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# **RULES FOR THE TENDER PROCEDURE**

## **1. The assignment**

### **1.1 Principal**

The Ministry of Transport and Communications is the principal for this procurement and will be the contracting party in relation to the tenderer who wins the competition. The winner will be awarded exclusive rights, see further details below.

The Norwegian Civil Aviation Authority is the licensing and supervising authority for Norwegian Operators and will be acting as an adviser to the Ministry of Transport and Communications during the tendering phase for this procurement.

### **1.2 Background**

The Ministry of Transport and Communications invites operators to participate in a tender procedure for regional scheduled air services on the routes stated in Section 1.4 for the period 1 April 2020 – 31 March 2024.

As a rule, there is an unrestricted right to establish scheduled air services within the EEA. As set out below, the tender procedure is therefore conducted on the assumption that no operator will choose to operate the routes without a tender contract and exclusive rights.

The tender procedure is announced according to the Rules of Regulation (EC) No 1008/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 September 2008 on common rules for the operation of air services in the Community, (hereafter referred to as the 'Regulation'), cf. Annex 7 and the Norwegian regulations of 12 August 2011 No 833 on air transport services in the EEA (hereafter referred to as the 'Air Transport Regulations'), cf. Annex 6.

### **1.3 Objective**

The purpose of this invitation is to attract tenders that can be used as the basis for awarding exclusive rights to operate a scheduled service in accordance with Section 11 of the Air Transport Regulations, cf. Article 16 No 9 and 10 and Article 17 of the Regulation.

If no operator has commenced or documented to the Ministry of Transport and Communications that from 1 April 2020, it will commence sustainable scheduled air services in accordance with the imposed public service obligations for the route area as specified in Annex 1, the Ministry of Transport and Communications will award exclusive rights to operate the route area in question.