, suppliers or companies whose capacities are utilised in connection with providing the proof of eligibility, and which account for more than 10% of the contract value, also do not belong to the group of persons mentioned in the Regulation who have a connection to Russia within the meaning of the provision. 3. It is confirmed and guaranteed that, even during the contracting term, no subcontractors, suppliers or companies whose capacities are utilised in connection with providing the proof of eligibility, and on which more than 10% of the contract value depends, will be engaged. === Self-Declaration on General Funding Requirements: The H2Global mechanism is based on a subsidy granted by the German Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Action ('Zuwendungsbescheid H2Global', engl.: 'Grant Decision'). Therefore, neither the individual candidate nor, if applicable, any member of the consortium of candidates must have any legal or factual circumstances that contradict the general funding requirements of the Grant Decision. The candidate declares, that, without the funding from the H2Global mechanism, the construction of the production facility(ies) for the manufacturing of hydrogen and the derivatives covered by the contract as well as their operation during the term of the contract, would not be realised, - that neither the candidate nor, if applicable, a member of the consortium of candidates is an 'undertaking in difficulty' within the meaning of point 20 of the Guidelines on State aid for rescuing and restructuring non-financial undertakings in difficulty (OJ. EU 2014/C 249/01) and Article 2 no. 18 of the General Block Exemption Regulation (Regulation (EU) No 651/2014), - that the candidate will immediately inform Hintco, if the

candidate or, if applicable, a member of the consortium of candidates, files an application to the court for a declaration of bankruptcy, - that neither the candidate nor, if applicable, a member of the consortium of candidates is subject to any recovery order resulting from an earlier decision by the European Commission establishing the unlawfulness of aid and its incompatibility with the internal market, which has not been fully complied with within the required timeframe, - that the project will not receive any other state aid from the EU or third countries to cover the same costs that will be funded by the H2Global mechanism. - that neither the candidate nor, if applicable, a member of the consortium of candidates has taken the final investment decision for the project before submitting the request to participate. === Self-Declaration on the Anonymised Publication of Project Information The candidate consents to the publication by Hintco and the H2Global Foundation of the information from my 'Request to Participate' and my bid as aggregated and anonymised market data.

De criteria zullen worden gebruikt om de gegadigden te selecteren die voor de tweede fase van de procedure zullen worden uitgenodigd

Criterium: Andere economische of financiële eisen

Beschrijving van het selectiecriterium: Rating: The candidate shall submit a selfdeclaration regarding an existing rating using the designated fields in the 'Request to Participate'. The rating must be from one of the following rating agencies: - Creditreform - Moody's - Standard & Poor's - Fitch === - Candidates may provide the rating of another rating agency. In this case, the candidate must demonstrate that the rating meets the requirements of one of the ratings listed above. - At Hintco's request, the candidate or in the case of a consortium of candidates, the authorised representative of the consortium, shall provide a document of the rating agency that proves the rating. - In the case of a consortium of candidates, only one individual member who is liable for the consortium is required to submit proof of the corresponding rating. - Under additional requirements the rating can be provided by a third part company that is neither the candidate nor the member of the consortium of candidates (see Section 3 lit. h of the 'Conditions of Participation').

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Criterium: Financiële ratio

Beschrijving van het selectiecriterium: Equity Ratio and Turnover: The candidate shall submit a selfdeclaration of its equity ratio and its turnover for the last three audited financial years in accordance with the accounting regulations applicable to the candidate. Candidates who have not yet been active for three audited financial years are required to submit a selfdeclaration for the period since their establishment. Please note: At Hintco's request, the candidate or in the case of a consortium of candidates, the authorised representative of the consortium, shall provide proof through confirmation by an auditor, sworn auditor, tax consultant, tax agent, specialist lawyer for tax law, an auditing firm, accounting firm or professional practice under the StBerG (Tax Advisory Act) or a credit institution that the following information is accurate. In the case of consortia of candidates, only one individual member who is liable for the consortium is required to submit proof of the corresponding equity ratio. Under additional requirements the rating can be provided by a third party company that is neither the candidate nor the member of the consortium of candidates (see Section 3 lit. h of the 'Conditions of Participation').

