

ETHICAL STATEMENT FOR SUPPLIERS TO THE ROYAL NORWEGIAN MINISTRY OF DEFENCE WITH UNDERLYING AGENCIES

As a supplier to the Royal Norwegian Ministry of Defence (MOD) or its underlying agencies it is hereby conscientiously declared that:

1. The business shall respect the standards of conduct set forth in the ethical guidelines that are applicable to business relationship between suppliers and employees in the MOD with underlying agencies. Information about the ethical guidelines can be found at **<http://www.government.no/en/dep/fd>**.
2. The contact with the MOD and underlying agencies shall be exclusively professional and be based on good business practices. This means for instance, that it is not permitted to offer any gift, benefit or advantage to any employee or anyone else who is carrying out work for the MOD or underlying agencies, if the gift, benefit or advantage may be liable to affect their service duties. This rule applies regardless of whether the gift, benefit or advantage is offered directly, or through an intermediary.
3. In connection with submission of an offer, it has been stated together with the offer whether:
 - (a) the business or others associated with the business, has contributed in the development of technical arrangements/specifications for this acquisition,
 - b) the business has employed, hired, or otherwise is using manpower, who in the past two years counting from the offer due date, has been employed in the MOD or underlying agencies,
 - c) the business is bankrupt, or is being wound up where its affairs are being administrated by a court, where it has entered into an arrangement with creditors, where it has suspended business activities or is in any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure under national laws and regulations,
 - d) the business is subject of proceedings for a declaration of bankruptcy, for an order for compulsory winding up or administration by a court or of an arrangement with creditors, or of any other similar proceedings under national laws and regulations,
 - e) the business, its employees, or others associated with the business, has been convicted by a final judgement of any offence concerning its professional conduct, such as, for example, infringement of existing legislation on the export of defence and/or security equipment,
 - f) the business, its employees, or others associated with the business, has been convicted by a final judgement of offence against criminal acts of participation in a criminal organisation, corruption, fraud, money laundering, financing of terrorism or terrorist activities,
 - g) the business, its employees, or others associated with the business, has been guilty of grave professional misconduct, such as, for example, a breach of obligations regarding security of information or security of supply during a previous contract,
4. Conduct contrary to paragraph 2 in this ethical statement, or grossly misleading or false information or failure to provide information in accordance with paragraph 3 in this ethical statement, could lead to rejection from delivering offers to the MOD and underlying agencies.