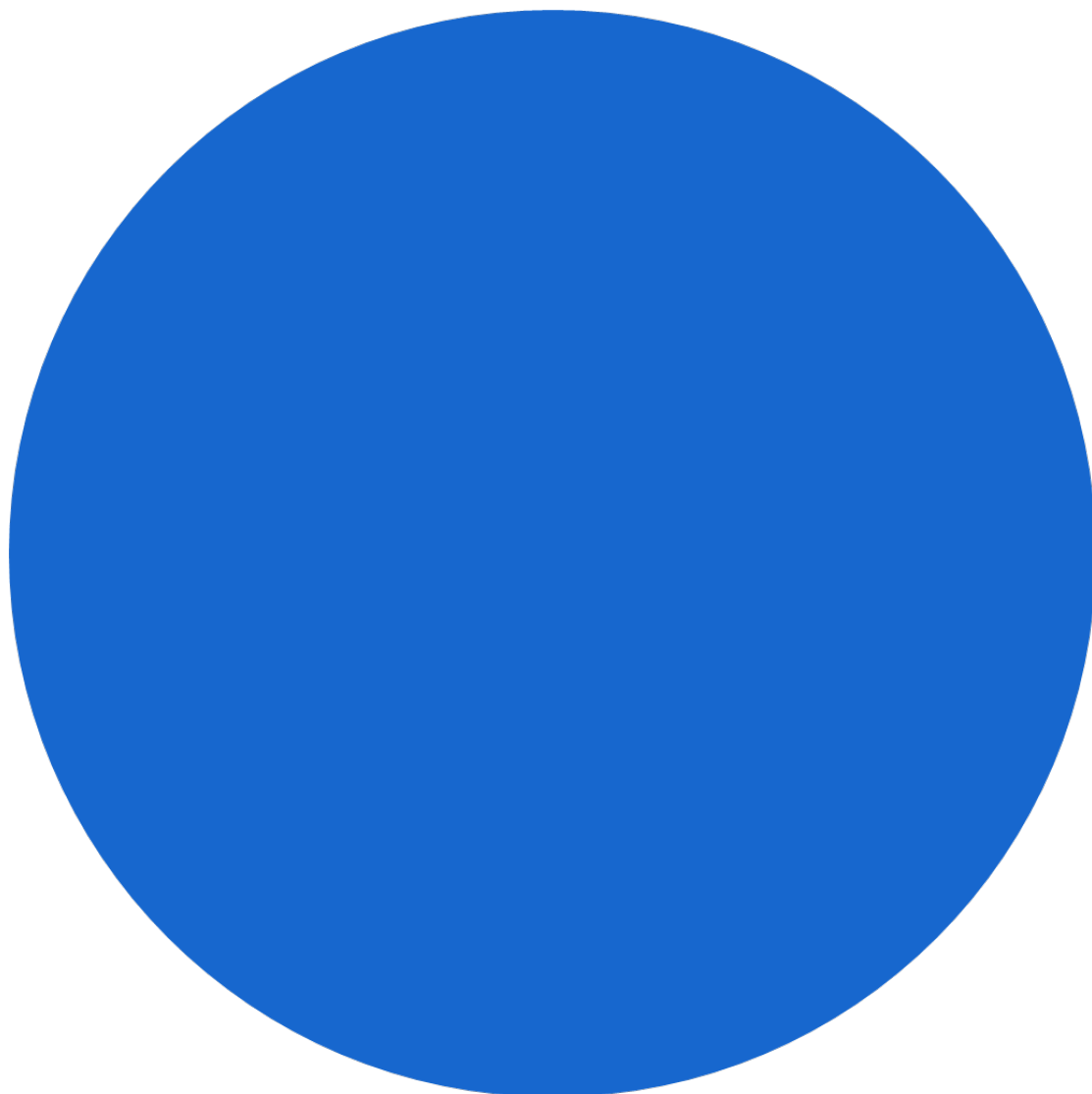




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TENDER DESCRIPTION

WORKFLOWPROVISIONINGSYSTEM(WPS)

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Introduction

Norsk Rikskringkasting AS (Norwegian Broadcast Corporation) (NRK) invites suppliers to submit a tender for a Contract for a Workflow Provisioning System (WPS).

The Workflow Provisioning System (WPS) is designed to be the central, intelligent resource orchestration layer crucial to NRK's Modernisation of the Production Platform (MPP) programme. Its primary objective is to meet NRK's long-term strategic goals by facilitating a transformation to native AV over IP (AVoIP) services, centralising production processing resources in external data centres, and preparing for the integration of public cloud services. This supports NRK's environmental and financial strategy by dynamically provisioning resources from centralised pools and automating de-provisioning of workflows to spin down or suspend idle resources, and providing the organisation relevant information on resource usage.

The tender process will follow the Competitive Procedure with Negotiation, requiring suppliers to submit their tender in strict accordance with the provided documents.

