

**Request for Tenders (RFT) for the procurement of  
Agreement for access to ESG database and monitoring of portfolio**

**Tender procedure: Competitive procedure with negotiations  
(Part I and III of the Norwegian Public Procurement Regulation)**

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# 1 INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 About the Contracting Authority

The Council on Ethics for the Norwegian Government Pension Fund Global (The Council) is an independent body tasked with issuing recommendations to Norges Bank in accordance with the Guidelines for observation and exclusion from the Government Pension Fund Global (the Guidelines). Norges Bank makes decisions on the exclusion or observation of companies from the Government Pension Fund Global's (GPFG) portfolio based on the Council's recommendations. Norges Bank's decisions and the Council's recommendations are made public.

All communication in this procurement shall be through the e-procurement system, EU-supply, within the deadlines set out in section 1.5.

## 1.2 Introduction and background of the procurement, scope and value

The GPFG holds equities and fixed-income instruments issued by around 10 000 companies operating globally.<sup>1</sup> The requested services are intended to assist the Council on Ethics in identifying companies in the Fund's portfolio that contributes to or is responsible for serious violations of fundamental ethical norms.<sup>2</sup> The Guidelines may be adjusted, and new criteria may be added during the contract period.<sup>3</sup>

The Council on Ethics requires access to a database and a monitoring system of companies in the Fund's portfolio to identify companies that contributes to or are responsible for:

- a) serious or systematic human rights violations,
- b) serious violations of the rights of individuals in situations of war or conflict;
- c) severe environmental damage;
- d) acts or omissions that on an aggregate company level lead to unacceptable greenhouse gas emissions;
- e) gross corruption and other serious financial crime;
- f) other particularly serious violations of fundamental ethical norms.

The Service provider shall give the Council up to ten licenses to access the database. The Service provider's database shall give the Council access to historical and current ESG data on companies structured according to among other: date, issues, seriousness and credibility of the allegations.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.nbim.no/hr/report/?category=eq&sortby=country&filetype=xlsx&year=2020>

<sup>2</sup> <https://nettsteder.regjeringen.no/etikkradet3/files/2019/12/guidelines-for-observation-and-exclusion-from-the-gpfg-01.09.2019.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> It is expected that new criterion on project financing and financial crime will be added to the Guidelines.

The database should easily allow the Council to filter the data according to current portfolio and relevant criteria. It should also allow the Council to set up customized warnings on specific criterias and company/companies and export data as a report for further analyzes by the Council. If the database does not provide the users with the possibility of providing an export on allegations towards companies in the fund, the Service provider shall bi-monthly provide the Council with such a report. Further the database should identify the source of the allegation.

The Council on Ethics will use the Service provider's database and report as a basis for its own analysis of companies.

Please see annex 2 to the contract for a more detailed description of the services.

The value of the contract is estimated to NOK 1 250 000 excluding VAT per year, with a maximum value of NOK 5 000 000 excluding VAT during the entire contract length of maximum four years (2+1+1). The above estimated contract value is not binding for the Contracting Authority, and the contract is not exclusive.

### **1.3 Contract terms**

The Contracting Authority will enter into an agreement with one Service provider. The duration of the contract will be 2 years. The Contracting Authority reserves the right to extend the Term for a period or periods of up to 1 years with a maximum of 2 such extensions on the same terms and conditions.

As part of the Tender the Service providers may submit contract terms they deem necessary in order to enter into the contract with the Contracting Authority. Such contract terms must be set out in Annex 6 to the Contract.

The Contracting Authority reserves the right to negotiate the contract terms offered in the Tender.

The draft contract which form part of this RFT may also be subject to negotiations, within the boundaries of public procurement law. However, such negotiations shall not result in substantial modifications to the draft contract. Substantial modification means modifications that render the contract materially different in character from the one initially concluded.

