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1 General information

This competition is conducted by Sykehusinnkjøp HF (Purchasing Centre), on behalf of Sykehuspartner HF (Contracting Authority) and The South-Eastern Norway Regional Health Authority (Helse Sør-Øst RHF). Other health trusts that will be Contracting authorities in the framework agreement(s) are mentioned in section 1.4 below.

Sykehusinnkjøp HF is owned by the four regional health authorities; Helse Sør-Øst RHF, Helse Vest RHF, Helse Midt-Norge RHF and Helse Nord RHF, of which the share is 25 % each. For more information, see www.sykehusinnkjop.no

For the avoidance of doubt, the term *Tenderer* is used as designation of the suppliers participating in this competition, while *Contractor* is used as designation of the supplier(s) awarded a contract.

1.1 Sykehuspartner Hospital Trust

Sykehuspartner Hospital Trust (Sykehuspartner HF) was established in October 2003 as a separate unit within the South-Eastern Norway Regional Health Authority and became a separate unit within the health authority on 1 June 2007. On 1 January 2015, Sykehuspartner HF was established as a separate health trust with headquarters in Drammen. Sykehuspartner HF currently delivers joint services within ICT, HR and Projects to all the health trusts in the South-Eastern Norway, and with its 1400 employees is one of the Nordic region's largest companies in the field.

Sykehuspartner HF is responsible for the delivery of ICT services to all the health trusts in the South-Eastern Norway. For further information, see www.sykehuspartner.no

1.2 South-Eastern Norway Regional Health Authority

The South-Eastern Norway Regional Health Authority (Helse Sør-Øst RHF) is the state health trust group that is responsible for specialist health services in the South-Eastern part of Norway (the county municipalities Viken, Oslo, Innlandet, Telemark, Vestfold and Agder). The enterprise is organized as a parent company (regional health trust), with 11 underlying subsidiaries that are organized as independent health trusts with their own responsibility for results and with employer responsibility for their employees.

South-Eastern Norway is the country's largest health region with responsibility for specialist health services for a population of 2.85 million people. The region has about 77 000 employees (including temps). Turnover is approx. 77 billion kroner. The head office of the South-Eastern Norway Regional Health Authority is located in Hamar, with another administration office location in Skien. For further information, see www.helse-sorost.no.

1.3 Purpose and scope

1.3.1 Purpose

The purpose of this Tender is to enter into a framework agreement with vendors of platforms for artificial intelligence that allows for a rapid, dynamic, and cost-efficient approach to implementing AI applications in clinical routine. The platforms must allow for multiple CE-labeled applications from



vendor and/or 3rd party vendors. We aim to acquire platforms that combined covers most of the CE-labeled applications available in the market today and in the future within, but not limited to, radiology, pathology, ophthalmology, nuclear medicine and radiation therapy.

The platforms should deliver AI applications through cloud based solutions, but on premise installations of AI applications might be an option where processing time is critical. The platforms must offer integration and functionality for archives from Sectra and Philips, to ensure all health institutions a similar functionality, as these are the digital archives used in the region.

The AI-platforms must be well integrated to the archive systems and allow for receiving and sending images and other relevant information to give our health personnel possibilities to gain benefits from the support of the applications. The user interface must facilitate an efficient workflow and should include flagging of findings and support automatic generated reports.

To get access to applications, we will arrange mini competitions involving the selected vendors of the AI platforms on the frame agreement. The mini competitions can be arranged by health trust, regional health authority or at national level.

Some patient examinations might be analyzed by several applications on different platforms simultaneously or sequentially rule-based on findings from previous analysis. The AI-platforms should facilitate this.

1.3.2 Scope

Sykehuspartner HF will be the Contracting Authority in the frame agreement. Sykehuspartner, as a shared service centre, can use the frame agreement to acquire AI applications on behalf of:

- Telemark Hospital Trust (Sykehuset Telemark HF)
- Østfold Hospital Trust (Sykehuset Østfold HF)
- Akershus University Hospital Trust (Akershus universitetssykehus HF)
- Innlandet Hospital Trust (Sykehuset Innlandet HF)
- Sørlandet Hospital Trust (Sørlandet sykehus HF)
- Oslo University Hospital Trust (Oslo universitetssykehus HF)
- Vestfold Hospital Trust (Sykehuset i Vestfold HF)
- Vestre Viken Hospital Trust (Vestre Viken HF)

1.3.3 Options

The Northern Norway Regional Health Authority (Helse Nord RHF), the Western Norway Regional Health Authority (Helse Vest RHF), and the Central Norway Regional Health Authority (Helse Midt-Norge RHF) are participating in this procurement as options. This includes private and non-profit hospitals with which the regions have agreements. They have the freedom to utilize this agreement or other agreements to fulfill the scope of this agreement.