1. General description

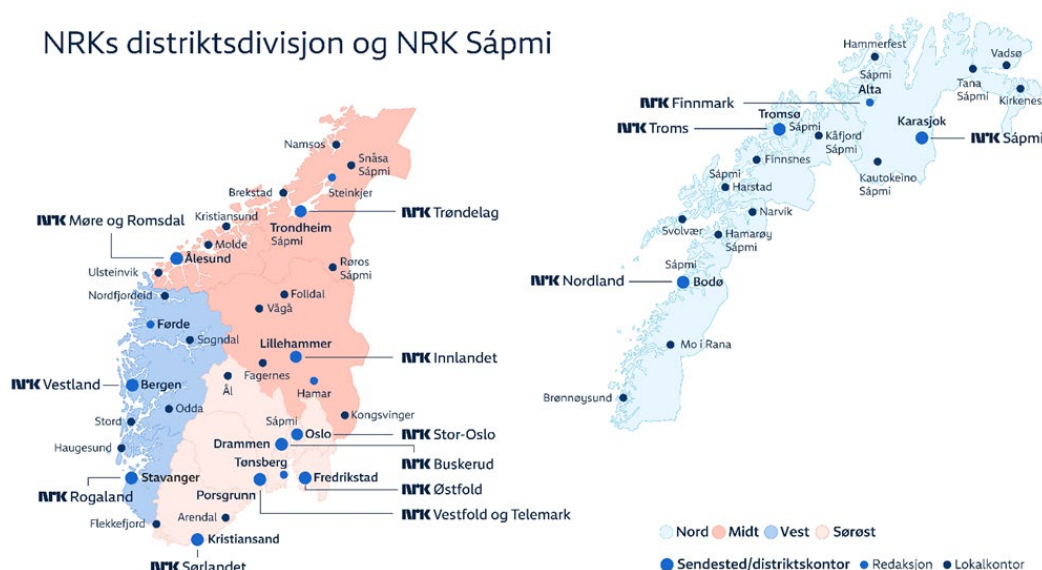
1.1. About NRK

NRK is Norway's largest media house. The broadcaster is state-owned and the Parliament (Stortinget) has given the mandate and the owner-role to the Ministry of Culture. NRK has been given a special mandate to be a non-commercial, politically independent public broadcaster. Around 3130 employees situated in around 50 departments throughout Norway work for NRK. The main office is located at Marienlyst, Oslo. NRK has 10 regional offices across the country including three larger production centres in Tromsø, Trondheim and Bergen. The regional offices deliver daily regional content on radio, television and online, ensuring a central core of NRK's network output is made in different parts of the country. Guided by its public service remit, NRK does not serve any commercial or political interests, and provides strictly non-commercial programming, with no advertising apart from the sponsorship of some cultural and sporting events.

As a public service broadcaster, NRK is defined as a body governed by public law and is therefore subject to the Norwegian Public Procurement Act and Regulations.

See map of NRK offices below.

NRKs distriktsdivisjon og NRK Sápmi



For more information about the business, please refer to www.nrk.no

1.2. Purpose and background

NRK is currently in the process of performing a business transformation from SDI and AES3 broadcast technologies to native AV over IP services (AVoIP). The AVoIP model will form the standard model for real-time broadcast activities at all sites.

This business transformation is being co-ordinated by a company-wide programme, referred to as MPP – Modernisation of the Production Platform (MPP). In addition to the transformation to AVoIP, the MPP programme aims to centralise production processing resources in external datacentres, and to lay the groundwork for integrating public cloud services into broadcast workflows.

The transformation was initiated by the decision to establish new headquarters in Oslo at Ensjø, due to outdated facilities at the current Oslo location at Marienlyst. In addition, several large projects have been added to the programme, including establishing a new WAN, and moving NRK's second largest facility in Trondheim to new premises, making this the largest transformation in NRK's history.

The WPS is being implemented to automate and enhance production processes across the entire organisation, fulfilling these key functions:

- **Resource Allocation and Scheduling:** The WPS acts as the central engine for Provisioning by selecting required Resources (hardware or software endpoints) from defined Resource Pools based on the needs of a request. This includes providing an intelligent schedule capable of determining and flagging Clashes of resources, such as devices or rooms.
- **End-to-End Production Planning:** A core function is to take data from multiple existing systems—such as channel schedules from What's On and location

details from production planning—and use pre-determined rules to automatically allocate and provision resources.

- **Operational Orchestration:** The system uses Workflows to apply reusable, automated actions to Events (collections of jobs) and Jobs (singular bookings), reducing manual user effort for tasks like establishing device connections. Initial operational deliverables focus on Ingest Management (providing a user interface to select sources for recording) and phased Device Provisioning.
- **Contextual Monitoring:** The WPS applies context to alarms by correlating resource data from provisioned events and devices with alarm data from the PMCS stack, providing clear, contextual alarming to MOC operators.