Any reservation to the draft contract with annexes shall be described in the reservations template attached in Annex 7 to the draft contract. Please note that material reservations to the draft contractual terms may lead to rejection of the Tender.

### **1.4 Division of contracts into lots**

The procurement is not divided into lots, and it is not permitted to bid on parts of the contract.

### **1.5 Timescale**

The following tentative timescale shall apply to this procurement process:

Activity	Date / time
Publication of notice	15.06.2021
<b>Prequalification phase</b>	
Deadline for questions related to the request for participation	11.08.2021, 12:00 (CEST)
<b>Deadline for request for participation</b>	<b>18.08.2021, 12:00 (CEST)</b>
Evaluation of requests for participation Notification of the results of the qualification – invitation to submit tenders	Week 33-34
<b>Tender phase</b>	
Deadline for questions related to the tender	15.09.2021, 12:00 (CEST)
The obligatory task will be made available in KGV	20.09.2021, 12:00 (CEST)
<b>Tender Deadline</b>	<b>22.09.2021, 12:00 (CEST)</b>
Negotiations, if any	Week 39-40
<b>Final tender deadline</b>	<b>Week 41</b>
Evaluation	Week 42
Notification of award of contract	Week 43
Deadline for appeals (10 days standstill period)	Week 44-45
Signing of contract	Week 45
Tenders must remain valid until	<b>31.12.2021, 23:59 CET</b>

The timescale is tentative and may be subject to changes notified to the tenderers by the Contracting Authority in accordance with this RFT. A prolongation of the tenders' validity period may only take place following the tenderers' consent.

## 2 ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

### 2.1 Contract award procedure

This RFT is issued pursuant to the Norwegian Public Procurement Act of 17 June 2016 no. 73 and the Regulation on public procurement of 12 August 2016 no. 974 (the "Procurement Regulation"), Part III section 13-1(2), cf. section 13-2 letter c.

The contract will be awarded based on the tender procedure competitive procedure with negotiations cf. the Procurement Regulation section 23-7.

This competition starts with a qualification phase. During the qualification phase, all Service providers may submit a request for participation in the competition, upon which the Contracting Authority will consider whether the Service provider meets the requirements in section 5 below.

The Contracting Authority plans to invite three to six Service providers to submit tenders. If more than three to six qualified Service providers submit a request for participation in the competition, the Contracting Authority will select among these Service providers on the basis of the criteria in section 6. Only those Service providers who fulfil the selection criteria and, based on the criteria in section 6, have been invited to participate in the competition, will be given the opportunity to submit tenders.

Negotiations will take place after the tender deadline. However, the Contracting Authority reserves the right to award a contract without conducting negotiations, cf. the Procurement Regulation section 23-7 (5).

All aspects of the tender may be subject to negotiations. The negotiations can be carried out in several phases if the number of Tenders is sufficient in this regard. If the negotiations are carried out in several phases, the reduction of Tenders will be based on an evaluation of the Tenders under the award criteria (section 8). The first reduction of Tenders can take place prior to the negotiations, cf. the Procurement Regulation section 23-11 (4). It is thus important that the first tender is competitive with respect to the award criteria.

The Contracting Authority will conclude the negotiations by setting a final deadline for receipt of final Tenders from the remaining suppliers. Negotiations of the final tenders are not allowed.

The Contract is awarded to the Tender with the best price-quality ratio in accordance with the award criteria in section 8.

We strongly encourage Service providers to submit Tenders based on the instructions and guidelines provided in this RFT with appendices, and to address any questions or ambiguities to the Contracting Authority prior to the deadlines set out in section 1.5.