De criteria zullen worden gebruikt om de gegadigden te selecteren die voor de tweede fase van de procedure zullen worden uitgenodigd

Criterium: Andere economische of financiële eisen

Beschrijving van het selectiecriteria: Bid Bond and Contract Fees: The candidates should indicate in the 'Request to Participate' whether they wish to submit a bid bond. If this is the case, the candidates shall submit a bid bond during extended validation (see Section 5 lit. c of the 'Conditions for the Bidding Phase'). The bid bond does not have to be submitted with the request to participate or with the bid. Hintco will provide a Form for the bid bond during the auction procedure. The Form for the bid bond must be used to submit the bid bond during extended validation. It contains the following terms and conditions: Hintco shall be the beneficiary of the bid bond. The bid bond shall be in the form of either a German-law-governed demand bank guarantee or an English or New York-law-governed standby letter of credit, each issued by a bank with a rating of at least a BBB+ rating by S&P, a Baa1 rating by Moody's or an equivalent rating from an internationally recognised rating agency to secure the due performance of the obligation of the (prospective) seller to pay the initial service fee in full according to Section 13 of the HPA. The initial service fee (pursuant to Sect. 13.2.1 of the HPA) is to be specified based on the contract volume offered by the bidder. For each lot, the fee for all awarded bids shall amount to a minimum of 1.25% of the auction volume. In the case of consortia of candidates, only one individual member who is liable for the consortium is required to submit a bid bond. In the event of an award, the contract fees shall be charged in consideration of the fact that Hintco takes economic risks that go beyond the role Hintco would have as a mere buyer of the product from the (prospective) seller and which also benefit the (prospective) seller. In particular, Hintco acts as an intermediary between the (prospective) seller and HSA customers to ensure the proper functioning of the H2Global Mechanism, which is a prerequisite for the (prospective) seller to sell and deliver products under the HPA. De criteria zullen worden gebruikt om de gegadigden te selecteren die voor de tweede fase van de procedure zullen worden uitgenodigd

Criterium: Andere economische of financiële eisen

Beschrijving van het selectiecriteria: Minimum Requirements & General Remarks: Minimum Requirements: One of the following three minimum requirements must be met: (1) A rating of 'good creditworthiness' or higher: The candidate's rating must be at least 'good creditworthiness'. The following ratings in particular are considered 'good creditworthiness': - Rating lower than 250 from the rating agency Creditreform, - Rating Ba2 or higher from the rating agency Moody's, - Rating BB or higher from the rating agency Standard & Poor's, - Rating BB or higher from the rating agency Fitch. Candidates may provide the rating of another rating agency. In this case, the candidate must demonstrate that the rating meets the requirements of one of the ratings listed above. In the case of a consortium of candidates, at least one individual member who is liable for the consortium must have a rating of 'good creditworthiness'. (2) Equity ratio of at least 20 percent and turnover of 20 million EUR: Within the last three audited financial years, the equity ratio has not been below 20 percent and the turnover has not been below 20 million EUR. Candidates who have been active for less than three audited financial years cannot meet this minimum requirement. In the case of consortia of candidates, at least one individual member who is liable for the consortium must not have fallen below the equity ratio of 20% and the turnover of 20 million EUR within the last three audited financial years. (3) Bid Bond The candidate commits to submit a bid bond during extended validation. The Form 'Bid Bond' will be used to submit the bid bond during extended validation. In the case of consortia of candidates, only one individual member who is liable for the consortium is required commit to submit the Form 'Bid Bond'. === General Remarks: Candidates or consortia of candidates may, in principle, rely on third party companies to meet the minimum requirements. However, this does not apply for the submission of a bid bond (see Section 3 lit. h of the 'Conditions of Participation'). Candidates or consortia of candidates who do not meet at least one of the three aforementioned minimum requirements (a rating of

'good creditworthiness' or higher, an equity ratio of at least 20 percent and turnover of 20 million EUR, or the commitment to a bid bond) will be excluded from the further auction procedure.