The WPS system is intended to work across NRK's whole platform, and is expected to be delivered as a resilient and scalable system, that supports NRK's dual data center model, and make sure that NRK has a working platform. It is expected that the WPS system has an active-active concept or similar, so that NRK have the WPS capability also in the event of larger errors. Key components and concepts include:

- **Data Foundation:** Core objects like Resource Pools, Blueprints (defining functionality in a space), Capabilities (used for resource selection), Jobs, and Events.
- **Functional Requirements:** Modules for Resource Management, Scheduling, Clash Management, Workflows, and a comprehensive API (HTTPS REST or GraphQL) for all functionality.
- **Key Integrations:** The system requires bi-directional communication with external systems, e.g. the Broadcast Control System (BCS) and integration with systems including Vimbiz (for resource/people booking), the PMCS Stack (for contextual alarming), ENPS (for news planning correlation), What's On (for schedules), and the Configuration Manager (for deploying configuration data to devices).

1.3. Cancellation of the competition

Pursuant to FOA § 25-4, NRK retains the discretion to annul the procurement process at any time prior to contract award, provided such a decision is based on objective grounds. For the avoidance of doubt, objective grounds shall include - without limitation - a substantial shift in NRK's operational needs, a failure to secure sufficient funding, or where the competition no longer serves the public interest.

1.4. Scope of the deliverables

The objective of this RFP and the subsequent dialogue is to provide NRK with a WPS capable of meeting NRK's long-term strategic goals.

The WPS is being implemented to automate and enhance production processes across the entire organisation, fulfilling these key functions:

- **Resource Allocation and Scheduling:** The WPS acts as the central engine for Provisioning by selecting required Resources (hardware or software endpoints) from defined Resource Pools based on the needs of a request. This includes providing an intelligent schedule capable of determining and flagging Clashes of resources, such as devices or rooms.
- **End-to-End Production Planning:** A core function is to take data from multiple existing systems—such as channel schedules from Whats On and location details from production planning—and use pre-determined rules to automatically allocate and provision resources. This ensures the end user doesn't have to deviate from their standard tooling.
- **Operational Orchestration:** The system uses Workflows to apply reusable, automated actions to Events (collections of jobs) and Jobs (singular bookings), reducing manual user effort for tasks like establishing device connections. Initial operational deliverables focus on Ingest Management (providing a user interface to select sources for recording) and phased Device Provisioning.
- **Contextual Monitoring:** The WPS applies context to alarms by correlating resource data from provisioned events and devices with alarm data from the PMCS stack, providing clear, contextual alarming to MOC operators.

1.5. Structure of the procurement documents

The procurement documents consist of the following parts:

1. Tender Instructions and Response Forms

- 1. Tender Description (This document)
- European Single Procurement Document (ESPD) - Integrated in Mercell
- 1.2 Attachment 1a – Request for application form
- 1.3 Attachment 1b – Tender form
- 1.4 Attachment 3 – Confidentiality statement for senior personnel
- 1.5 Attachment 8 – Declaration of Commitment

2. Agreement and Contract Terms

- 2. SSA-L Agreement
- 2.1 SSA-L Appendices 1-9
- 2.2 SSA-L Appendix 6 - Price scheme

- 2.3 Attachment 2 – Confidentiality declaration under contractual conditions
- 2.4 Attachment 4 – Data Processing Agreement
- 2.5 Attachment 4.1 - EU-SCC-Data processing Addendum-Module-2
- 2.6 Attachment 4.2 - EU-SCC-Data processing Addendum-Module-3
- 2.7 Attachment 4.3 – Checklist transfer to third countries
- 2.8 Attachment 5 – Vendor security requirements
- 2.9 Attachment 6 – NRK business partner code of conduct
- 2.10 Attachment 7 - Contract performance clauses for safeguarding basic human rights
- 2.11 Attachment 8 - Glossary of terms
- 2.12 Attachment 9 - Figure 1
- 2.13 Attachment 10 - Figure 2
- 2.14 Attachment 11 - Figure 3
- 2.15 Attachment 12 - Figure 4
- 2.16 Attachment 13 - Figure 5

2. Rules for conducting the competition

2.1. Procurement procedure

2.1.1. About the procurement procedure

This Tender is conducted in accordance with the Norwegian Public Procurement Act of 17 June 2016 No. 73 (LOA) and the Public Procurement Regulations of 12 August 2016 No. 974 (FOA) Part I and Part III, as well as the provisions of these tender documents.

The contract will be awarded following the procedure: Competitive procedure with negotiation.

This tender will be conducted in two stages. The tender will begin with a qualification phase (stage 1). Only those suppliers that meet the selection criteria and are invited to the tender phase (stage 2) will be given the opportunity to submit a tender.

NRK intends to invite between three (3) and five (5) suppliers to the negotiation phase, provided there are enough suitable candidates (cf. section 8).

2.1.2. Conducting negotiations

In stage 2, NRK plans to conduct negotiations. NRK reserves the right to conduct negotiations in writing or through physical/digital meetings.