## **2.2 Rejection**

Pursuant to section 24-1 (1) and 24-2 (1) and (2) of the Procurement Regulation, the Contracting Authority may or shall reject a Service provider:

- when the request for participation is not delivered according to the requirements of delivery, c.f. section 3.3.
- when the Service provider does not fulfil the selection criteria
- when there is a conflict of interest that the Contracting Authority cannot remedy with less intervening measures,
- that participated in the preparation of the competition and has achieved an unfair competitive advantage that cannot be remedied with less intervening measures,
- when the Contracting Authority is aware that the Service provider has got a legally binding judgement or has accepted a fine for a criminal organisation, corruption, fraud, terrorist acts or criminal offenses related to terrorist activity, money laundering or terrorist financing, or child labour and other forms of trafficking.

Additionally, the Contracting Authority may reject Service providers for grounds that are listed in section 24-2 (3) of the Procurement Regulation, cf. Article 57 of Directive 2014/24/EU. Please also note that the Norwegian Procurement Regulation includes national rejections grounds that are listed in section 4.2 below.

With regard to the tender, the Contracting Authority shall, inter alia, reject Tenders that contain material deviations from the procurement documents, cf. section 24-8 (1) (b).

## **2.3 Communication**

In accordance with the Procurement Regulation section 22-1(1), the Contracting Authority uses an e-procurement system for this competition delivered by EU supply, <https://eu.eu-supply.com/>, and all communication shall proceed by means of this tool.

For technical support regarding this tender, please contact EU Supply's support phone + 47 23 96 00 10 (NO) or +44 3331554996 (EN) or e-mail [tendersupport@eu-supply.com](mailto:tendersupport@eu-supply.com). The support is free of charge.

Communication by other means than EU-Supply cannot be expected to be responded to. Questions that concern all the Service providers will be anonymised and disclosed to all Service providers together with the response.

All communication, including request for participation and tenders, shall be in English.

## **2.4 The structure of the tender documents**

The tender documents include the following documents:

- The Request for tender (RFT) (this document), with administrative terms and conditions, selection criteria and award criteria.
- Draft contract including annexes.  
Contract basis in this competition is "Council on Ethics Standard Contract" with adjustments and the following annexes:
  - Annex 1: Confidentiality obligation
  - Annex 2: The Clients description of the Services
  - Annex 3: The Consultant's specification of the Services
  - Annex 4: Budget and payment
  - Annex 5: Transfer details
  - Annex 6: The consultant's contract terms
  - Annex 7: Changes to the general contractual wording
  - Annex 8: Changes subsequent to the conclusion of the agreement
  - Annex 9: Guidelines for observation and exclusion from the government pension fund global
  - Annex 10: Tool for recognizing material non public information

Annex 3 and 4 shall be completed by the Tenderer. Annex 6 and 7 is optional for the Tenderer to complete.

## **2.5 Use of subcontractors**



Use of subcontractors is permitted. If subcontractors are used, the Contracting Authority requests that the following documentation be included in the tender:

- Name, address and registration number of the subcontractors.
- Specification of the part(s) of the assignment that will be carried out by the subcontractors.
- Declaration of commitment or other documentation that clearly states that the Supplier has at its disposal the necessary resources from the subcontractor.

If the Service provider plans to use a subcontractor or subcontractors and will rely on the expertise of this subcontractor to meet the selection criteria, the Service provider must submit a declaration of commitment or other documentation that clearly states that the Service provider has at its disposal the necessary resources from the subcontractor.

If a Service provider relies on the capacity of other enterprises in order to meet the selection criterias in section 5, the enterprises shall deliver separate self-declarations (ESPD). If two or more Service providers participate jointly in the competition, the participating Service providers shall deliver separate self-declarations (ESPD).

## **2.6 Updates of the tender documents**

The Contracting Authority reserves the right at any time before the Tender Deadline, to correct, supplement or amend the information contained in this document, insofar as the amendment is non-substantial, and/or to extend the Tender Deadline. Service providers who have registered their interest in this public procurement will be informed of any such amendment or extension through EU Supply.

## **2.7 Questions, clarifications and ambiguities**

All queries relating to any aspect of this Competition or of this RFT must be directed through the messaging facility on <https://eu.eu-supply.com/>. Queries will be accepted no later than the deadline stated in section 1.5. For the avoidance of doubt, Service providers may not contact the Contracting Authority directly regarding any aspect of this Competition.

