**Request for proposals**

**Business Developer Skellefteå**

**InnoEnergy**

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# Overview of InnoEnergy

InnoEnergy SE is a European company fostering the integration of education, technology, business and entrepreneurship and strengthening the culture of innovation. The challenge is big, but our goal is simple: to achieve a sustainable energy future for Europe. Innovation is the solution. New ideas, products and services that make a real difference, new businesses and new people to deliver them to market. At InnoEnergy we support and invest in innovation at every stage of the journey – from classroom to end-customer. With our network of partners we build connections across Europe, bringing together inventors and industry, graduates and employers, researchers and entrepreneurs, businesses and markets.

We work in three essential areas of the innovation mix:

• Education to help create an informed and ambitious workforce that understands the demands of sustainability and the needs of industry.

• Innovation Projects to bring together ideas, inventors and industry to create commercially attractive technologies that deliver real results to customers.

• Business Creation Services to support entrepreneurs and start-ups who are expanding Europe’s energy ecosystem with their innovative offerings.

Bringing these disciplines together maximises the impact of each, accelerates the development of market-ready solutions, and creates a fertile environment in which we can sell the innovative results of our work.

For more information about our company please visit the following website:

 <http://www.innoenergy.com/about-innoenergy/>

# Scope of work

Skellefteå is a prosperous, financially strong and fast-growing city with focus on talent attraction, located in the centre of a region with access to critical minerals such as Lithium, Nickel, Cobolt and Graphite. The city is surrounded by two universities with more than 50.000 students in total, making competence and research resources easily accessible. Municipality-owned regional energy company, Skelleftea Kraft, is a state-of-the-art reliable provider of 100% renewable energy in price area 1. With immediate access to an attractive site all of these advantages combined made it the ideal location for creating a world-class cluster for battery manufacturing, and as such uniquely positioned Skellefteå Municipality during 2018 to attract the largest European investment to date in a single-site, GWh battery manufacturing facility - NorthVolt One. Committed to growing fast, Skellefteå is now executing on a bold expansion plan for the future that includes 13.000 new homes for 28.000 new inhabitants by 2050. In its discussions with representatives of Skellefteå, EIT InnoEnergy has identified the following strategic priorities and benefits that could support the municipality in its expansion plans.

Partnership Benefits to Skellefteå municipality:

* Insights and interaction with upstream/downstream actors in the European and Global lithium-ion battery value chain through the European Battery Alliance; promotion of Skellefteå as a world-class cluster for battery storage manufacturing and recycling; attraction of energy intensive industry
* InnoEnergy as a trusted advisor and supportive partner in the mission to attract human capital and develop critical skills in the face of ever increasing global competition for talent; access to relevant learning services and support according to local and regional needs through a value chain approach - from raw materials (e.g. Boliden), to cell manufacturing (e.g. Northvolt) and 2nd life/recycling (e.g. Kuusakoski)
* Access to cutting edge innovation within early-stage technology ventures in the European battery supply chain and a need for industrial collaboration, scale-up and a world-class supply cluster; matching InnoEnergy’s European 200+ venture portfolio and business creation services with the needs and roadmaps of local incubation and innovation initiatives within municipality owned commercial entities, e.g. Skellefteå Kraft and Skellefteå Science City

EIT InnoEnergy is now looking for a business developer to work as regional, on the ground resource for InnoEnergy in Skellefteå, to execute EIT InnoEnergy’s strategic goals and projects related to:

* Setting up a business development platform in Skellefteå
* Sales support /door opening for EIT InnoEnergy supported assets in sustainable energy and helping them grow their business with customers from Northern Sweden
* Building a business incubator / accelerator for EIT InnoEnergy’s business creation services
* Developing partnerships
* Fund raising support
* Business mentoring and coaching, marketing, team building
* Supporting businesses in their international expansion strategy

The envisaged work scope is 11 months (Feb – Dec 2020) full time with a trial period of 3 months. During the trial period, part time work is allowed as agreed with EIT InnoEnergy. If the services provided are satisfactory and depending on the needs of EIT InnoEnergy and available budget, the assignment may be extended for an additional 11 month period.

The consultant will be located with office in Skellefteå, report to InnoEnergy Scandinavia’s Business Development Officer, and be part of an InnoEnergy team of business developers and investment managers in Stockholm.

