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**Germany-Frankfurt-on-Main: ECB - Provision of consultancy works and services  
on the health and safety risk assessment of euro banknotes (24231/BN/CMA/2012)  
2014/S 032-050727**

**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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**Internet address(es):**

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:**

Provision of consultancy works and services on the health and safety risk assessment of euro banknotes (24231/BN/CMA/2012).

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

Services

Main site or location of works, place of delivery or of performance: Contractor's premises.

NUTS code DE712

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

The notice involves a public contract

II.1.4) **Information on framework agreement**

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

More than 350 000 000 people are currently using euro banknotes, including those who participate in their production. At present, over 40 companies are involved in the manufacture of euro banknotes. The banknotes are composed of different raw materials, which could have, individually and/or in combination with others, an impact on the health of both the producers and users. As such, it is necessary to analyse and evaluate the general impact of the use and manufacture of the euro banknotes from a health and safety perspective.

The ECB bears a public responsibility/role in the development, the production and the issuance of the euro banknotes, and is thus interested in getting a clear stance on possible influences of the production and use of the euro banknotes in order to assess their total health and safety impact.

Since the introduction of the euro as a currency, the ECB has contracted laboratories to analyse and monitor the presence and concentration of certain substances with a potential impact on health and safety in euro banknotes and raw materials (paper, inks, foil and threads).

The ECB is launching an open tender procedure to identify suitable companies (hereinafter 'the tenderers') that could supplement these laboratory analyses by providing general consultancy and support in any further health and safety related issue concerning euro banknotes. This consultancy contract is expected to enter into force on June 2014 and will remain in force for 48 consecutive months. The ECB, however, explicitly reserves the right to unilaterally terminate the contract under the conditions included in the draft contract which can be downloaded following the instructions in Sections I.1 and VI.3.

The following consultancy works and services have to be carried out by the successful tenderer:

1. monitoring the legislation and classification process of the European Union regarding classification of substances;
2. provision of recommendations on analytical methods for chemical analysis in euro banknotes;
3. communication with laboratories on technical subject matters on behalf of the ECB;
4. provision of general advice on health and safety issues related to euro banknotes; and
5. provision of advice during tender procedures; and
6. evaluation and summarising of laboratory analysis results.

Additional information and description of tasks may be downloaded following the instructions in Sections I.1 and VI.3.

II.1.6) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

71317210, 71000000, 73200000, 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:**

II.2.2) **Information about options**

Options: no

II.2.3) **Information about renewals**

This contract is subject to renewal: no

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 that can be downloaded following the instructions in Sections I.1 and VI.3.

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 tender documentation that can be downloaded following the instructions in Sections I.1 and VI.3.

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 procurement documentation which can be downloaded following the instructions 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 procurement documentation which can be downloaded following the instructions indicated in Sections I.1 and VI.3.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: The accumulated net total turnover of the candidate or temporary grouping for the period 2010–2012 must be at least 2 500 000 EUR.

Candidates who fail to comply with this condition will be excluded from the tendering procedure.

Temporary groupings may calculate their total net turnover by adding together the net turnovers for each member of the grouping.

III.2.3) **Technical capacity**

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

Please see the details in the procurement documentation which can be downloaded following the instructions indicated in Sections I.1 and VI.3.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required:

The tenderers' technical and professional capacity will be assessed on the basis of the following criteria:

a. the tenderers shall prove their expertise with at least 1 national, European and/or international governmental organisation within the European Union as experts for articles of daily use in the domain of health and safety and environment;

b. the tenderers shall prove their expertise in providing consultancy on multinational health and safety projects of similar importance to this project, assessed on the basis of reference contracts, having performed during the years 2011, 2012 and 2013 at least 1 similar contract per year; and

c. the tenderers shall have in place the following internal management systems:

- an internal quality management system certified under ISO 9001, or equivalent, and
- an internal health and safety management system certified under OHSAS 18001, or equivalent, and
- an internal environmental management system certified under ISO 14001, or equivalent.

III.2.4) **Information about reserved contracts**

III.3) **Conditions specific to services contracts**

III.3.1) **Information about a particular profession**

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

**Section IV: Procedure**

IV.1) **Type of procedure**

IV.1.1) **Type of procedure**

Open

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

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

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:**

24231/BN/CMA/2012.

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

no

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

Time limit for receipt of requests for documents or for accessing documents: 17.3.2014 - 17:00

Payable documents: no

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

17.3.2014 - 18:00

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**

Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

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

Date: 17.3.2014

Persons authorised to be present at the opening of tenders: no

## **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 in participating 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 ID: 24231/BN/CMA/2012

Password: 5CB9C6

After having registered, an automated 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 procurement 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](mailto: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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#### **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**

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

VI.5) **Date of dispatch of this notice:**  
4.2.2014