

To suppliers

Market dialogue - Identify environmental requirements for procurement within seabed mapping

Dear all,

The public sector in Norway influences the climate and environment both in Norway and internationally through purchases of products and services. For example; transport solutions, energy use, waste management, and requirements imposed on subcontractors. The Public Procurement Act requires the public sector to organize its procurement activities to reduce harmful environmental impacts and promote climate-friendly solutions where relevant. Contracting authorities are also required to take lifecycle costs into account in each contract and to focus on reducing harmful environmental impacts and promoting climate-friendly solutions. This is the reason that Norwegian Mapping Authority, Hydrographic Service (NHS) will include environmental and climate-related requirements in future procurement processes.

NHS is interested in a dialog with potential contractors in seabed mapping to identify how such requirements can be formulated. In tenders, NHS has the option to include environmental and climate-related requirements in the contract (for example specifications), in the qualification criteria (for example certifications) and in the evaluation criteria (where environmental and climate-friendly tenders receive higher score). NHS therefore ask you, ***if you have any opinion on how NHS could set environmental and climate related requirements, and how this can be documented by the tenderer?***

NHS will probably arrange a marked dialog meeting (Teams) before we publish the Mareano-tender for seabed mapping 2023, to give you our thoughts and discuss more closely with you. The meeting may be in October 2022. NHS plan to publish next Mareano tender in December 2022.

In the future we expect that there will be stricter environmental and climate-related requirements, and that environmental and climate-friendly solutions will be more weighted in public procurement. This is relevant for Mareano as well as for mapping in coastal areas in a possible future program: Marine Base Maps for the Coastal Zone. NHS wants to start this work together with you.

Deadline for feedback

The deadline for feedback on how NHS can make environmental and climate-related requirements, and how this can/should be documented by the tenderer, is 19 september 2022.

The feedback must be sent in writing by e-mail to nicolien.haasbroek@kartverket.no