# Proposal Process

# *Participation*

1. Participation in this proposal procedure is open to all tenderers.
2. All participants must sign the Tenderers’ declaration form attached and submit it with the proposal. Please note that the tenderer may not modify the text, it has to be submitted signed as provided by InnoEnergy attached to the request for proposal document.

# *Submission of proposal*

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|  | **DATE (Calendar dates)** |
| **Publishing RFP**  | **13th Jan 2020** |
| **Deadline for requesting clarification from InnoEnergy** | **20th Jan 2020** |
| **Deadline for submitting proposals** | **23rd Jan 2020** |
| **Intended date of notification of award**  | **28th Jan 2020** |
| **Intended date of contract signature** | **3rd Feb 2020** |

Proposals must be emailed in English languageto the following address to:

**Contact name**: for the attention of Mrs. Tina Angeleska

**E-mail**: tina.angeleska@innoenergy.com

**The proposal shall contain:**

* **CV and a Capability Statement**
* **the financial offer (the price for the services.)** The Financial offer must be presented in SEK as hourly rate (SEK / hour)***.*** Prices must be indicated as net amount + VAT. Travel shall be approved and booked by InnoEnergy; necessary travel expenses approved by InnoEnergy will be paid in addition to the working time.
* **an indication of supplier’s insurance coverage.** The proposal must specify whether the supplier has taken out a company liability insurance and/or professional liability insurance including the maximum amount of coverage in *SEK* per event per insurance.

Responses should be concise and clear. The tenderer’s proposal will be incorporated into any contract that results from this procedure. Tenderers are, therefore, cautioned not to make claims or statements that they are not prepared to commit to contractually. Subsequent modifications and counter-proposals, if applicable, shall also become an integral part of any resulting contract.

The tenderer represents that the individual submitting the natural or legal entity’s proposal is duly authorized to bind its entity to the proposal as submitted. The tenderer also affirms that it has read the instructions to tenderers and has the experience, skills and resources to perform, according to conditions set forth in this proposal and the tenderers’ proposal.

Tenderers are requested to submit with their proposal together with the filled-out Tenderers’ declaration form (see point 4.1).

# *Validity of the proposals*

Tenderers are bound by their proposals for 90 days after the deadline for submitting proposals or until they have been notified of non-award.

The selected winner must maintain its proposal for a further 60 days to close the contract.

**Proposals not following the instructions of this Request for Proposal can be rejected by InnoEnergy.**

# *Requests for additional information or clarification*

The request for proposal should be clear enough to avoid tenderers having to request additional information during the procedure. In case the tenderers are in need of additional information or clarification, please address it to the address below. All information requested or answered may only be done through written communication – email only. Answers will be provided via the IE call for proposal section on the website. All questions should be sent prior to deadline for requesting clarification as specified in 4.2. In case of complex or high value procurements, InnoEnergy could arrange a clarification session which will be communicated to the tenderers.

**Contact name**: for the attention of Mrs. Tina Angeleska

**E-mail**: tina.angeleska@innoenergy.com

The InnoEnergy has no obligation to provide clarification.

# *Costs for preparing proposals*

No costs incurred by the tenderer in preparing and submitting the proposal are reimbursable. All such costs must be borne by the tenderer.

# *Ownership of the proposals*

InnoEnergy retains ownership of all proposals received under this tendering procedure. Proprietary information identified as such, which is submitted by tenderer in connection with this procurement, will be kept confidential.

The potential or actual supplier should accept that during the implementation of the contract and for four years after the completion of the contract, for the purposes of safeguarding the EU’s financial interests, InnoEnergy may transfer the proposal and the contract of the supplier to internal audit services, to the EIT, to the European Court of Auditors, to the Financial Irregularities Panel or to the European Anti-Fraud Office.

# *Clarification related to the submitted proposals*

After submission of the proposals, they shall be checked if they satisfy all the formal requirements set out in the proposal dossier. Where information or documentation submitted by the tenderers are or appears to be incomplete or erroneous or where specific documents are missing, InnoEnergy may request the tenderer concerned to submit, supplement, clarify or complete the relevant information or documentation within an appropriate time limit. **All information requested or answered may only be done through written communication – email only.**

# *Negotiation about the submitted proposal*

After checking the administrative compliance of the tenderers, InnoEnergy may negotiate the contract terms with the tenderers. In this negotiation InnoEnergy will ask all tenderers to adjust the proposal or specific sections of the proposal within an appropriate time limit. In case of negotiation, InnoEnergy shall provide further information about the proceedings and timing.

