

TENDER DOCUMENT

Procurement pursuant to Part 1

for the procurement of

goods/services

Case no 20/01565

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1 GENERAL DESCRIPTION

1.1 *About the client*

NIBIO is owned by the Ministry of Agriculture and Food and is an administrative body with special powers and its own board. Its head office is in Ås and the institute has several regional offices throughout the country.

NIBIO is a project-organised institute with an extensive project portfolio and around 700 employees.

NIBIO's clients, customers and projects thereby fall into several categories:

- Research projects allocated, approved and funded by the Research Council of Norway
- Research projects allocated, approved and funded by the Ministry of Agriculture and Food
- Research projects allocated and funded through applications to other public bodies in Norway and abroad, including various EU programmes
- Research assignments won through participation in public competitive tender procedures (typical clients are county governors, county authorities and municipalities)
- Research assignments ordered by private enterprises, foundations and organisations

Any questions should be asked in writing via Mercell.

People other than the above-mentioned contact persons must not be contacted/communicated with in connection with this competitive tender.

1.2 *Description of the client's requirements*

The client's description of the delivery follows from Appendix 1 Specification of requirements.

1.3 *Part-tenders*

Tenders for parts of the assignment will not be accepted.

1.4 *Deadlines*

All deadlines are available in Mercell.

1.5 *Subcontractors*

The use of subcontractors in the assignment is permitted.

2 RULES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMPETITIVE TENDER PROCEDURE

2.1 Procurement procedure

This procurement process is carried out in accordance with the Public Procurement Act of 17 June 2016 and the Public Procurement Regulations FOR 2016-08-12-974 Part 1.

The client plans to award the contract without engaging in dialogue with the tenderers except for any minor clarifications/adjustments of the tenders. Negotiations may nonetheless take place if the client, after receiving the tenders, finds this expedient. In such case, the selection will be made following an assessment of the award criteria. It is emphasised that no tenderers can expect a dialogue about their tender and they must therefore submit their best offer.

There will not be any negotiations if the client, after receiving the tenders, does not find this expedient. Dialogue in the form of corrections/clarifications will take place if required.

Tenderers are strongly recommended to follow the instructions set out in this tender document with appendices, and to ask any questions they might have about unclear matters via Mercell.

2.2 Public disclosure and the duty of confidentiality

The Freedom of Information Act applies as regards public access to documents relating to public procurements. The client and its employees are obliged to prevent others from gaining access to or obtaining information about technical devices and procedures or operational and business matters that it is important to keep secret for reasons of competition, cf. the Public Procurement Regulations Sections 7-3 and 7-4 and the Public Administration Act Section 13.

2.3 Tender validity period

The tender must be valid until the date stipulated in Mercell.

3 AWARD CRITERIA

The contract will be awarded to the tender that has the best balance between price and quality, based on the following criteria, listed in order of priority:

Criterion	Documentation
The qualities of the equipment and terms and conditions of the	Contractors offer

Criterion	Documentation
delivery	
Price	Contractors offer

4 SUBMISSION AND STRUCTURE OF THE TENDER

4.1 *Submission of the tender*

The tender shall be submitted via Merccell.

4.2 *Structure of the tender*

The tender shall be submitted on the basis of the design indicated in the electronic system for submission.

The tender should be prepared on the basis of the following outline:

- Signed tender letter. (The attached template must be used)
- Specification of the tenderer's solution. The tenderer's solution to the client's requirement specifications with requested documentation, including a price offer.

The tenderer who wins the competitive tender must also submit a tax certificate.

5 APPENDICES

- Appendix 1 Specification of requirements
- Appendix 2 Contract and appendix
- Appendix 3 Template for tender letter