Each region will establish its own separate agreements.

1.4 Agreement form and duration

The Contracting Authority plans to enter framework agreements with several Contractors (also parallel agreements). The framework agreement(s) will be based on The Norwegian Government's Standard Agreement for framework agreements (SSA-R).

Awarding contracts under the framework agreement (call-offs)

Entering into a framework agreement does not in itself trigger a purchase obligation. To trigger a purchase obligation, the individual Contracting Authority covered by the framework agreement must make a call-off.

A call-off constitutes a contract between the Contractor and the Contracting Authority. Several independent call-offs can be made (agreements with one or several Contracting Authorities, for one or several solutions/algorithms) under the same framework agreement.

The call-off agreements will be based on the Norwegian Government's Standard Agreements (SSA), see Appendix 3 of the Framework Agreement Terms (SSA-R). Which SSA that will be used for each call-off will depend on the solution(s) offered. Both SSA-T, SSA-K, SSA-V, SSA-L, SSA-SKY, SSA-Sky lille, SSA-O and SSA-B will be relevant agreements. Links to these agreements can be found in Appendix 3 to SSA-R.

Final contractual terms with appendices will be attached to the Tender Document during the dialogue phase, and no later than together with the invitation to submit the final tender.

Duration

The framework agreement(s) will initially have a duration up to 4 years (2+1+1 year). The duration of the call-off agreements will depend on the type of agreement (SSA) used.

1.5 Pay and working conditions

Regulations concerning pay and working conditions in public contracts shall ensure that employees in companies that perform services and construction work for public contractors have no worse pay and working conditions than those resulting from applicable general regulations or nationwide collective agreements.

The contract terms relevant in this competition have regulations that contribute to the employees of the Contractor and any subcontractors who perform work on the contract receiving these minimum conditions.

In accordance with the regulations, we will require the necessary documentation from the Contractor and ensure that the provisions are complied with. In the event of Contractor's non-compliance with the regulations, we will impose sanctions under the contract.



1.6 The competition documents

The competition documents consist of this document (the Contract notice) and the following attachments:

Document	Name
Attachment 1	Application letter (template)
Attachment 2	Answer form technical and professional qualifications
Attachment 3a	Framework agreement (SSA-R)
Attachment 3b	Appendices to the framework agreement (SSA-R)
Attachment 4	Guidance regarding redacting documents (only available in Norwegian)
Attachment 5	Public access to Application and Tender (only available in Norwegian)
Attachment 6	Declaration of commitment (template)

The competition documents will be supplemented with a document titled "Invitation to Tender," which is intended to invite the qualified and selected Tenderers to participate in the dialogue. Furthermore, the "Invitation to Tender" will encompass the information necessary for the Tenderer to participate in the dialogue. The document titled "Invitation to Tender" will be adjusted during the execution of the dialogue, including clarifications and concretizations of relevant sections from this contract notice.

1.7 Language

Request for participating in the competition, Solution suggestions and tenders should be written in Norwegian, Swedish, Danish, or English.

The contract (standard terms) will be in Norwegian or English.

1.8 Communication

All communication during the procurement process shall take place via the communication module in the Merccell portal (<https://www.merccell.com>). This is in order for all communications to be logged. Other communication with persons participating in the decision-making process is not permitted, and inquiries that occur in any other way cannot anticipate an answer. In the event of any questions concerning all providers, the Contracting Authority will answer this anonymously to all Tenderers.

1.9 Timetable

The competition is divided into three phases: the qualification phase, the dialogue phase, and the tender phase.

All timelines mentioned in the box below are subject to change. Please note that these are tentative and may be adjusted as necessary.