Please note that NRK reserves the right to award the contract based on the initial tenders without conducting negotiations (cf. FOA § 23-7)

2.1.3. Reduction in the number of offers or solutions

NRK reserves the right to reduce the number of tenders invited to participate in the negotiation phase. Any reduction will be made strictly on the basis of the award criteria, cf. section 10 "Award criteria". Such reduction may take place prior to negotiations, or in successive phases during the negotiations (cf. FOA § 23-11).

2.2. Announcement

The competition is announced in Doffin and in TED (Tenders Electronic Daily).

2.3. Timetable

NRK has set out the following preliminary timetable for the process:

STAGE 1: QUALIFICATION PHASE

Activity	Date/timeframe
Date of tender publication (Contract notice)	13. July 2026.
Deadline for submitting questions for Stage 1	05. August 2026. 12:00 CET
Deadline for submitting request to participate	12. August 2026. 12:00 CET
Notification of qualified candidates (shortlisting)	Week 34, 2026.

STAGE 2: TENDER PHASE

Activity	Date/timeframe
Dispatch of invitations to submit tender	Week 34, 2026.
Deadline for submitting questions for Stage 2	10. September 2026. 12:00 CET
Deadline for submitting tender response *	17. September 2026. 12:00 CET
Initial evaluation	Week 39-40 2026.
Tender presentations (if needed) and negotiations	Week 41-44 2026.
Notification of contract award	Week 44/45 2026.
Signing of contract (after mandatory standstill period)	Week 45/46 2026.
Tender validity period	4 months from deadline for submitting tender response.

* The timeline for Stage 2 is preliminary. NRK reserves the right to set a shorter

deadline by mutual agreement with the invited suppliers, cf. Section 9.1.

2.4. e-Procurement System

This procurement is managed in the Mercell portal. Suppliers will have access to retrieve documents, exchange correspondence and submit offers through the portal.

For questions about using the Mercell portal, please contact Mercell Support on phone +47 21 01 88 05, or <https://support.mercell.com>.

2.5. Confidentiality and freedom of information

Pursuant to the Norwegian Regulation on Public Procurements § 7-3 ("Anskaffelsesforskriften"), and the Freedom of Information Act of 19 May 2006 no.16 ("Offentleglova") the public may after the contract is awarded request access to certain documentation, hereunder submitted proposals. Hence NRK reserves the right to request a redacted version of requests for qualification and proposals to be submitted if an access request is received.

For NRK to fulfil its duty on confidentiality in accordance with Regulation on Public Procurements § 7-4, cf. the Norwegian Public Administration Act § 13, the redacted version shall make illegible trade secrets or other matters which are deemed to be competition sensitive. However, NRK has an independent responsibility to assess under Norwegian law the extent to which the information may be disclosed to the public. Similarly, if a redacted version upon request is not submitted without undue delay.

Attachment 3 (Confidentiality statement) must be signed and attached to the offer.

2.6. Reservations and deviations

The supplier's reference to standardized delivery terms or similar will be considered a deviation from the procurement documents if they deviate from the applicable competition or contract provisions. **Please note that pursuant to the Norwegian Public Procurement Regulations (FOA § 24-8), NRK is legally obligated to reject tenders that contain material deviations from the procurement documents.**

Deviations must be clearly stated in Attachment 1b (Tender form) with reference to where in the tender the deviation appears.

2.7. Language

The supplier must submit a request for participation in the competition and deliver a tender in English. Public documentation may be submitted in Norwegian, another Scandinavian language or in English.

Negotiations will mainly be conducted in English. NRK may accept that parts of the dialogue may take place in Norwegian or in another Scandinavian language.

2.8. Tender validity period

The period during which the tenders remain binding is specified in the timetable (see section 2.3).

2.9. Tax and VAT certificate

The chosen supplier must, prior to contract award, provide a Company tax certificate documentation on the tax on the employer's salaries and VAT paid, from the Norwegian Tax Administration (Skatteetaten). The certificate must not be dated earlier than 6 months prior to the deadline for submission of the final tender. NRK reserves the right to request this documentation during the final stages of the negotiation phase (e.g., alongside the Best and Final Offer - BAFO). The requirement is mandatory for Norwegian suppliers. International suppliers are highly encouraged to submit equivalent documentation from their country of establishment.

2.10. Deadline for interim injunction during the qualification phase

Pursuant to FOA § 20-7, NRK has set a deadline for submitting a petition for an interim injunction against the decision regarding the selection of suppliers (shortlisting) in Stage 1. Any such petition must be submitted to the district court no later than 15 days after the day NRK has sent the notification of the selected candidates.

(cf. point 6 "Selection criteria" and point 7 "Requirements for requesting participation in the competition", or not to select a supplier to submit a tender, cf. point 8 "Selection of suppliers").

2.11. Personal data and information security

This is a service where the supplier will process personal data on behalf of the contracting authority. Data processing agreements are attached, see attachment 4 (4, 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3). The supplier shall review the agreement that is relevant to its tender, review Annex 1-4 and, if applicable, comment on/supplement the information. The contracting authority has completed Annex 2 in the Standard Agreement (doc. 4). The supplier shall specify any other personal data or sensitive personal data that may be processed.