All responses to queries will be issued by the Contracting Authority via the messaging facility on <https://eu.eu-supply.com/>. Where appropriate, queries may be combined. Service providers should note that the Contracting Authority will not respond to individual Service providers privately.

The Contracting Authority reserves the right to issue or seek written clarifications.

The Contracting Authority reserves the right at any time before the Tender Deadline, to update or amend the information contained in this document and/or to extend the Tender Deadline. Participating Service providers will be informed of any such amendment or extension through the EU-Supply website.

If a Service provider discovers flaws, deficiencies or ambiguities in the RFT, it is requested that the Service provider immediately contact the Contracting Authority by means of KGV. Service providers have a duty to submit the tender documentation and attachments to a thorough review, and are responsible for familiarising themselves with all factors that may affect provision of the service.

## **2.8 Confidentiality and access to information**

For the public's access to documents related to a public procurement, the Act relating to the right of access to documents held by public authorities and public undertakings (Freedom of Information Act) of 19 May 2006 no. 16 applies.

In case a request for access to information from a third party is made, the Contracting Authority will, after having heard the views of the tenderer, make an independent assessment of whether the information must be disclosed. Trade secrets are subject to statutory confidentiality

The Contracting Authority and its employees are obliged to prevent others from gaining access to or knowledge of information about technical facilities and procedures or operational and business matters which for competition reasons is important to keep secret in the interests of the person whom the information concerns, cf. section 13 of the Public Administration Act.

Pursuant to section 23 of the Freedom of Information Act, tenders are only exempt from public disclosure until the Supplier is chosen. In connection with a request for access, the Contracting Authority is thus obliged to give access to the tender, censored for business secrets. If the Service provider believes the tender contains conditions that fall under the duty of confidentiality, he shall therefore, in addition to an uncensored tender, deliver a censored version of the tender.

## **2.9 Costs**

Costs incurred by the Tenderer in connection with the preparation, delivery and follow-up of the request for participation and/or tender will not be refunded by the Contracting Authority.

## **2.10 Cancellation**

The Contracting Authority reserves the right to cancel the competition cf. the Procurement Regulation section 25-4.

# **3 REQUIREMENTS TO THE REQUEST FOR PARTICIPATION**

## **3.1 General**

A request for participation in the competition must be submitted through EU-supply, see section 2.3 above.

Among the Service providers who meet the requirements set for the Service providers participation in the competition cf. section 5, a selection will be made based on the fulfilment of the criteria set out in section 6.

## **3.2 Selection of Service provider**

The Contracting Authority plans to invite up to six Service providers to submit tenders. If more than up to six qualified Service providers submit a request for participation in the competition, the Contracting Authority will select among these Service providers on the basis of the criteria in section 6.

The Contracting authority will, as soon as possible, provide the Service providers who are rejected or not selected with a written notification of the selection. The message will contain a brief justification.

The Service providers who receives notice that their request for participation in the competition has been rejected must take out any request for temporary injunction within 15 days from the date of the notification, cf. Procurement regulations clause 20-7.

### **3.3 Submission of request for participation**

Request for participation must be submitted via EU-Supply and in accordance with the requirements set out there. Only requests submitted via EU-Supply within the deadline in section 1.5 will be accepted.

EU-Supply has enabled audit tracking and security for both the Service providers and the Contracting Authority.

The request must be signed with a digital certificate. The Service providers may use a personal digital certificate in order to confirm identity by submission, e.g. Norwegian BankID or BuyPass, alternatively certificate issued to the company, e.g. Commfides. All qualified digital certificates are supported. Please note that the certificate used by the submission must be valid.

In case digital certificate is missing: If the request is sent without a certificate, the Service provider must select "without certificate", print and sign the cover letter and send it through the messaging system found in EU-Supply after login within the submission deadline.