Activity	Date
Qualification phase	
Deadline for asking questions regarding qualification	12.02.2024, 10:00
Deadline for submitting application	21.02.2024
Notification of the result of the qualification	01.03.2024
Dialogue phase	
Deadline for submitting first solution proposal	02.04.2024
Evaluation and dialogue/demonstration/reference visit	Week 15-17
Tender phase	
Invitation to submit final tender	03.05.2024
Deadline for submitting final tender	24.05.2024
Allocation decision and notification to the bidders	June
Signing and entering into agreements	June

1.10 Request for participation and tenders

Request for participation in the competition and final tender shall be submitted electronically via the Mercell portal, www.mercell.no. The system does not allow the delivery of tenders after the deadline set in Mercell.

Contact Mercell Support, tel. 21 01 88 60 or e-mail support@mercell.com for questions related to access to and functionality in the Mercell portal.

It is recommended that the application and tender is submitted well before the deadline. Submitted applications and tenders may be changed until the end of the deadline. The most recently submitted request/tender is considered the final one.

2 Rules for the conducting procurement

2.1 Procurement procedure

This procurement will be conducted as a competitive dialogue, in accordance with Part I and III of the Public Procurement Act of 17 June 2016 no. 73 and regulations 2016 no. 12 August 2016 no. 974.

The dialogue procedure will be concluded in three phases: the qualification phase, the dialogue phase, and the tender phase.

The qualification phase: In a competitive dialogue, all interested Tenderers are allowed to submit a request to participate in the competition. However, only those Tenderers who are qualified and invited by the Purchasing Centre will be able to participate in the dialogue and tender phases.

The Purchasing Centre plans to invite a select group of Tenderers to participate in the dialogue, albeit at least three (3) Tenderers. Any selection among qualified Tenderers will take place based on the qualification applications and the selection criteria outlined in section 6.

The dialogue phase: The dialogue can encompass all aspects of the procurement and will be conducted in several phases, both in writing and orally. Requirements and/or details concerning the



award criteria may be added or removed along the way, and the classification of requirements may be altered until the invitation to submit the final tender is sent out.

The Purchasing Centre reserves the right to reduce the number of proposed solutions based on the award criteria. At the end of the dialogue the Purchasing Center will declare that the dialogue is concluded and inform the participant of this fact.

The tender face: The Purchasing Centre will invite the Tenderers to submit a final tender based on the solution or solution presented and specified during the dialogue. These tenders shall contain all the elements required and necessary for the performance of the project. The Purchasing Center will choose the best offer by applying the pre-stated award criteria. Please note that there will be leaving no scope for negotiation of the substance of the tender after selecting the winner.

Communication and dialogue during the competitive dialogue will take place in Norwegian or English.

3 Qualification Phase

3.1 General

All requests for participation shall be submitted electronically via the Merccell Portal, www.merccell.com within the deadline.

3.2 Content and structure of the request

The request should be delivered with file names according to the following structure:

Document	Name
Appendix 1	Application letter
Appendix 2a	Documentation related to qualification requirements 3.7. Certificate of establishment
Appendix 2b	Documentation related to qualification requirements 3.8 Economic and financial capacity
Appendix 2c	Documentation related to qualification requirements 3.9 Technical and professional qualifications and 5.4 Quality assurance standards (please use template in Attachment 2 Answer form technical and professional qualifications)
Appendix 3	Tax certificate for paid VAT and tax
Appendix 4	Declaration of commitment for supportive businesses (if relevant)
Appendix 5	Parent company guarantee, bank guarantee etc. (if relevant)
Appendix 6	Declaration of solidarity responsibility (if relevant)
Appendix 7	Redacted version of the application (cf. Attachment 6 and 7) See also chapter 5.6.



3.3 Qualification requirement

To be invited to the dialogue, interested Tenderers must complete the ESPD form, which confirms that they meet the qualification requirements. The documentation related to these requirements should be included in the request, either directly in the ESPD form or as an attachment.

3.4 The European Single Procurement Document (ESPD)

3.4.1 General information about the ESPD-form

The Tenderer shall fill out the ESPD-form as stated in Merccell.

At any point during the competition, the Purchasing Centre may request all or parts of the necessary documentation to ensure the competition is conducted correctly. In this competition, the Tenderer is required to submit all documentation related to the qualification requirements as part of their application.