The contracting authority has structured the agreements in the following way:

- (4) EU's template for data processing agreement (EU Standard Contractual Clauses (Data Processing Agreement)). Transfer of personal data within the EU/EEA or countries where the European Commission has made an adequacy decision.
- (4.1) EU Standard Contractual Clauses (Module Two – Transfer Controller to Processor). The agreement is a combined data processing agreement and transfer agreement to countries outside the EU/EEA and not covered by the

- adequacy decision. It shall be used in cases where the contracting authority is defined as the controller and shall transfer personal data to a supplier who shall process personal data on behalf of the contracting authority (processor).
- (4.2) EU Standard Contractual Clauses (Module Three – Transfer Processor to Processor). The agreement is a combined data processing agreement and a transfer agreement to countries outside the EU/EEA and not covered by the adequacy decision. It shall be used in cases where the supplier is established in Norway or within the EU/EEA and uses subprocessors/subcontractors established outside the EU/EEA. When using subcontractors, the supplier shall state where the subcontractors are established, as well as which data, data processing and data transfers this involves.

The supplier shall choose the agreement that is relevant to the supplier's processing of personal data. To receive guidance regarding which agreements are to be entered into, what will constitute sufficient protection of personal data, and whether there is a need to introduce additional technical or organizational measures, the supplier shall also complete the attached checklist (transfer of personal data to third countries, doc. no. 4.3).

The relevant agreement will be filled out after the selection of the supplier has been made.

2.12. Costs of participating in the competition

Participation in this competition is at the supplier's own expense and risk. NRK assumes no financial responsibility or liability for work performed, or for any other costs or disbursements arising from the supplier's involvement in the tender process.

3. About the contract

3.1. Number of agreements

NRK intends to award agreements to one (1) supplier.

The agreement will be awarded to the supplier that offers the most economically advantageous tenders based on the award criteria.

3.2. Contract terms

The contractual framework for this procurement is the Norwegian Government's Standard Terms and Conditions for Agreement concerning Ongoing Purchase of Services via the Internet (SSA-L).

3.3. Contract period

The Agreement is ongoing and shall enter into force on the date of signature, with a fixed duration of 4 years from the date of signature.

The Customer has a unilateral option to extend the Agreement by 1 year at a time on unaltered terms.

The extension shall apply automatically for 1 year at a time, unless NRK gives the Contractor written notice of termination no later than 6 months prior to the expiry of the current agreement period.

The Supplier may terminate the Agreement by giving twelve 12 months' notice prior to the renewal date.

3.4. Requirements for wages and working conditions

The contract contains requirements regarding pay and working conditions, documentation obligations, and sanctions in accordance with the Norwegian Regulation on Wages and Working Conditions in Public Contracts of 8 February 2008 No. 112.

3.5. Fundamental human rights and decent working conditions in the supply chain

The contract contains requirements for safeguarding fundamental human rights and decent working conditions in the supply chain, in accordance with the Norwegian Transparency Act (LOV-2021-06-18-99). Please refer to Appendix 6 for further details.

NRK reserves the right to conduct risk assessments and due diligence of its suppliers. Background checks and continuous monitoring are currently carried out using systems provided by Navex.

4. Clarifications and amendments to the procurement documents

4.1. Questions and clarifications

Any questions or requests for clarification regarding the tender documents must be submitted to NRK via the Merccell portal.

The deadline for submitting questions and requests for clarification is specified in the timetable in section 2.3. NRK reserves the right to not process or answer questions received after this deadline. Any attempt by a supplier to acquire confidential information or unduly influence NRK's employees or external advisors during the procurement process may result in rejection from the competition.

All incoming questions submitted in due time will be reviewed and answered in a general and anonymized manner. The answers will be published continuously via Mercell to all suppliers who have registered their interest in the procurement.

If corrections, supplements, or amendments to the procurement documents are made, which necessitate additional time for the suppliers to adapt their tenders, NRK will extend the time limit for the receipt of tenders proportionately to ensure equal treatment.

4.2. Corrections, supplements, and amendments

Before the submission deadline, NRK may make minor corrections, supplements, or amendments to the procurement documents. Any such non-material changes will be communicated immediately to all registered suppliers via Mercell.

If a supplier discovers obvious errors, omissions, or ambiguities in the tender documents, they are strongly encouraged to notify NRK via Mercell as soon as possible to allow for clarifications or non-material corrections.

5. European Single Procurement Document (ESPD)

5.1. General information about ESPD

As preliminary documentation confirming that there are no exclusion grounds, the supplier must complete the integrated ESPD form in Mercell. The form must be submitted together with the request for participation.

Please note: Because this is a two-stage procedure where NRK will evaluate, rank, and select the best-qualified candidates to submit a tender (shortlisting), the ESPD self-declaration alone is not sufficient to prove the Selection Criteria. The actual documentation proving your qualifications (as specified in Chapter 6) must be submitted alongside the ESPD form in Stage 1.