De criteria zullen worden gebruikt om de gegadigden te selecteren die voor de tweede fase van de procedure zullen worden uitgenodigd

Criterion: Monsters, beschrijvingen of foto's zonder certificering van echtheid

Beschrijving van het selectiecriteria: Requirements for the Project Description: The candidate is considered technically and professionally capable if they are assumed to have the necessary expertise and experience to fulfil the HPA and if the candidate meets the minimum requirements. The candidate shall submit, as part of the 'Request to Participate', a project description consisting of the documents 'Project Description - Factsheet' and 'Project Description - Concept'. The project description will be assessed during the call for competition and shall demonstrate the know-how and resources of the candidate, existing and information, whereby the candidate is free to involve subcontractors. Do note the information provided in the introductory sheet of the document 'Project Description - Factsheet' regarding plan data and estimates for the project description. The project description may be updated during the bidding phase. Before an HPA is awarded, the updated project description will be reviewed again. In this respect, reference is made to Section 3 of the 'Conditions for the Bidding Phase'. Note, that at this phase it is not yet required to complete the documents 'Project Description - Factsheet' and 'Project Description - Concept' in full and in every detail. The fields that are marked 'with bid only' are not required for the request to participate. Also, the candidates can limit their project description for the project description to information that is currently available and can, where necessary, give estimates and plans. To determine the technical and professional ability of the candidates, Hintco assesses the concretisation of the project and the level of detail of the information provided by the candidate. Furthermore, the plausibility of the explanations, in the sense of a consistent, comprehensible presentation of the project based on realistic information, will be considered. Hintco will make an overall assessment whether it appears predominantly probable ('prognosis') that the candidate has the technical and professional ability to prepare an admissible bid in due time and, later, to perform the services according to the HPA and the Performance Specifications. A positive prognosis is a minimum requirement. The entire value chain is analysed, whereby each individual stage must be assessed positively. The individual stages of the project description are: - Power generation - Hydrogen production - Production of ammonia or methanol (if applicable) - Additional feedstock next to hydrogen for ammonia or methanol production (if applicable) - Transport and Delivery Concept A positive prognosis cannot be granted, if the candidate does not demonstrate in a concrete and plausible way, how the resources and the know-how necessary for each stage of the value chain of the product mentioned above will be provided. The candidate does not have to fulfil this prerequisite on its own and may rely on subcontractors. However, a 'Declaration of Liability' or other supplemental documents are not necessary. A plausible and concrete concept is sufficient to that extent. In the case of a consortium of candidates, the minimum requirement must be met by the members of the consortium as a whole.

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Criterion: Monsters, beschrijvingen of foto's zonder certificering van echtheid

Beschrijving van het selectiecriteria: Electric Input Capacity of at least 5 MW: Only electrolysis projects of at least 5 MW rated electrical input capacity may be considered. This minimum requirement aims to strike a balance between allowing smaller projects to

participate, whilst reducing the administrative efforts related to processing a large number of small projects.

De criteria zullen worden gebruikt om de gegadigden te selecteren die voor de tweede fase van de procedure zullen worden uitgenodigd

Informatie over de tweede fase van een procedure in twee fasen:

Minimumaantal gegadigden dat voor de tweede fase van de procedure moet worden uitgenodigd: 3

De procedure verloopt in opeenvolgende fasen. In elke fase kunnen deelnemers afvallen

De koper behoudt zich het recht voor de opdracht zonder verdere onderhandelingen te gunnen op basis van de oorspronkelijke inschrijvingen

5.1.10. Gunningscriteria

Criterium:

Type: Prijs

Naam: Preis

Beschrijving: Award Criterion 1: Volume-weighted Price (EUR per MWh) --- The volume-weighted average price (EUR per MWh) is to be evaluated on the basis of the contract prices and the respective minimum contract quantity stated in the 'Price and Quantity Sheet' for all contract years (entire contract term) as a combined value for the deliveries to Germany and to the Netherlands. --- Step 1: Determination of the volume-weighted average price The volume-weighted average price (P) is to be calculated as follows and will be commercially rounded off to two decimal places: $P = \text{Sum}(C_i \times M_i) / \text{Sum}(M_i)$ --- Where: - C_i = Contract price in EUR per MWh for the respective year i and country of delivery according to the 'Price and Quantity Sheet' - M_i = Minimum supply quantity for the respective year i and country of delivery according to the Price and Quantity Sheet - i = Delivery years starting from the second delivery year, unless the contract price of the first (non-firm) year of delivery is above the volume-weighted average price of the remaining years. In that case, the first year of delivery will be part of the calculation as well. --- Step 2: Scoring Bids can score a maximum of 90 points. The bid with the lowest volume-weighted average price (EUR per MWh) will receive 90 points (maximum score). The points of the other bids are calculated according to the following formula (commercially rounded to two decimal places): --- Score for Award Criterion 1 = $P_{\text{best}} / P \times 90$ Where: - P_{best} = Lowest volume-weighted average price among the admissible bids that are compliant with the price cap - P = Offered volume-weighted average price according to the Price and Quantity Sheet === Award Criterion 2: Optional Contract Quantity Ratio: --- The optional contract quantity relative to the minimum contract quantity according to the 'Price and Quantity Sheet' (both cumulated over the entire contract term) is evaluated as a combined value for the deliveries to Germany and to the Netherlands. --- Step 1: Determination of relative optional delivery quantity --- The optional contract quantity ratio (Q) is to be calculated as follows and will be commercially rounded off to 2 decimal spaces: $Q_i = \text{Optional contract quantity (in batches) for the respective year i and country of delivery according to the 'Price and Quantity Sheet'}$ M_i = Minimum contract quantity (in batches) for the respective year i and country of delivery according to the 'Price and Quantity Sheet' i = Delivery years starting from second delivery year $Q = \text{Sum}(Q_i) / \text{Sum}(M_i)$ --- Step 2: Scoring Bids can score a maximum of 10 points. The bid with the largest optional contract quantity ratio will receive 10 points (maximum score). The points for the other bids are calculated according to the following formula (commercially rounded to 2 decimal places): Score award criterion 2 = $(Q / Q_{\text{max}}) \times 10$ Q_{max} = largest optional contract quantity ratio among the admissible bids Q = offered optional contract quantity ratio === Total Score The following formula is used to determine the total score as a combined value for the deliveries to Germany and to the Netherlands: Total score = Score award criterion 1 + Score award criterion 2 --- The bidder with the highest total

score is deemed to be the best bidder. If two or more bids achieve the same total score, the best bidder will be deemed to be the bidder who has offered the lower volume-weighted price. If there is still a tie between several bidders despite these criteria, the best bidder will be determined amongst those bidders by drawing lots. The best bidder of each lot will be subject to extended validation in accordance with Section 5 'Conditions of the Bidding Phase'.

Categorie van het gunningscriterium gewicht: Gewicht (percentage, exact)

Gunningscriterium numerieke waarde: 100

5.1.11. Aanbestedingsstukken

Talen waarin de aanbestedingsstukken officieel beschikbaar zijn: Engels

Adres van de aanbestedingsstukken: https://tender-portal.com/NetServer/TenderingProcedureDetails?function=_Details&TenderOID=54321-Tender-198e03a8642-9a21de784ca44f0

5.1.12. Voorwaarden van de aanbesteding

Voorwaarden voor indiening:

Elektronische indiening: Toegestaan

Adres voor indiening: https://tender-portal.com/NetServer/TenderingProcedureDetails?function=_Details&TenderOID=54321-Tender-198e03a8642-9a21de784ca44f0

Talen waarin inschrijvingen of verzoeken tot deelname kunnen worden ingediend: Engels, Duits

Elektronische catalogus: Niet toegestaan

Varianten: Niet toegestaan

Inschrijvers mogen meer dan één inschrijving indienen: Toegestaan

Uiterste datum voor de ontvangst van verzoeken tot deelname: 07/04/2026 18:00:00 (UTC+02:00) Oost-Europese tijd, Midden-Europese zomertijd

Informatie die na het verstrijken van de indieningstermijn kan worden aangevuld:

Voor zover de afnemer dit toestaat, kunnen alle ontbrekende documenten in verband met de inschrijver later worden ingediend.

Aanvullende informatie: Candidates and bidders are required to provide Hintco with all additional information necessary. Hintco reserves the right to exclude candidates from the auction procedure who do not comply with a request for clarification, do not comply with the request in time or do not comply with it in full.

