1. Buyer

1.1 Buyer

Official name :	EBN B.V.
Legal type of the buyer:	Body governed by public law
Activity of the contracting authority:	General public services

1.1 Buyer

Official name :	N.V. Nederlandse Gasunie
Legal type of the buyer:	Public undertaking

2. Procedure

2.1 Procedure

Title: Technical services agreement

Description:

With the publication of the contract notices for the Aramis Project four partners: TotalEnergies EP, Shell, EBN and Gasunie, started the execution of a project for a CO_2 transport service, being the Aramis CCS Project ("Project"). This transport service project aims to contribute to the energy transition by providing CO_2 transport to storage capacity in order to help enable parties that seek emissions reduction by means of Carbon Capture and Storage (“CCS”) at scale. The Aramis Project, which aims to develop and operate a CO_2 transport service, was established as a public-private partnership between the state-owned corporations EBN and Gasunie, and the private companies TotalEnergies and Shell. The Project brought together each partner’s technical expertise, experience, and knowledge of CCS to enable the safe and efficient transport of CO_2 from industrial emitters to offshore storage sites. In April 2025 Gasunie, EBN, TotalEnergies and Shell outlined the next phase of the Project including a new governance structure under which EBN and Gasunie assumed full responsibility for the Aramis transport project, while Shell and TotalEnergies continue their involvement in the development of CO_2 storage capacity. Shell and TotalEnergies remain involved in the development of CO_2 storage capacity trough their storage activities and will continue playing a role in the wider Aramis transport and storage value chain. It is vital for the Project to maintain and ensure that the specific knowledge and CCS knowhow of Shell will remain available to the Project. As such Shell is willing to continue to provide its specific technical and operational support to the integrated Aramis value chain. To facilitate this support EBN and Gasunie have awarded Shell a contract for technical support of the Project by making use of the negotiated procedure without prior publication of a contract notice pursuant to article 2.32(1)(b)(2) of the Dutch Public Procurement Act (Aanbestedingswet). The absence of competition for technical reasons is based on the fact that Shell possesses specific expertise relating to the execution of offshore projects and unique technical knowledge of the characteristics of gaseous CO_2 compositions, and including extensive experience globally in operating and developing CCS assets. This combination of knowledge and experience is not readily available in the market. As such, Shell possesses the required knowledge, skills, and capacity to provide the necessary technical support to the Project, taking into account the expertise and experience Shell has developed over recent years through its participation in the Project. Achieving an equivalent level of knowledge and experience with another party would entail a significant time and cost impact, which the Project implementation schedule does not allow for. Furthermore, the costs associated with bringing another party to a substantially comparable level of expertise and experience would not constitute an efficient use of public funds. Accordingly, no reasonable alternative or substitute exists. Given the scope of the contract, the absence of competition is not the result of an artificial narrowing of the procurement requirements or conditions. In case you do not agree with the award of the contract to Shell, you must make your objections known within 30 calendar days from the date of announcement by serving a summons to EBN and Gasunie before the competent judge of the District Court South Holland, location Den Haag. If, after the expiry of these 30 calendar days, you lodge a judicial claim in connection with the award EBN and Gasunie will invoke the inadmissibility of your claim. The 30-calendar-day period therefore counts as an expiry period.

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Internal identifier:	a539d36b-64bb-4eb0-b7b8-81746c5ae24e
Type of procedure:	Negotiated without prior call for competition

2.1.1 Purpose

Main nature of the contract:	Services
Main classification (cpv):	71356000 Technical services

2.1.2 Place of performance

Country: Netherlands

Anywhere in the given country

2.1.4 General information

Legal basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

5. Lot

5.1 Lot technical ID: LOT-0000

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5.1.1 Purpose

Main nature of the contract:	Services
Main classification (cpv):	71356000 Technical services

5.1.2 Place of performance

Country:	Netherlands

Anywhere in the given country

Additional information:

5.1.3 Estimated duration

Duration:	42 Month

5.1.6 General information

Procurement Project fully or partially financed with EU Funds.

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA):	no

5.1.16 Further information, mediation and review

Review organisation:	Rechtbank Den Haag

6. Results

Direct award:

Justification for direct award:	The contract can be provided only by a particular economic operator because of an absence of competition for technical reasons
Other justification:	The absence of competition for technical reasons is based on the fact that Shell possesses specific expertise relating to the execution of offshore projects and unique technical knowledge of the characteristics of gaseous CO_2 compositions, and including extensive experience globally in operating and developing CCS assets. This combination of knowledge and experience is not readily available in the market. As such, Shell possesses the required knowledge, skills, and capacity to provide the necessary technical support to the Project, taking into account the expertise and experience Shell has developed over recent years through its participation in the Project. Achieving an equivalent level of knowledge and experience with another party would entail a significant time and cost impact, which the Project implementation schedule does not allow for. Furthermore, the costs associated with bringing another party to a substantially comparable level of expertise and experience would not constitute an efficient use of public funds. Accordingly, no reasonable alternative or substitute exists. Given the scope of the contract, the absence of competition is not the result of an artificial narrowing of the procurement requirements or conditions.

6.1 Result lot Identifier: LOT-0000

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6.1.2 Information about winners

Winner:	
Official name :	Shell Nederland B.V.
Tender:	
Tender identifier:	T227540
Identifier of lot or group of lots:	LOT-0000
Contract information:	
Identifier of the contract:	Technical services agreement

8. Organisations

8.1 ORG-0001

Official name :	EBN B.V.
Registration number:	14026250
Postal address:	Daalsesingel 1
Town:	Utrecht
Postcode:	3511SV
Country subdivision (NUTS):	Utrecht (NL350)
Country:	Netherlands
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Email:	lysanne.leusden-van@ebn.nl
Telephone:	+31302339000
Internet address:	https://www.aramis-ccs.com
Buyer profile :	https://s2c.mercell.com/buyer/72619
Roles of this organisation:	
Buyer	
Group leader	

8.1 ORG-0002

Official name :	N.V. Nederlandse Gasunie
Registration number:	152182772
Postal address:	Concourslaan 17
Town:	Groningen
Postcode:	9727 KC
Country subdivision	Overig Groningen (NL115)

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(NUTS):	
Country:	Netherlands
Contact point :	Bertil Kruize
Email:	B.H.Kruize@gasunie.nl
Telephone:	+31631037696
Internet address:	https://www.aramis-ccs.com

Roles of this organisation:

Buyer

8.1 ORG-0003

Official name :	Rechtbank Den Haag
Postal address:	Prins Clauslaan 60
Town:	Den Haag
Postcode:	2595AJ
Country subdivision (NUTS):	Agglomeratie 's-Gravenhage (NL361)
Country:	Netherlands

Roles of this organisation:

Review organisation

8.1 ORG-0004

Official name :	Shell Nederland B.V.
Town:	Den Haag
Postcode:	2596 HR
Country subdivision (NUTS):	Agglomeratie 's-Gravenhage (NL361)
Country:	Netherlands

Roles of this organisation:

Tenderer

Winner of these lots:	LOT-0000

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