N.B.: Remember to print a new version if you submit a new request; each request has its own identification code.

If the Service provider is in need of guidance in submitting tenders by means of EU-Supply, the tenderer can contact EU Supply for help, free of charge as stated in section 2.3.

The Service provider is responsible for ensuring that the Contracting Authority receives the request for participation within the deadline.

### **3.4 Format of request for participation**

The request for participation must include the following:

1. Confirmation that the Service provider requests participation in the competition signed by a person with the authority to commit the Tenderer.
2. A completed self-declaration form (European Single Procurement Document (ESPD)).
3. Any separate documents (free-text) in reply to selection criteria 5.3 (technical and professional ability) and the criteria in section 6.
4. Declaration of commitment from other legal entities if applicable, cf. section 2.5 - Shall only be submitted if the Service provider relies on the capacity of other legal entities in order to meet the selection criteria. For any such legal entities, separate ESPDs must also be submitted.

## **4 EUROPEAN SINGLE PROCUREMENT DOCUMENT**

### **4.1 General**

Along with the request for participation, the Service providers must submit an electronic self-declaration form (ESPD). The ESPD will serve as a preliminary documentation for the Service provider's fulfilment of the selection criteria in section 5, and that no exclusion grounds apply to the Service provider.

Insofar as a Service provider relies on the resources of other entities in order to fulfil any of the selection criteria, the Service provider must ensure that each such entity completes and submits a separate ESPD and a declaration of commitment.

Upon request, the Service provider who is nominated for contract award must document the fulfilment of the selection criteria in accordance with the required documentation, prior to being awarded the contract.

Please note that the Contracting Authority may require documentation at any stage after the deadline for request for participation, and that Service provider that cannot document its fulfilment of all the selection criteria may be rejected, regardless of the preceding self-declaration.

### **4.2 National rejection grounds**

Please note that the Norwegian Procurement Regulation includes the following purely national exclusion grounds:

- Section 24-2 (2): The Contracting Authority shall reject a tenderer when he is aware that the tenderer has got a legally binding judgement or has accepted a fine for a criminal organisation, corruption, fraud, terrorist acts or criminal offenses related to terrorist activity, money laundering or terrorist financing, or child labour and other forms of trafficking.
- Section 24-2 (3) letter i: The Contracting Authority may reject a tenderer when he can substantiate that the tenderer has committed serious errors that may cause doubts as to his professional integrity.

## **5 SELECTION CRITERIA**

### **5.1 Documentation**

In order to be invited to submit tenders in the competition, the Service provider must complete the electronic self-declaration form (ESPD) as a preliminary documentation of the fulfilment of the requirements below.

Please note that the Service providers shall only provide the documentation in their prequalification application when explicitly stated below. Remaining documentation shall only be provided upon request from the Contracting Authority.

### **5.2 Statutory requirements**

ESPD Part III: Exclusion ground: "Grounds relating to the payment of taxes or social security contributions".

Requirement:	Documentation requirements
The tenderer must have paid all taxes and VAT in accordance with the legal provisions of the country in which it is established.	To be provided upon request: Norwegian companies: VAT certificate, not older than 6 months calculated from the tender deadline. Any discrepancies must be explained.

Norwegian Tenderers with unpaid tax/VAT obligations can be rejected. Exceptions may be in case the tenderer is in a legal dispute with the tax authorities regarding the obligations, provided that documentation regarding the dispute is submitted as part of the request for participation.

