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**D-Frankfurt-on-Main: ECB - chemical analysis of raw materials and
euro banknotes and reporting on results (20489/BN/CMA/2011)
2012/S 184-301428**

Contract notice

Services

Directive 2004/18/EC

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name, addresses and contact point(s)

European Central Bank
Kaiserstraße 29

Contact point(s): For downloading documentation for this procurement procedure, please see Section VI.3

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General address of the contracting authority: <http://www.ecb.europa.eu>

Further information can be obtained from: The above mentioned contact point(s)

Specifications and additional documents (including documents for competitive dialogue and a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained from: The above mentioned contact point(s)

Tenders or requests to participate must be sent to: The above mentioned contact point(s)

I.2) Type of the contracting authority

European institution/agency or international organisation

I.3) Main activity

Economic and financial affairs

I.4) Contract award on behalf of other contracting authorities

The contracting authority is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities: no

Section II: Object of the contract

II.1) Description

II.1.1) Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority:

Chemical analysis of raw materials and euro banknotes and reporting on results (20489/BN/CMA/2011).

II.1.2) Type of contract and location of works, place of delivery or of performance

Services

Service category No 12: Architectural services; engineering services and integrated engineering services; urban planning and landscape engineering services; related scientific and technical consulting services; technical testing and analysis services

NUTS code DE712

II.1.3) Information about a public contract, a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system (DPS)

The notice involves the establishment of a framework agreement

II.1.4) Information on framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

maximum number of participants to the framework agreement envisaged: 10

Duration of the framework agreement

Duration in months: 48

II.1.5) Short description of the contract or purchase(s)

Since the introduction of the euro as a currency, the ECB has entrusted laboratories to analyse and monitor the presence and concentration of certain substances with a potential impact on health and safety in euro banknotes and their raw materials (paper, inks, foil and threads). Based on the above, the present procurement procedure concerns the chemical analyses of the presence and concentration of certain specified substances (about 345 in total) in paper-based matrixes (euro banknotes and banknote raw materials).

It is estimated that several samples will be provided to contracted laboratories to be analysed with regard to the presence and concentration of specified substances. The contracted entities will be required to perform analysis using in-house or specified methods. The results shall be reported in 2 ways:

- a) the figures related to concentration and limit of detection (LOD); and
- b) information on the analysing process, methods used, special observations, etc., both based on templates provided by the ECB.

As it is expected that the list of substances may not be potentially covered by a single laboratory, the ECB intends to enter into framework agreements with several entities. The analyses for each substance will be contracted to 2 laboratories for the purpose of cross-checking the analysis.

II.1.6) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)

71900000

II.1.7) Information about Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The contract is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA): yes

II.1.8) Lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.1.9) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: no

II.2) Quantity or scope of the contract

II.2.1) Total quantity or scope:

The ECB intends to award up to 10 framework agreements to laboratories, initially for a period of 4 years, with an option for extension, on 1 or more occasion(s), for an additional term of 4 years in total, in order to cover the chemical analysis of banknotes and raw materials produced under the second series of euro banknotes (ES2) and related reporting.

II.2.2) Information about options

Options: no

II.2.3) Information about renewals

This contract is subject to renewal: yes

Number of possible renewals: Range: between 1 and 4

In the case of renewable supplies or service contracts, estimated timeframe for subsequent contracts:
in months: 48 (from the award of the contract)

II.3) Duration of the contract or time limit for completion

Duration in months: 48 (from the award of the contract)

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions relating to the contract

III.1.1) Deposits and guarantees required:

No deposit is required, but where applicable, the successful tenderer (or in the case of a successful consortium bid, each member of the consortium) may be required to provide a parent company guarantee.

III.1.2) Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them:

Method of payment will be in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract.

III.1.3) Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded:

The establishment of a temporary grouping of companies is allowed under the conditions laid down in the call for applications/invitation to tender.

III.1.4) Other particular conditions

The performance of the contract is subject to particular conditions: no

III.2) Conditions for participation

III.2.1) Personal situation of economic operators, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met: Please see the details in the application documentation to be requested from the contact point indicated in Sections I.1 and VI.3.

III.2.2) Economic and financial ability

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met: Please see the details in the application documentation to be requested from the contact point indicated in Sections I.1 and VI.3.

III.2.3) Technical capacity

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met:

Please see the details in the application documentation to be requested from the contact point indicated in Sections I.1 and VI.3.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required:

(a) submission of a proof of certification to EN ISO/IEC 17025:2005 or a strictly equivalent standard of which proof of equivalence has to be given; and

(b) submission of a proof on the availability of at least 2 different types of the following equipment: gas chromatograph (GC), headspace GC, liquid chromatograph (HPLC, UPLC), GC with tandem mass spectrometer (GC-MS-MS), LC with tandem mass spectrometer (LC-MS-MS), inductively coupled plasma analyser (ICP), spectrophotometer UV-visible.