Voorwaarden van het contract:

De uitvoering van de opdracht moet plaatsvinden binnen het kader van programma's voor maatwerkbedrijven: Neen

Voorwaarden met betrekking tot de uitvoering van de opdracht: The supplier must produce, transport, and deliver the product in compliance with the HPA awarded. Performance must meet the technical product specifications, RFNBO conformity, sustainability requirements, and human rights and environmental standards as set out in the respective annexes of the HPA. After the HPA is signed, verification follows based on these annexes. An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and a Social Impact Assessment (SIA) are mandatory. Their implementation must follow the procedure laid out in the HPA.

Elektronische facturering: Toegestaan

Er zal worden gebruikgemaakt van elektronische orderplaatsing: ja

Er zal worden gebruikgemaakt van elektronische betaling: ja

5.1.15. Technieken

Raamovereenkomst:

Geen raamovereenkomst

Informatie over het dynamische aankoopstelsel:

5.1.16. Nadere inlichtingen, bemiddeling en evaluatie

Organisatie voor beroepsprocedures: Vergabekammern des Bundes

Informatie over de termijnen voor beroep: With regard to the filing of legal remedies (Rechtsbehelfen), please note the following information: Hintco is not a contracting authority within the meaning of Sections 98 et seq. of the German Act Against Restraints of Competition (Gesetz gegen Wettbewerbsbeschränkungen, GWB) and therefore the scope of application laid down in Part 4 GWB and the German Regulation on the Award of Public Contracts (Verordnung über die Vergabe öffentlicher Aufträge, VgV) is not applicable. Only if the objective of a legal remedy is directed towards the applicability of the Part 4 GWB and the German Regulation on the Award of Public Contracts (Verordnung über die Vergabe öffentlicher Aufträge, VgV) legal recourse to the procurement review bodies under Sections 160 et seq. GWB could be initiated. The information on the procurement review body and the following provisions laid down in Section 160 Section 3 GWB are provided as a purely precautionary measure in the event that these provisions are declared applicable in a legal dispute. Section 160 (3) GWB reads: The application is inadmissible if 1. the applicant became aware of the claimed violation of public procurement provisions before filing the application for review, but did not complain to the contracting authority within a time limit of 10 calendar days; the expiry of the time limit under Section 134(2) remains unaffected, 2. violations of public procurement provisions which become apparent from the tender notice are not notified to the contracting authority by the end of the time limit for the application or the submission of a tender specified in the notice, 3. violations of public procurement provisions which only become apparent from the procurement documents are not notified to the contracting authority by the end of the time limit for the application or the submission of a tender specified in the notice, 4. more than 15 calendar days have expired since receipt of notification from the contracting entity that it is unwilling to redress the objection. shall not apply to an application under Section The latter sentence shall no apply to an application under Section 135(1) no 2 to have the contract declared ineffective. Section 134(1) sentence 2 shall remain unaffected. Organisatie die nadere inlichtingen over de aanbestedingsprocedure verstrekt: PTG Consulting AG in the role of procurement service provider Organisatie die verzoeken tot deelname ontvangt: Hintco NG GmbH

8. Organisaties

8.1. ORG-7001

Officiële naam: Hintco NG GmbH

Registratienummer: HRB 189129 (AG Hamburg)

Postadres: Trostbrücke 1

Stad: Hamburg

Postcode: 20457

Onderverdeling land (NUTS): Hamburg (DE600)

Land: Duitsland

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E-mail: info@hintco.eu

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Internetadres: <https://www.hintco.eu/>

Rollen van deze organisatie:

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Organisatie die verzoeken tot deelname ontvangt

8.1. ORG-7003

Officiële naam: PTG Consulting AG in the role of procurement service provider

Registratienummer: HRB 11808 (AG Würzburg)

Postadres: Mergentheimer Straße 76a

Stad: Würzburg

Postcode: 97082

Onderverdeling land (NUTS): Würzburg, Kreisfreie Stadt (DE263)

Land: Duitsland

E-mail: support@ptgconsulting.de

Internetadres: <https://ptgconsulting.de/>

Rollen van deze organisatie:

