

In procurement matters we combine our experience within the procurement rules with in-depth knowledge of the relevant sector and contract type.



## PUBLIC AND UTILITIES PROCUREMENT

For more than fifteen years Thommessen has been involved in a number of cases involving the public and utilities procurements rules, including:

- the Department of Justice's procurement of an emergency network in which we assisted one of the tenderers;
- assistance to consortium partners in several large PPP projects;
- assistance to tenderers or contracting entities in a number of important IT contracts;
- assignments from the Navy Material Command and the Norwegian Defence Logistics Organization in connection with the procurement of frigates and mine clearing vessels;
- assistance to several power grid companies in connection with their procurement of systems for automatic meter reading and two-way communication;
- assistance to pharmacy chain *Apokjeden* in connection with a complaint to EFTA's Surveillance Authority (ESA) concerning the exclusive right of hospital pharmacies to supply medicines to hospitals.

Through these and many other cases we have gained solid experience and knowledge about the application of the procurement rules in different sectors. We have also developed an ability to consider cases from different perspectives and to understand our clients' strategic, commercial and practical requirements.

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### HOW THOMMESSEN CAN ASSIST

- We can assist contracting entities that are subject to the procurement rules with shaping their procurement strategy, prepare conditions of competition, and plan and implement individual tender processes. We can also assist if tenders file complaints or initiate legal action.
- We can assist contracting entities in assessing the procurement law implications of planned restructurings.
- We can assist contractors with preparing offers in accordance with the conditions of competition and in negotiations with contracting entities.

- We can assist contractors with assessing and reviewing award decisions, in subsequent contact with the contracting entity and in connection with complaints.
- We can represent contractors in connection with formal complaint procedures at national or EEA level, requests for interim injunctions and actions for damages in the ordinary courts.

## TEAM THOMMESSEN HAS THE NECESSARY EXPERTISE

Successful legal assistance in a public or utilities procurement case also requires expertise within the relevant industry and experience with the relevant contract type. Thommessen is a large law firm with knowledge of most industries and sectors, and has expertise within most areas of commercial law.

In each case Thommessen will offer a team that, in addition to possessing knowledge about the procurement rules, also has experience from, for example, construction contracts, IT contracts or defence contracts and knowledge about the relevant sector, whether this concerns energy, offshore, transport or otherwise. In combination, this provides Thommessen with the best possible qualifications for providing high quality legal advice that takes into account the client's business and practical needs.

If legal action becomes necessary, our clients benefit from the fact that Thommessen has extensive litigation experience from Norwegian courts, arbitration tribunals, and the European courts.

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