3.4.2 National reasons for rejection

In accordance with ESPD Part III: Exclusion grounds Section D: "Other exclusion grounds that may be foreseen in the national legislation of the contracting authority's or contracting entity's Member State" states that in this competition all the reasons for rejection apply to section 24-2 of the Procurement Regulations, including the purely national reasons for rejection:

- Paragraph 24-2 (2). The Purchasing Centre shall reject a Tenderer if he is aware that the Tenderer has been legally convicted or has accepted a fine for the specified conditions. The requirement to reject a Tenderer who has adopted fines is a special Norwegian requirement.
- Paragraph §24-2 (3) letter i). The reason for rejection in the ESPD form relates only to serious errors in professional practice, while the Norwegian reason for rejection also includes other serious mistakes that may cause doubt regarding the professional integrity of the Tenderer.

3.5 Tax certificate

The Contractor shall on request submit a tax certificate for VAT and tax certificate for tax. This applies only if the Contractor is Norwegian.

The tax certificate shall not be older than 6 months calculated from the deadline for submitting a request to participate in the competition or tender.

Tax certificate shall be submitted at the same time as the qualification application.



3.6 Other Conditions of the Tenders

The Tenderer must have an organization that is capable of ensuring that the contractual obligations are fulfilled throughout the contract period. Therefore, requirements are set for economic and financial capacity, as well as for technical and professional qualifications (Qualification requirements). To have the request for participation in the competition assessed, the Tenderer must meet all qualification requirements.

3.7 Registrations, authorizations, etc.

Eligibility requirements	Documentation requirements
The Tenderer shall be registered in an enterprise register or a trade register in the state where the Tenderer is established.	<p>Norwegian companies: Certificate of establishment</p> <p>Foreign companies: Documentation that the company is registered in the register of enterprises, professional register, or a trade register in the state where the Tenderer is established.</p>

3.8 Economic and financial capacity and capability

Requirements	Documentation requirements
<p>The Tenderer shall have sufficient economic and financial capacity to fulfil the contractual obligations.</p> <p>The Tenderer must be creditworthy without collateral.</p>	<p>The Contracting Authority will order a rating report from D&B Finance Analytics to verify that the provider has sufficient financial capacity. Tenderers must have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minimum "A" - Or minimum "2" in risk indicator <p>Tenderers are free to prove his economic and financial standing by any other document, including, for example, a parent company guarantee or a bank guarantee.</p>

3.9 Technical and professional qualifications

Requirements	Documentation requirements
The Tenderer must possess adequate capability to fulfill the contractual obligations, including experience in delivering solutions that covers the areas specified in section 1.3.	<p>The Purchasing Centre will assess the Tenderers' fulfilment of the quality requirement based on the following information from the Tenderer:</p> <p>An overview of the most important and relevant deliveries of similar solutions in the last three</p>



<p>In evaluating the Tenderer, the Purchasing Centre will emphasis on the relevance, scale, and complexity of previous deliveries.</p>	<p>(3) years, including information on scope/value, time of delivery, as well as the name of the customer.</p>											
<p>The Tenderer shall have good capacity related to the implementation of the contract. This includes development, testing, support/maintenance, project management, implementation and training)</p> <p>In the assessment, the Purchasing Centre will emphasize capacity in relation to the scope and size of this competition.</p>	<p>Enter the number of resources as specified in the following table:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="807 528 1394 1514"> <tr> <td>Average number of man-years last 2 years (2021-2022)– whole business</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Average number of managers last 2 years (2021-2022)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Number of man-years relevant to this procurement:</td> </tr> <tr> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of resources - product development </td> </tr> <tr> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of resources - testing </td> </tr> <tr> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of resources - support and maintenance </td> </tr> <tr> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of resources – project management </td> </tr> <tr> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of resources – implementation </td> </tr> <tr> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of resources – training </td> </tr> <tr> <td>Any further plans for staffing adjustment if the Tenderer is awarded a contract.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A description of technical personnel or technical devices, especially those responsible for quality control, which the Tenderer advises to perform the contract</td> </tr> </table> <p>In addition, the Tenderer is asked to describe how much of the contract, and which parts, are planned to be set aside to sub-contractor(s).</p> <p>Please use the template in Attachment 2, titled “Answer form technical and professional qualifications”.</p>	Average number of man-years last 2 years (2021-2022)– whole business	Average number of managers last 2 years (2021-2022)	Number of man-years relevant to this procurement:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of resources - product development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of resources - testing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of resources - support and maintenance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of resources – project management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of resources – implementation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of resources – training 	Any further plans for staffing adjustment if the Tenderer is awarded a contract.	A description of technical personnel or technical devices, especially those responsible for quality control, which the Tenderer advises to perform the contract
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3.10 Quality assurance standards

