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Steria wins major contract with Norway's national power company Statnett

IT and business services provider Steria will deliver a major agile system development project to Statnett. The contract is valued at 12 million euros (NOK 100 million) and involves delivery of a community-critical system for ensuring the responsiveness of the national power grid.

"We needed to change several of the core components in our IT systems. One of these changes involves the replacement of the national grid's regulatory and market system (LARM), which is used to secure the balance of energy supply and demand to millions of homes and businesses," says Peer Olav Østli, Group ICT Director, Statnett.

The project will deliver a new platform which will replace the current system and modules, ensure effective system support for the end-users at the national grid, and enable Statnett to implement the changes to market systems more quickly and easily.

"We received several good tenders, but Steria's offer set itself apart positively very early in the process. We feel confident that we have selected a strong partner with whom we will work closely in the coming years," says Østli.

"The first Steria team is already in place at Statnett's premises to prepare and plan phases of the implementation. The Elaboration phase will continue the next month and the project will be stepped up with the next group in the Construction phase starting end of November." said Lene Melfald, Director of System Development at Steria Norway"

Agile Statnett Project

The Norwegian energy industry is a dynamic, fast-moving environment which is subject to regulatory oversight at the local, Nordic and European levels. When changes to the market occur, Statnett must ensure that the supporting IT system can swiftly implement these changes, in accordance with complex regulatory frameworks. This is why Statnett wanted an agile project execution which can handle changes to requirements in a positive manner.

In recent years, Steria has established its reputation in agile project execution, and has won several tenders on agile projects, including one with the Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund. "We have succeeded in attracting some of the best profiles within agile development and management, and today we have a large and strong specialist team," said Melfald.

Internationally, Steria has delivered business-critical solutions for the utilities sector including field management, billing and customer care, and smart metering for homes and businesses. Steria's expertise in IT-enabled business services helps companies achieve operational and



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process efficiencies that result in significant cost savings, helping them focus on delivering value to customers.

About Statnett: www.statnett.no

Statnett is Norway's national power company which owns the national grid, or "the national roads" in Norwegian power supply. Power cannot be stored, but must be produced at the same time as it is consumed. Statnett has national responsibility for ensuring that power supply and power consumption is in balance. The company has the responsibility to develop and run power grids so that they at all times meet the community's requirements in the energy sector.

About Steria: www.steria.com

Steria delivers IT enabled business services which help organisations in the public and private sectors operate more efficiently and profitably. By combining in depth understanding of our clients' businesses with expertise in IT and business process outsourcing, we take on our clients' challenges and develop innovative solutions to address them. Through our highly collaborative consulting style, we work with our clients to transform their business, enabling them to focus on what they do best. Our 18,300 people, working across 16 countries, support the systems, services and processes that make today's world turn, touching the lives of millions around the globe each day.

Founded in 1969, Steria has offices in Europe, India, North Africa and SE Asia and a 2009 revenue of €1,63 billion. 19.7% of Steria's capital is owned by its employees. Headquartered in Paris, Steria is listed on the Euronext Paris market.

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