# *Evaluation of proposals*

The quality of each proposal will be evaluated in accordance with the below mentioned evaluation criteria. The evaluation criteria will be examined in accordance with the requested service indicated in Section 3 of the document.

*Evaluation criteria*

1. Experience and capabilities (maximum point: 30)

Experience in sales. Min 15 years of experience. 15 years gives 10 points. Each additional year will give 1 point - up to a maximum of 20 years (to be detailed in the CV). Maximum 10 points.

Experience in business development in Västerbotten Region and Northern Sweden**.** Min 10 years of experience. 10 years gives 5 points. Each additional year will give 1 point - up to a maximum of 15 years (to be detailed in the CV). Maximum 10 points.

Experience in coaching and mentoring start-up ventures. Min 4 years of experience. 4 years gives 5 points. Each additional year will give 1 point - up to a maximum of 9 years (to be detailed in the CV). Maximum 10 points.

1. Methodology approach of business development work in Skellefteå and region Västerbotten including access to relevant stakeholders (maximum point: 35)

Excellent (35 points). The overall assessment shows that the tenderer's description of how the business development work will be carried out shows a deep understanding of the contract. The tenderer describes in a very structured and detailed manner how the purpose of the contract will be fulfilled.

Good (20 points). The overall assessment shows that the tenderer's description of how the business development work will be carried out shows a good understanding of the contract. The tenderer describes in a structured and detailed manner how the purpose of the contract will be fulfilled.

Approved (10 points). The overall assessment shows that the tenderer's description of how the business development work will be carried out shows a sufficient understanding of the contract. The tenderer describes in an approved manner how the purpose of the contract will be fulfilled.

1. Liability exposure: tenderer with best insurance coverage shall receive the highest score (maximum point: 5)

**Total technical score: 70 points maximum**

1. Price: lowest offered expert unit price (SEK / hour) shall receive the highest score, other shall be calculated in relation to that in linear equation (maximum point: 30)

**Total financial score: 30 points maximum**

**Total maximum score: 100.**

# *Signature of contract(s)*

The successful and unsuccessful tenderers will be informed in writing (via email) about the result of the award procedure.

For the contract the Service Agreement in Annex 2 shall apply. Any change desired by the tenderer in the provisions contained in the body of this Service Agreement needs to be communicated to InnoEnergy as part of the proposal of such tenderer. Background for this is that such desired changes need to be taken into account in the evaluation of the proposal of each tenderer under Liability Exposure above. Significant changes are likely to lengthen the negotiation process, making it less likely that the Service Agreement can be signed in time.

Within 5 days of receipt of the contract from InnoEnergy, the selected tenderer shall sign and date the contract and return it to the InnoEnergy. Upon receipt, InnoEnergy shall also sign and send back to the winner one signed copy. In case the winning tenderer is unable to enter into the contract within the above mentioned time period, InnoEnergy may decide to contract the second best.

# *Cancellation of the proposal procedure*

In the event of cancellation of the proposal procedure, InnoEnergy will notify tenderers of the cancellation. In no event shall InnoEnergy be liable for any damages whatsoever including, without limitation, damages for loss of profits, in any way connected with the cancellation of a proposal procedure, even if InnoEnergy has been advised of the possibility of damages.

# *Appeals/complaints*

Tenderers believing that they have been harmed by an error or irregularity during the award process may file a complaint. Appeals should be addressed to InnoEnergy. The tenderers have 5days to file their complaints from the receipt of the letter of notification of award.

# *Ethics clauses / Corruptive practices*

The InnoEnergy reserves the right to suspend or cancel the procedure, where the award procedure proves to have been subject to substantial errors, irregularities or fraud. If substantial errors, irregularities or fraud are discovered after the award of the Contract, the InnoEnergy may refrain from concluding the Contract.

The supplier shall take all measures to prevent any situation where the impartial and objective implementation of the contract is compromised for reasons involving economic interest, political or national affinity, family or emotional ties or any other shared interest (‘conflict of interests’). He should inform the InnoEnergy immediately if there is any change in the above circumstances at any stage during the implementation of the tasks.

# *Annexes*

Annex 1: Tenderers’ Declaration form.

Annex 2: Draft Contract Template.