Requirement	Documentation requirements
The Tenderer shall have a well-functioning quality assurance system for mission-critical systems.	<p>The Tenderer shall describe its quality assurance measures, methods and tools for development, test, handover, and deviation management.</p> <p>Please use the template in Attachment 2 titled “Answer form technical and professional qualifications”.</p>

3.11 Support from other businesses

If a Tenderer is not able to fulfil the qualification requirements in sections 5.2 and 5.3 on its own, the Tenderer can rely on other businesses to meet the qualification requirements. This applies regardless of the legal association between the Tenderer and the business(es). If a Tenderer wishes to rely on other businesses to satisfy the qualification requirements, the ESPD declaration must be delivered electronically for both the supplier and the business(es) he will rely on. In addition, the Tenderer must deliver a declaration of commitment for each of the businesses, as per the template in Attachment 8. The declaration must specify how and in which areas the company will support the Tenderer.

If the Tenderer relies on the capacity of other businesses to meet the requirements for economic and financial capacity, the business(s) must be solidarity responsible for the performance of the contract. This must be documented by adding a declaration of solidarity responsibility. In the event of support from a parent company, a parent company guarantee must be attached.

This information will not affect the Contractor’s contractual responsibility.

3.12 Selection among qualified Tenderers

Tenderers who meet the qualification requirements set out in chapter 5 and who are not rejected, will be deemed qualified. To the extent that there are sufficient numbers of qualified Tenderers, the Purchasing Centre will select a limited number of suppliers to participate in the competition, albeit at least three (3) suppliers.

Any selection among qualified Tenderers to participate in the competition will take place based on an overall evaluation of which qualification applications best meet the following qualification requirements for participation in the competition:

- **Relevant deliveries and references**
- **Tenderers capacity**

The Purchasing Centre will give the Tenderers who are rejected or not selected a written notification as soon as possible. The notice will contain a brief justification.



3.13 Deadline for requesting a temporary injunction

Deadline for requesting a temporary injunction against the Purchasing Centre's decision to reject a request to participate in the competition or not to select a Tenderer, is 15 days counted from the day after the information was sent, cf. Section 20-7 of the Procurement Regulations.

4 The dialogue phase

The following chapters are primarily applicable to the Tenderers who are qualified and selected to participate in the dialogue and to submit solution proposals and possible tenders. All Tenderers must first apply for participation and then await any invitation to the dialogue. Tenderers who submit an application for participation but are not invited to the dialogue or to submit a final tender, will be notified.

Further information on how the dialogue will take place, including deadlines for the delivery of solution proposals and the submission of final offers, will be sent to selected Tenderers after the qualification phase. In addition, information regarding the content of the solution proposals and final tender will be provided in an updated "Invitation to Tender" document sent to the selected Tenderers during the process.

5 The Tender phase

"The tender phase" is the competition phase where the suppliers submit their final bids. Final bids will be evaluated based on the specified award criteria.

5.1 Alternative bids

Alternative bids are not accepted.

5.2 Parallel bids

Only one bid per bidder is allowed in the competition. Parallel offers are not accepted.

5.3 Reservations

Any reservations to the tender and/or contract documents must be listed in the Tender letter. The reservations must be clear and understandable in order to make the Contracting Authority able to assess these without contacting the Tenderer. Reservations that are considered substantial will lead to rejection. A tender that includes several minor reservations may be rejected if the reservations in total is substantial. In any case, the Contracting Authority has the right to refuse tenders with deviations that are not insignificant.

During the dialogue phase, the Contracting Authority expects the Tenderers to specify their reservations as early as possible to achieve an effective process and avoid unnecessary rejections and/or delays late in the process.

Tenderers are encouraged to ask questions prior to submitting an tender.