### 5.3 Technical and professional ability

ESPD document Part IV: Selection criteria, C: Technical and professional ability:

Requirement:	Documentation requirements
The Service provider shall demonstrate relevant experience from minimum three similar deliveries within the last 3 years. Similar Deliveries means equivalent assignments as described in Annex 2.	<p>To be provided in the ESPD or in a separate document (free-text):</p> <p>The Service Provider shall provide a list of similar assignments delivered during the last 3 years. Relevant assignments would be services of a similar nature, complexity and/or scope as requested in this tender document and in Annex 2 to the Contract.</p> <p>The descriptions must at least contain the following:  Type of customer, e.g. private company, NGO, public body. Name of customer if possible  Description of the delivery  The time of delivery  The value of the contract</p> <p>The Service provider is responsible for ensuring that the description is sufficient in order to document the fulfilment of the criterion.</p>

### 5.4 Support from other entities

The Service providers may rely on the resources of other entities in order to fulfil the selection criterion relating to technical and professional qualifications in section 5.3. If so, the Service Providers shall tick the check boxes in the ESPD form part II section C and submit separate ESPDs for each of the companies on which he relies. Such ESPDs shall contain the information requested in section A and B in part II and III, in addition to the information in part IV and V in so far as they are of relevance for the specific requirement(s) for which the tenderer relies on the other company.

Additionally, the Service providers shall document that the company is obliged to deliver the relevant resources to the Service provider by presenting a declaration of commitment or other documentation, clearly stating that the Service provider has at its disposal the necessary resources from the legal entity, signed by an authorised person of the undertaking, cf. section 2.5.

## **6 SHORTLISTING OF QUALIFIED SERVICE PROVIDERS**

### **6.1 General**

The selection of up to three to six Service providers that will be invited to submit a tender will be based on the criteria set out below. The qualified Service providers that to the greatest extent meets the criteria is ranked as no. 1, while the other qualified Service providers are ranked proportionately. The up to three to six highest ranked and qualified Service providers will be invited to submit Tenders in the competition.

### **6.2 Shortlisting Criteria**

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Documentation requirements</b>
Degree of relevant experience, c.f. section 5.3.	The Service providers response to the selection criteria in section 5.3 regarding relevant experience.

## **7 REQUIREMENTS TO THE TENDER**

### **7.1 Introduction**

This section is only relevant for Service providers that have been qualified and selected to participate in the tender stage. All participants must first submit a qualification application pursuant to the instructions set out in section 3 - 6 above. Service providers who submit a qualification application, but are not invited will be notified by the Contracting Authority.

### **7.2 Variants**

Variant tenders, cf. section 23-4 in the Public Procurement Regulation, are not accepted.

### **7.3 Tender Submission Requirements**

Tenders must be submitted in accordance with the format requirements in section 7.5 below and any requirements stated in EU-Supply. Only Tenders submitted through EU-Supply will be accepted.

The Tender must be signed with a digital certificate, similarly as the request for participation, cf. section 3.3.

The Service provider is responsible for ensuring that the Contracting Authority receives the Tender by the Tender deadline in section 1.5. It is not possible to submit a Tender after the deadline, which, in any case, would lead to rejection.

## 7.4 Obligatory task

**All Service providers who have been qualified and selected to participate in the tender stage will be given access to the specific obligatory task from the 20<sup>th</sup> of September 2021, 48 hours before the final deadline for the tender.** The aim of the obligatory task is to assess the quality of the service (database). The Service provider's completed assignments form an integral part of the tender and should be submitted as a part of Annex 3 through the KGV system. The specific details of each service task are as follows:

### **Database:**

Service providers will be required to provide a summary of the three most serious ESG incidents in their database over the last two years on three companies: 1 European, 1 Asian and 1 American. One incident can contain several news reports, NGO reports or UN reports. The companies will be the same for all Service providers. The information in the reports will be compared for quality, relevance and accuracy, including how up-to-date the information is. The task is intended to illustrate the database's content at any given time.

### **Export of data:**

All Service providers will be provided with a small sample portfolio (up to 100 companies), based on actual companies in the GPFG. Companies will be identified through their ISIN number. Service providers will be required to identify the companies which in their opinion have received relevant criticism in the preceding three months in relation to the six criteria in section 3 of the Guidelines. For each company, the Service providers will be required to include the company's full name, a one-sentence summary of the allegations, the criteria in the Guidelines under which the company has been selected, the allegation(s) against the company and the sources used.