Organisatie die nadere inlichtingen over de aanbestedingsprocedure verstrekt

8.1. ORG-7004

Officiële naam: Vergabekammern des Bundes

Registratienummer: t:022894990

Postadres: Kaiser-Friedrich-Straße 16

Stad: Bonn

Postcode: 53123

Onderverdeling land (NUTS): Bonn, Kreisfreie Stadt (DEA22)

Land: Duitsland

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Internetadres: https://www.bundeskartellamt.de/DE/Aufgaben/Vergaberecht/vergaberecht_node.html

Rollen van deze organisatie:

Organisatie voor beroepsprocedures

8.1. ORG-7005

Officiële naam: Datenservice Öffentlicher Einkauf (in Verantwortung des Beschaffungsamts des BMI)

Registratienummer: 0204:994-DOEVD-83

Stad: Bonn

Postcode: 53119

Onderverdeling land (NUTS): Bonn, Kreisfreie Stadt (DEA22)

Land: Duitsland

E-mail: noreply.esender_hub@bescha.bund.de

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Rollen van deze organisatie:

TED eSender

10. Wijziging van een aankondiging

Versie van de eerdere aankondiging die moet worden gewijzigd

:

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Voornaamste reden voor de wijziging

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Correctie platform voor bekendmaking

Beschrijving

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Hintco (Hintco NG GmbH) will adjust the deadline for receipt of Requests to Participate until 7 April 2026 18:00 CEST. As addressed in the auction documents (see Section 2 'Performance Specifications') as well as the TED-Notice (Notice-Number: 619904-2025; OJ S 182/2025 23 /09/2025), the available budget of for the Global Lot (EUR 597.95 million), consisting of the share provided by the Netherlands as well as the German share, are subject to a shift. Regarding the German funds, the parliamentary processes for the German federal budget laws for the years 2025 as well as 2026 were concluded in 2025. Among other things, they include additional budget as well as a shift of funds available from 2032 onwards (four-year deferral from 2028 to 2032), while preserving an overall HPA-length of 10 years. The European Commission has already given its approval, and the Grant Decision is currently being revised. Although financial resources provided by the Netherlands are currently unaffected, a formal process has been initiated to shift also the Dutch funds from 2028 to 2031 onwards (three-year deferral). The European Commission has already given its approval. This process is expected to be finalised in April 2026. Such a budgetary shift is common budget practice in the Netherlands; however, like any budgetary shift, remains subject to parliamentary approval. In any case, additional funding is not automatically associated with the availability of these funds for the Global Lot. It is at Hintco's discretion how to integrate the new or changed funding in the auction procedure for the Global Lot. Awarded bidders will be awarded two distinct HPAs from both the Netherlands (HPA NL) and Germany (HPA DE) with a maximum duration of 120 months each. With regard to the estimated duration of the HPA NL and the HPA DE it is clarified, that payments under the HPA to the awarded bidder of the Global Lot could therefore occur for more than ten years, while the duration of the individual HPAs (HPA NL and HPA DE) and thus the duration of payments from the Netherlands or Germany individually will be no more than ten years. This lot only includes production in the following countries or territories: Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Kosovo, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Vatican City (Holy See), Algeria, Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Afghanistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei, Cambodia, China, Georgia, Hong Kong (SAR), India, Indonesia, Iraq, Israel, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Lebanon, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Oman, Pakistan, Palestinian Territories, Philippines, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Syria, Taiwan, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Turkmenistan, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan, Vietnam, Yemen, Argentina, Australia, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cook Islands, Ecuador, Fiji, Guyana, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, New Zealand, Tonga, Tuvalu, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Suriname, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Canada, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador,

Grenada, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, United States of America.

10.1. Wijziging van een aankondiging

Identificatiecode afdeling: PROCEDURE

10.1. Wijziging van een aankondiging

Identificatiecode afdeling: LOT-0000

Informatie over een aankondiging

Identificatiecode/versie van de aankondiging: d5f6d36e-9596-45ac-9082-52405b268f67 - 01

Type formulier: Mededinging

Type aankondiging: Aankondiging van een opdracht of concessie – standaardregeling

Subtype aankondiging: 16

Verzenddatum van de aankondiging: 03/02/2026 10:26:46 (UTC+01:00) Midden-Europese tijd, West-Europese zomertijd

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