5.4 Validity of the final tender

The final tender is valid and binding for six (6) months following the deadline of the final tender.

5.5 Costs

Tenderers are expected to prepare and submit the tender at their own expense and risk. Costs and expenses incurred by the Tenderer related to the procurement shall be borne by the Tenderer. The Contracting Authority undertakes no economic liability for work performed in connection with the Tenderer's participation in the competition.

5.6 Public access to tenders and procurement protocol

Tenders and procurement records can be exempted from public disclosure until the choice of Tenderer is finalized; see § 23, third paragraph, of the Norwegian Freedom of Information Act of 19 May 2006. From this point in time and onwards, access can be requested to these documents, although exceptions may be made for information that is subject to a statutory duty of confidentiality. Typical confidential information is information regarding personal matters and trade secrets (technical devices and procedures, as well as operational or business matters that for competition reasons it is important to keep secret in the interests of the person whom the information concerns).

The Tenderer must submit a redacted version of the application and tender where information regarded as confidential must be black-boxed. See Attachment 6 for guidance regarding redacting documents.

The Tenderer must also submit a separate document according to the template in Attachment 7 to justify the reasons for redacting.

If the application or tender does not contain any information considered as confidential, this must be confirmed in the Application/Tender letter.

5.7 Demonstration/reference visit/video demo

It may be appropriate to conduct a demonstration of solution and/or reference visits (digital or physical) during the competition. This can also become part of the evaluation of the tendered solution. A demonstration can be in the form of a test of the solution to the Contracting Authority's surveys. Only Tenderers who have a realistic possibility to win the competition, based on a preliminary evaluation, will be eligible for reference visit(s) and/or demonstration. A demonstration will take place in accordance with the principle of verifiability and equal treatment. The tenderers might also be asked to deliver video demos of the solution.



5.8 Award criteria and evaluation

The award of the contract will be made based on which tender has the best ratio between price/cost and quality. Final award criteria, sub-criteria and weighting will be decided during the dialogue and no later than in the invitation to submit final tender.

Allocation criterion	Ranking
Quality	1
Price/cost	2

According to FOA §7-9 (2), climate and/or environmental considerations must be weighted as a starting point at a minimum of 30% of the award criteria in the competition. The client will use the dialogue phase to clarify whether climate and/or environmental considerations are to be weighted 30%, or whether climate and environmental considerations are to be taken care of with requirements in the requirements specification, cf. FOA section 7-9 (4). Possibly that section 7-9 (5) applies. The background for this is that the nature of the procurement, with its associated climate and environmental footprint, as well as opportunities to reduce the procurement's climate and environmental footprint will be clarified in more detail in the dialogue. It is necessary to make these assessments in light of the suppliers' proposed solutions.

5.9 Elaboration of the award criteria

5.9.1 Quality

Through the competitive dialogue, the components of the quality award criterion will be discussed with the Tenderers. Through the dialogue, other and more detailed quality criteria can be introduced before invitation to submit final tender. For the quality award criterion, the following are assumed to be components:

- Quality of the solution technically and functionally
- Quality of training, maintenance, and support
- Quality of mission understanding and implementation plans
- Development potential, including future solutions

There may be changes to this in the dialogue phase.

5.9.2 Price/cost

In the dialogue, detailed price appendices will be finalized before the invitation to submit final tenders and subsequent evaluation. For the price/cost criterion, the following are assumed to be components:

- Prices for the use of the solution, in test period and ordinary operation
- Training, maintenance, and support pricing
- Prices for implementation of the solution
- Prices for consultancy services
- Prices for development and changes for the Contracting Authority
- Pricing for new algorithms



5.10 Award of contract

A decision on the award of the framework agreement(s) will be notified in writing to all Tenderers at the same time in a reasonable time before the agreements are signed. The decision will include a justification for the choice of Contractor(s) and provide information about the period before the contract is signed (stand-still period).

The Contracting Authority reserves the right at any time to end the competition if there is a factual reason, including if the Contracting Authority considers that the answers do not hold sufficient quality, if the solutions and conditions tendered are not considered to satisfy the Contracting Authority's requirements and needs and/or if the Contracting Authority considers that there is insufficient competition between the participating Tenderers within each of the different parts of the acquisition.