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**Deadline for feedback: March 16'th 2021, 12:00**

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**Please mark all submitted feedbacks/inquiries with "Wheelchair vehicles availability 2022".**

## **RFI (request for information) – Availability of commercial wheelchair vehicles and vans up to 3,5 tons.**

### **About Ruter**

Ruter is a joint administration company for public transport in Oslo and parts of Viken (formerly Akershus county municipality). Ruter manages over half of the public transport in Norway. The role is to plan, develop, coordinate, order, market and inform the public transport services. All operational operations are carried out by various operating companies that operate on contract for Ruter. Oslo and Viken is one of the fastest growing metropolitan areas in Europe. Ruter purchases transport services for approximately 400 million euros in bus services, delivered by private and public operators.

Ruter will announce procurement for minibuses "The tender TT<sup>1</sup> special service". The tender itself will be advertised in May 2021 and submission of tenders during October 2021.

The assignment will start up at 10.01.2022. Ahead of the announcement it is planned to hold a dialogue conference in march 2020 where Ruter will present a draft with the requirements for this contract.

### **Introduction**

The purpose of this RFI is to gain insight and information primarily from suppliers of commercial wheelchair cars and vans regarding standard, availability of ordinary and emission free vehicles, and lead time.

We would like feedback and answers to the questions listed further down in this document. In addition, we ask suppliers to share some technical information and drawings of the vehicles.

If we have any further questions or need to better understand your response to this RFI we may invite you to 1:1-meetings.

### **Background**

The daily use of cars, vans and minibuses in the contract today in minibus service in Oslo are:

- 15 Minibuses with up to three wheelchairs in combination with at least 7 ordinary seats.
- 30 Vans with one wheelchair in combination with at least 8-11 seats
- 20 Cars with one wheelchair in combination with at least 4 seats

This service is a special transportation service for school students who cannot use regular public transport due to the need for extra help for example individuals with disability disorders and wheelchair users or individuals that live places that they do not have a public transport service within walking distance.

Ruter consider performing this service with emission-free vehicles from the start of the new contract by 10.01.2022 and are looking into consequences of this strategy.

### **Questions:**

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<sup>1</sup> Tilrettelagt transport = Adapted transport



**1. Short-time availability, within a 3-month scope leading up to start of contract 10<sup>th</sup> of January 2022:**

What commercial wheelchair vehicles carrying minimum 1 wheelchair and minimum 4 passengers will be available?

a) Ordinary fuels ?

b) Emission free ?

**2. Long-term availability**

a) What is the normal lead time for ordinary petrol/diesel vehicles for commercial wheelchair vehicles under 3,5 tons for public use (minimum 1 wheelchair + minimum 4 passengers)

b) What is the availability for emission free vehicles for commercial wheelchair vehicles under 3,5 tons for public use (minimum 1 wheelchair + minimum 4 passengers)

c) What is the normal lead time for emission free vehicles for commercial wheelchair vehicles under 3,5 tons for public use (minimum 1 wheelchair + minimum 4 passengers)

**3. Technical**

a) Technical drawings of the vehicles that you can offer. Both ordinary fuels and emission free vehicles.

b) Technical information and specifications (especially for emission free vehicles eg. charging solutions, battery capacity, expected driving range etc.)

c) Do any of the vehicles have the capacity to carry up to 3 wheelchair users at the same time? If not, how many wheelchairs is there a capacity for?

d) Do the minibuses have 3-point safety belts? Including wheelchair places?

e) Range for emission free vehicles in daily operation in Nordic climate.

**4. Economy**

a) Calculation of cost differences that are associated with emission-free vehicles versus conventional fuels.

We are looking forward to your response to our questions. You can answer in English or Scandinavian languages. We emphasize that Ruter has a duty of confidentiality for trade secrets in accordance with the rules in the Public Act (offentleglova) and the Public Administration Act (forvaltningsloven). Hence, Ruter will not disclose any of the suppliers' trade secrets to third parties.

Best regards

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