Practical instruction for ESPD Part IV (Selection Criteria): Since full documentation must be uploaded separately, the supplier may simply use the global "Yes" (Section α: Global indication for all selection criteria) in ESPD Part IV to confirm they meet all criteria. NRK will rely on the uploaded documentation for the detailed evaluation.

5.2. National exclusion grounds

The Norwegian Public Procurement Regulations (FOA) contain exclusion grounds that go beyond the standard exclusion grounds specified in the EU Public Procurement Directive and the standard ESPD form.

For this competition, NRK will enforce all mandatory exclusion grounds, and explicitly reserves the right to apply all voluntary exclusion grounds, as specified in FOA Section 24-2. This includes purely national exclusion grounds.

In the ESPD form, suppliers must therefore explicitly confirm the absence of these national exclusion grounds under Part III: Exclusion grounds, Section D: "Other exclusion grounds that may be foreseen in the national legislation of the contracting authority's Member State".

Self-cleaning: If a supplier is subject to any of the exclusion grounds, they are entitled to provide evidence of self-cleaning measures demonstrating their reliability, in accordance with FOA Section 24-5. A description of such measures must be provided directly in the ESPD form, and supporting documentation must be uploaded as a separate attachment.

6. Eligibility and selection criteria

6.1. General information about eligibility and selection criteria

In order to qualify for the Agreement, suppliers must provide the documentation requested below.

To qualify for participation the supplier must cumulatively meet the eligibility criteria listed below. The eligibility criteria are minimum requirements to ensure that the supplier has the necessary legal, economic, and technical capacity to execute the contract. Fulfilment to be documented by providing the specific documentation requested for each criterion as part of the request for participation.

Among suppliers who meet the eligibility criteria, the best qualified suppliers in accordance with documented fulfillment of the selection criteria in section 6.5 will be selected and invited to the tender phase (stage 2).

For specific rules and documentation requirements regarding reliance on the capacity of other entities (subcontractors) or participation as a joint venture, please refer to sections 6.6 and 6.7.

6.2. Legal and regulatory capacity

Eligibility criteria	Documentation requirements
The supplier must be a legally established enterprise	Company certificate (Firmaattest) or equivalent documentation indicating that the supplier is registered with a trade or business register in their country of establishment.

6.3. Economic and financial position

Eligibility criteria	Documentation requirements
The supplier must have a satisfactory economic and financial position to fulfil the contract. Economic and financial position will be examined based on a total evaluation including Operating margin, Current ratio, Debt-equity ratio and Capital adequacy/solvency ratio.	Documentation to be submitted: • Income statement and balance sheet for the last two completed financial years (with audit report), as well as any preliminary accounts for recent periods that have not been completed. • Solvency assessment/credit rating from a company licensed to operate credit information business. This assessment must not be older than three (3) months from the deadline for applications, be based on the last approved accounts, and provide information on creditworthiness and degree of bankruptcy risk. • Any recent information of relevance, e.g., quarterly reports or preliminary P&L statement and balance sheet in the event that the (latest FY) 2025 accounts have not been completed/approved. • If the supplier has valid reasons for being unable to produce the requested documentation, the supplier may document their economic and financial capacity by providing alternative documentation (e.g., a declaration from an auditor or financial institute) that NRK considers appropriate to prove compliance with the criterion. • Note regarding reliance on other entities: If the supplier relies on the economic and financial capacity of other entities (e.g., a parent company), please refer to the specific rules, joint liability, and documentation requirements in section 6.6.

6.4. Information Security Management

Eligibility criteria	Documentation requirements
The supplier must have an Information Security Management System (ISMS).	• Valid certificate for ISO/IEC 27001, SOC 2 Type II, or equivalent independent attestation. If the supplier does not hold such a formal certification, the requirement may alternatively be documented by providing a

	comprehensive description of the company's internal security management system, risk management routines, and security measures. • Both the main supplier and any supporting subcontractors must have an ISMS adapted to their respective roles in the supply chain. • The main supplier must document its own ISMS covering its overall contractual responsibility, including routines for the secure management and governance of subcontractors. • If the main supplier relies on the capacity of a subcontractor to perform critical IT and integration tasks, it must additionally be documented that this subcontractor has an ISMS covering the operational execution of this work.
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6.5. Technical and professional ability

Please note that the documented capacity, expertise and experience will serve as the basis for the selection of suppliers (shortlisting), cf. section 8.

Selection criteria	Documentation requirements
The supplier must have good technical and professional expertise and capacity for delivery of this type of IT solution, and integration into customer estate.	• A description of the overall capacity including the technical personnel and resources that the supplier has at its disposal to perform the contract, including an overview of the organization and relevant staffing capacity. • The description of overall capacity and organization should be provided as a separate free-text document (e.g., PDF). (Please note: Do <u>not</u> attach CVs for specific individuals at this stage. Specific CVs will be requested and evaluated during Stage 2).
The supplier must have relevant experience from at least one project of a similar scope.	• A short description of the supplier's most relevant reference project(s) (at least one) from the last five years. The reference description(s) must clearly demonstrate the supplier's capacity to execute a project of the scale and complexity of this contract. The reference description(s) must clearly demonstrate the supplier's ability to deliver what NRK has defined as a WPS system.