III.2.4) Information about reserved contracts

III.3) Conditions specific to services contracts

III.3.1) Information about a particular profession

Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession: no

III.3.2) Staff responsible for the execution of the service

Legal persons should indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff responsible for the execution of the service: yes

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1) Type of procedure

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Negotiated

Some candidates have already been selected (if appropriate under certain types of negotiated procedures)

no

IV.1.2) Limitations on the number of operators who will be invited to tender or to participate

Envisaged minimum number 3: and maximum number 50

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates: The ECB intends to invite all candidates that meet the above minimum requirements set out in Section III.2.3 and have signed the confidentiality declaration attached as Annex 2 in the call for applications. If, however, the number of candidates meeting those minimum requirements exceeds 50, the ECB shall select those 50 candidates which best meet the following selection criteria:

(a) the number of different substances that candidates have analysed (in routine analysis) during the last 3 years (30 %);

(b) the number of samples that candidates have analysed during the last 3 years (30 %);

(c) the number and scope of comparable reference projects executed within the last 3 years demonstrating the candidate's experience with the analysis of different matrixes (40 %).

For the purpose above, the ECB shall evaluate the applications using a scoring system of 100 points. The maximum number of points achievable per criterion is equivalent to the percentage weightings allocated to the selection criteria. The highest number provided for (a) and (b) will obtain the maximum score per criterion and the others proportionally less (30-30 respectively). The criterion (c) will be assessed on the basis of a scoring system from 0 to 5 points, taking into account all reference projects listed by the candidate as provided for in Section 3.5 of the application form. The list of reference projects demonstrating the highest quality shall obtain the maximum score (40) and the others proportionally less.

IV.1.3) Reduction of the number of operators during the negotiation or dialogue

Recourse to staged procedure to gradually reduce the number of solutions to be discussed or tenders to be negotiated no

IV.2) Award criteria

IV.2.1) Award criteria

The most economically advantageous tender in terms of the criteria stated in the specifications, in the invitation to tender or to negotiate or in the descriptive document

IV.2.2) Information about electronic auction

An electronic auction will be used: no

IV.3) Administrative information

IV.3.1) File reference number attributed by the contracting authority:

20489/BN/CMA/2011.

IV.3.2) Previous publication(s) concerning the same contract

no

IV.3.3) Conditions for obtaining specifications and additional documents or descriptive document

IV.3.4) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

22.10.2012 - 17:00

IV.3.5) Date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

IV.3.6) Language(s) in which tenders or requests to participate may be drawn up

English.

IV.3.7) **Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

IV.3.8) **Conditions for opening tenders**

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1) **Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: no

VI.2) **Information about European Union funds**

The contract is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: no

VI.3) **Additional information**

The documentation for this procurement can be downloaded from an Internet platform. If you are interested to participate in the procurement procedure please register via the Internet platform using the following Internet address, user name and password:

Internet address: <https://www.ecb.europa.eu/secure/procurement/>

User name: 20489/BN/CMA/2011

Password: 9389C1

After having registered an e-mail will be sent to you with a new user name and password. The Internet address will remain the same. Please use the new user name and password to download the application documentation. Should you experience any problems in accessing the Internet platform for registration and/or downloading the application documentation please do not hesitate to contact us under the following e-mail address: procurement@ecb.europa.eu quoting the procurement number and problem experienced.

The tender procedure shall be open on equal terms to all natural or legal persons resident or located in the European Union and to all natural and legal persons resident or located in a country which has ratified the World Trade Organisation Agreement on Government Procurement or has concluded with the European Union a bilateral agreement on procurement under the conditions laid down in the said agreements. The ECB shall exclude tenderers that are in one of the situations described in Article 24(4) of Decision ECB/2007/5 (e.g. conviction for fraud or corruption) or put on a blacklist in accordance with Article 24(7) of Decision ECB/2007/5.

The ECB may exclude tenderers that are in one of the situations described in Article 24(5) of Decision ECB/2007/5 (e.g. insolvency; grave professional misconduct; misrepresentation). Further information about ECB procurement rules and procedures may be obtained at <http://www.ecb.europa.eu/ecb/jobsproc/tenders/html/index.en.html>

VI.4) **Procedures for appeal**

VI.4.1) **Body responsible for appeal procedures**

Procurement Review Body of the European Central Bank, c/o Legal Advice Team

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GERMANY

Internet address: <http://www.ecb.europa.eu>

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Body responsible for mediation procedures

The European Ombudsman

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67001 Strasbourg Cedex

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VI.4.2) **Lodging of appeals**

Precise information on deadline(s) for lodging appeals: 15 days from the receipt of the information specified in Article 28(3) of the ECB procurement rules (see Section VI.3) or, if no information is requested, 15 days from the receipt of the notification to unsuccessful tenderers.

Further requirements are outlined in Article 33 of the ECB procurement rules (see Section VI.3).

The complaint to the European Ombudsman does not affect the submission deadline nor does it create a new deadline by which complaints can be submitted.

VI.4.3) **Service from which information about the lodging of appeals may be obtained**

See above.

VI.5) **Date of dispatch of this notice:**

13.9.2012