# Guidelines for the auction of the first phase of Sørlige Nordsjø II

## **Background information**

As described in Chapter 3 paragraph IV in the Announcement of competition for a project area in Sørlige Nordsjø II for offshore renewable energy production, the competition for the awarding of a project area and state aid will take place through an auction. State aid will be paid in form of a two-way contract for difference (CfD), in NOK øre per kWh.

The applicant must provide the Ministry with a list of people who are eligible to bid on behalf of the applicant, at the latest March 11<sup>th</sup> 2024. The people on the list will be provided with Procurex accounts and passwords.

## **Auction platform**

The auction platform will be provided by Procurex. The auction will be conducted using the Procurex website at www.procurexinc.com. Anyone interested can register for a Seller Account at any time for no cost by going to <a href="www.procurexinc.com">www.procurexinc.com</a>, then click "Login", and then click "New Vendor? Click here to register.". Then fill out the online form. Procurex requires only a standard internet browser (Microsoft Edge, Mozilla Firefox, or Google Chrome). It is possible for multiple users to log in from multiple devices.

Procurex support phone number is + 1 866-412-7161, option 1.

#### **Publication of the result**

After the auction is concluded the Ministry of Energy will notify the bidders of the winner and the winning bid. The Ministry will publish the name of the winner and the winning bid. The Ministry will not publish the names of bidders who have not won in the auction, nor the size of non-winning bids. The number of bidders can be announced after the auction. Publication of tenders is subject to the rules in the Public Administration Act and the Public Access to Information Act.

## **Auction training**

Procurex will provide one individual training session for each prequalified bidder before the auction. The training will be set up as a Teams call, and the bidders get a chance to try the auction platform using a Mock auction. Training sessions will be scheduled during the last two weeks prior to the auction, after the bidders have provided a bank guarantee in favor of the state. The Mock auction will remain open until the day before the auction so bidders can practice on their own after the training session.

## Appendix 1 – auction rules

See appendix 1 for auction rules.