	The description(s) must include information on the contract's value, the date of delivery or performance, and the name of the recipient.
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6.6. Reliance on the capacity of other entities (Subcontractors)

If a supplier relies on the capacity of other entities (such as subcontractors or a parent company) to fulfill the selection criteria for economic and financial standing and/or technical and professional capacity, the supplier must formally document that they have the necessary resources at their disposal (cf. FOA § 16-10).

The following rules and documentation requirements apply:

- Economic and financial capacity: If the supplier relies on another entity to meet this criterion, the supplier and the supporting entity shall be jointly and severally liable ("solidarisk ansvarlig") for the performance of the contract (cf. FOA § 16-10 (4)).
- Technical and professional capacity: If the supplier relies on another entity to meet these criteria, the supporting entity must actually perform the specific services or works that require these qualifications (cf. FOA § 16-10 (5)).
- Required documentation in Stage 1:
 - A clear description of the division of responsibilities and scope of work must be provided in Attachment 1a (Request for application form).
 - A signed Attachment 9 (Declaration of Commitment) must be submitted by each supporting entity.
 - Each supporting entity must submit their own separate ESPD form (in Merzell) and provide the actual documentation proving their fulfillment of the relevant selection criteria, as well as their legal establishment (cf. section 6.2) and tax compliance (cf. section 2.9).

6.7. Suppliers participating in a Consortium/Joint Venture

Several suppliers may participate in the competition jointly as a Consortium or Joint Venture (cf. FOA § 16-11).

The following rules and documentation requirements apply:

- Information regarding the organization, legal structure, and composition of the consortium must be clearly stated in Attachment 1a (Request for application form) and Attachment 1b (Tender form).
- Each participating member in the consortium must be a legally established enterprise (cf. section 6.2) and submit their own separate ESPD form (in Merrell).
- The consortium will be assessed collectively for the remaining selection criteria. The members must therefore collectively submit the requested documentation demonstrating compliance.

Warning regarding anti-competitive practices: NRK assumes that any joint venture or consortium complies fully with the provisions of the Norwegian Competition Act (Act of 5 March 2004 No. 12), particularly the prohibition in Section 10 against collaboration that restricts competition. NRK explicitly reserves the right to reject suppliers if there is clear evidence of agreements or practices intended to distort competition (cf. FOA Section 24-2 (3) letter e).

7. Requirements for requesting participation in the competition (Stage 1)

7.1. Deadline for submitting request to participate

The deadline for requests to participate in the competition is stated in section 2.3 Timetable.

7.2. Content and format of the request

Documents to be submitted in Stage 1:

#	Document	Description
1	European Single Procurement Document (ESPD)	An electronic self-declaration form providing preliminary evidence that the supplier fulfills the selection criteria and that no grounds for exclusion apply. To be completed directly within the Merccell portal. Note: If the supplier relies on the capacity of other entities (subcontractors/partners) to fulfill the selection criteria, each supporting entity must submit their own separate ESPD form.
2	Request for Application	A completed and signed Attachment 1a (Request for application form).
3	Documentation of Legal and Regulatory Capacity	Company Certificate ("Firmaattest") or equivalent documentation indicating that the supplier is registered with a trade register in its home country.
4	Documentation of Economic and Financial Position	Income statement and balance sheet for the last two completed financial years (including audit reports). A solvency assessment/credit rating from a licensed credit information company. Note: This assessment must not be older than 3 months from the application deadline.
5	Documentation of Technical and Professional Capacity	Description of overall capacity and organization (cf. section 6.5) The description of overall capacity and organization should be provided as a separate free-text document (preferably PDF), optionally including an organizational chart. Description of the supplier's most relevant reference projects from the last five years.
6	Reliance on the Capacity of Other Entities (If applicable)	A completed and signed Attachment 8 (Declaration of Commitment) from each supporting entity or subcontractor whose capacity is relied upon to meet the selection criteria.
7	Documentation of Information Security Management System (ISMS)	A valid certificate (e.g., ISO/IEC 27001, SOC 2 Type II) OR a comprehensive description of the company's internal security management system, as specified in section 6.4. (Note: If relying on a subcontractor for critical IT tasks, documentation for the subcontractor's ISMS must also be included).
8	Confidentiality statement for senior personnel	A signed Attachment 3 (Confidentiality statement for senior personnel)

We encourage the supplier to give the files descriptive names that match the title of the requirement - and ensure that the supplier's name is included in the document title.

NRK uses Merzell to conduct the competition. The supplier is asked to organize its response so that documentation is uploaded in the respective fields where Merzell requests this. For example, it is specifically requested to upload a company certificate, tax certificate, etc. This ensures an efficient and clear assessment of the selection criteria.

8. Selection of suppliers

NRK intends to invite between three (3) and five (5) suppliers to the negotiation phase, provided there are enough suitable candidates.