The purpose of the test is to see how easily relevant data can be exported on a larger number of companies. Further it should demonstrate if this data can be exported by the Council themselves or if the Service provider shall provide this information bi-monthly. Criteria for comparison include the information's relevance, the accuracy of the information, the description of companies connection to the criticism and the sources used. The report shall be in excel format.

### **Trial period**

Service providers will be required to grant the Council on Ethics a two-week trial of the database and its contents from a later agreed date. The aim of the trial is to assess the interface and content of the database, its ease of use and the effectiveness of the watchlists.

## 7.5 Format of tender

It is the responsibility of the Service provider to ensure that all requirements are answered and documented in accordance with this RFT.

The Tender must include the following:

1. A letter of acceptance of the conditions set forth in the RFT and the draft contract with annexes and special contractual conditions (the attached form "Acceptance of contractual terms" may be used). Any reservations should be stated in the letter of acceptance. Reservations must be documented, and any alternative formulations proposed.
2. A completed draft contract including annexes, and the obligatory task as part of Annex 3 as described in section 7.4.
3. Documentation in accordance with section 7 and 8 of this RFT,

The Tenderer is responsible for ensuring that all questions raised in the RFT with annexes are addressed, and that all requested clarifications are answered.

## 7.6 Reservations

Any reservations to the contractual terms in the "Council on Ethics Standard Contract" or terms in this RFT shall be stated in the letter of acceptance and in Annex 7 to the contract. The reservations shall be defined precisely and unambiguously, in order for the Contracting Authority to assess them without any contact with the Service provider. The Tender shall clearly state the consequences of any reservations with regard to the performance, price and/or other aspects of the Tender.

## 7.7 Tender Validity

The Tender must be valid until the date set out in section 1.5.

# 8 CONTRACT AWARD

## 8.1 Award criteria

The Contract will be awarded to the Service provider presenting the final Tender with the best price-quality ratio, as identified in accordance with the following criteria:

Criterion	Weight in %	Description and documentation requirement
The service provider's understanding of the mandate. The following points will be particularly emphasized in the evaluation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The methodology to gather, store, update and present information on the companies and on the different violations of ethical norms and the</li></ul>	70	Completed Annex 3 to the Contract, including the obligatory task, the trial period of the database, and the service provider's specification of the Services.



companies connection to the norm violations; - User experience during the trial period. - The sources used such as news media, NGO reports, UN reports and court decisions; - Geographical distribution of coverage and number of companies in the fund covered; - Languages covered, the council will put extra weight on coverage of languages in markets where the fund has a large number of investments; - Historical coverage exceeding five years will count positively. - Compliance with the Norwegian Personal Data Act 2018, implementing the EU General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU 2016/679) (the GDPR).		
Price The total fixed cost of access for 8 to 10 user per annum.	30	Completed Annex 4: A - Annual price for the access
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	

The Tender with the best price-quality ratio is the tender that achieves the highest total score.

The Tenders will be scored on a scale from 0 (least favourable / lowest value) to 10 (most favourable / highest value) on each of the award criteria.

The tender with the best response under an award criterion is awarded 10 points. The other tenderers will score lower based on the relative difference to the best tender.

The evaluation of price is based on the the total fixed cost of access for 8 to 10 user per annum cf. table in Annex 4. The tender with the lowest price is awarded 10 points. The remaining tenders will receive a score based on the difference between its price and the lowest price according to to the linear method:

$$10 \cdot \left( 1 - \frac{\text{tenderer's price} - \text{lowest price}}{\text{lowest price}} \right)$$

## 8.2 Award of contract

The award decision will be notified in writing to all theService providers simultaneously through EU-supply. The notification will contain the justification for the award of the contract and provide information about the standstill period before the conclusion of the contract.