If the number of suppliers meeting all the mandatory eligibility and selection criteria in Chapter 6 exceeds the maximum limit, NRK will conduct a shortlisting process to select the candidates best suited to perform the Agreement.

Objective criteria for shortlisting: The shortlisting will be based on an assessment of which suppliers best meet the selection criterion for Technical and professional ability (cf. section 6.5).

When assessing which suppliers have the best technical and professional capacity, NRK will favorably evaluate the submitted references that demonstrate the highest degree of relevance, scale, and complexity closely related to the transition to IP-based media production facilities and large-scale organizational relocations.

The suppliers that are not selected (shortlisted) to participate in Stage 2 will receive a written notification including a brief justification for the decision.

9. Requirements for the tendering process (Stage 2)

9.1. Deadline for submitting tender response

The deadline for submitting tenders in the competition is stated in section 2.3 Timetable.

As a sub-central contracting authority (body governed by public law), NRK reserves the right to set a shorter deadline for submitting tender responses in Stage 2 by mutual agreement with all the selected suppliers, in accordance with the Norwegian Public Procurement Regulations (FOA) Section 20-4 (3), cf. Section 20-3 (3). If such a mutual agreement cannot be reached, the standard minimum deadline of twenty-five (25) days will apply.

9.2. Content and format of the tender

The tender response with all attachments must be submitted via Mercell in accordance with the descriptions provided.

Documents to be submitted in Stage 2 (Tender Response):

#	Document	Description
1	Signed Attachment 1b (Tender form)	The signed tender form must include: • Full name, address, and exhaustive contact information for the supplier and the person responsible for the tender. • The supplier's understanding and confirmation of section 2.5 concerning confidentiality and disclosure. • Any reservations or deviations clearly stated and referenced. • Confirmation of the tender validity period.
2	Signed Attachment 3 (Confidentiality statement)	Signed declaration for the protection of NRK's confidential information during the procurement phase.
3	The Technical and Commercial Offer	• The supplier's completed version of: 2.1 SSA-L_Appendices 1-9_Eng_WPS • 2.2 Appendix 6a - Price scheme - RFP_WPS; attachment to Appendix 6 • Any documents requested as documentation of fulfilment with requirements in: 2.1 SSA-L_Appendices 1-9_Eng_WPS
4	Redacted copy of the tender response	A complete copy of the response documentation above, where the supplier has redacted any trade secrets or commercially sensitive information, prepared in the event of public access requests ("Offentleglova").

We encourage the supplier to give the files descriptive names that match the title of the requirement - and ensure that the supplier's name is included in the document title.

NRK uses Mercell to conduct the competition. The supplier is asked to organize its response so that documentation is uploaded in the respective fields where Mercell requests this. This ensures an efficient and clear evaluation of the tender.

9.3. Variant bids

Suppliers are not permitted to submit variant bids (alternative offers). Tenders for parts of the contract.

To ensure undivided overall coordination responsibility and avoid interface conflicts, NRK has determined not to divide this procurement into lots. Consequently, suppliers must be capable of, and commit to, delivering the entire scope of services requested. Partial tenders will be rejected.

9.4. Parallel offers

Suppliers are not permitted to submit parallel offers.

10. Award criteria

The award of the Agreement will be based on an overall assessment of the most beneficial tender, based on the following weighted criteria:

Award Criteria	Weight	Description
Criteria 1 Quality and holistic experience in similar system deliveries.	70%	Under this criterion, NRK will evaluate the supplier's overall approach to managing the Agreement and their capability to deliver a high-quality system. The Supplier will be evaluated based on their response to NRK's requirements in: • Appendix 2, as a reply to Appendix 1 • Appendix 3 • Appendix 4
Criteria 2 Pricing	30%	The overall total cost of operations (TCO) of the submitted bids. Pricing will be evaluated based on 2.2 <i>Appendix 6a - Price scheme - RFP_WPS</i> Supplier is asked to answer pricing for Operational Deliverables, Integration efforts, Support and maintenance and professional services. Incl. required NRK effort to support the implementation project. Documentation requested: 1. Price Matrix: A fully completed Appendix 6, with the attached Price schema; 2.2 <i>Appendix 6a - Price scheme</i>, detailing the TCO and hourly rates (rate card) for the respective skill levels.

Environmental assessment as a part of quality

In this competition, NRK will measure environmental factors under the general quality component of the award assessment. This is because the WPS will be a system that is very important to meet our strategic goal of “prioritizing initiatives that provide measurable emission reductions from our own operations”. NRK will evaluate the suppliers’ responses, focusing on how the WPS system will enable NRK’s operational and environmental benefits.

Approximately three quarters of NRK’s total carbon footprint comes from indirect Scope 3 emissions (purchase of goods and services), which represent the vast majority of the organization’s environmental impact.

Fulfilment of requirements in e.g. 2.1 SSA-L Appendices 1-9, 1.1.1 and 1.1.3, will hence provide a stronger environmental effect than Award Criteria, Section 7-9 (4), first sentence, of the Norwegian Public Procurement Regulations.