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**Germany-Frankfurt am Main: Suppliers' Audit
2021/S 144-381691**

Contract notice

Services

Legal Basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Official name: European Central Bank
Postal address: Sonnemannstrasse 22
Town: Frankfurt am Main
NUTS code: DE712 Frankfurt am Main, Kreisfreie Stadt
Postal code: 60314
Country: Germany
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Internet address(es):

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

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: <http://www.ecb.europa.eu/ecb/jobsproc/sourcing/html/index.en.html>

Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the abovementioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

European institution/agency or international organisation

I.5) Main activity

Economic and financial affairs

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title:

Suppliers' Audit
Reference number: PRO-004752

II.1.2) Main CPV code

79400000 Business and management consultancy and related services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description:

Supplier audits are increasingly perceived as best practice across a wide range of industries, especially for organisations having outsourced a considerable portion of their services to external suppliers and thus having a high dependency on the external supplier's performance.

The necessity for auditing external suppliers is constituted in the fact that risks, deriving from external suppliers, are, despite the ECB's contractual right to audit the performance of external suppliers, currently not sufficiently or not systematically identified, measured, consolidated, analysed and/or reported within the ECB, neither in a vertical manner (e.g. by aggregating all risks of all contracts related to a single external supplier) nor in a horizontal manner (e.g. by aggregating all risks of the same type across multiple external suppliers and contracts).

II.1.5) **Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: 2 000 000.00 EUR

II.1.6) **Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: yes
Tenders may be submitted for one lot only

II.2) **Description**

II.2.1) **Title:**

Audit Services of Financials, Service Quality and Compliance of Suppliers/Vendors Providing Services or Works to the ECB
Lot No: 1

II.2.2) **Additional CPV code(s)**

79000000 Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: DE Deutschland
Main site or place of performance:
Frankfurt am Main or awarded contractor's premises.

II.2.4) **Description of the procurement:**

Lot 1 shall cover the provision of audit services of financials, service quality and compliance of suppliers/vendors providing services or works to the ECB.
The ECB envisages to award up to five framework agreements and reopen the competition for the award of specific contracts (mini-competition).

II.2.5) **Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) **Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: 2 000 000.00 EUR

II.2.7) **Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months: 24
This contract is subject to renewal: yes
Description of renewals:
Extendable to up to four (4) years.

II.2.10) **Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: no

II.2.11) **Information about options**

Options: no

II.2.13) **Information about European Union funds**

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

II.2.14) **Additional information**

The total value of the procurement and the contract(s) indicated in this Contract Award Notice is/are indicative non-binding spending estimate(s) at the time of contract award. The actual value of the contract(s) may differ and will be determined by actual business needs.

II.2) **Description**

II.2.1) **Title:**

Support for the Execution of Specific Assessments for Specialised Digital Security Audits of ECB Service Providers

Lot No: 2

II.2.2) **Additional CPV code(s)**

79000000 Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: DE Deutschland

Main site or place of performance:

Frankfurt am Main or awarded contractor's premises.

II.2.4) **Description of the procurement:**

Lot 2 cover external support for the execution of specific assessments for specialised digital security audits of ECB service providers.

The ECB envisages to award up to three framework agreements and will not reopen the competition for the award of specific contracts (ranking system).

II.2.5) **Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) **Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: 2 000 000.00 EUR

II.2.7) **Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months: 24

This contract is subject to renewal: yes

Description of renewals:

Extendable to up to four (4) years.

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Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) **Conditions for participation**

- III.1.1) **Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**
List and brief description of conditions:
As stated in the procurement documents.
- III.1.2) **Economic and financial standing**
Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents
- III.1.3) **Technical and professional ability**
Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents
- III.2) **Conditions related to the contract**
- III.2.2) **Contract performance conditions:**
As stated in the procurement documents.
- III.2.3) **Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract**
Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

Section IV: Procedure

- IV.1) **Description**
- IV.1.1) **Type of procedure**
Open procedure
- IV.1.3) **Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**
The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement
Framework agreement with several operators
- IV.1.8) **Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**
The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: no
- IV.2) **Administrative information**
- IV.2.2) **Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**
Date: 13/09/2021
Local time: 17:00
- IV.2.3) **Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**
- IV.2.4) **Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted:**
English
- IV.2.6) **Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**
Duration in months: 9 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)
- IV.2.7) **Conditions for opening of tenders**
Date: 14/09/2021
Local time: 18:00

Section VI: Complementary information

- VI.1) **Information about recurrence**
This is a recurrent procurement: no
- VI.2) **Information about electronic workflows**
Electronic invoicing will be accepted
- VI.3) **Additional information:**

This tender procedure is conducted via the ECB's electronic tendering system (e-tendering) which can be accessed via the following internet address:

<http://www.ecb.europa.eu/ecb/jobsproc/sourcing/html/index.en.html>

If you have not used the ECB's electronic tendering system before, you need to register via the above link (click on "Register"). Subsequently to the registration, you will receive an automated notification with your user credentials to log in (click on "Login") and to access the tender documentation. Please note that:

— A registration to the above system is only required once and you can reuse your user credentials in all future procedures of the ECB which are conducted via the above system. Therefore, please keep your user credentials for the future,

— In case you should have participated in previous ECB tender procedure(s) in the past which were conducted via the ECB's prior online system, you nevertheless need to register once to the ECB's electronic tendering system under the above address,

— Your mere registration does not constitute an application/tender. You must submit your application/tender via the ECB's electronic tendering system as further instructed in the application/tender documentation.

The system reference number for the above procurement are: (Lot 1) RFX-PT-2021-000052: PRO-004752-L1-Audit services; and (Lot 2) RFX-PT-2021-000053: PRO-004752-L2-Digital Sec. Aud. Support.

To download the tender documents, log on to the ECB's electronic tendering system with your login and password. Expand the field "Public Tenders – Upcoming Events". Click on "Click to request an invitation to this event" for the above procedure and close the new window which opens. Once the request is completed (this can take a few minutes), the status of the participation request will change to "Invited" and the RFX documentation will be accessible via the RFX tab.

Under the above link you also find user guides for detailed information on how to use the system and contact details for technical support.

Should you require technical help when using the system, please contact the ECB's technical support .team atsourcing.support@ecb.europa.eu by quoting the reference number and the problem experienced.

Any other queries relating to this procurement procedure and the content of the procurement documentation shall be submitted as message via the ECB's e-tendering system (under the tab "Discussion").

The ECB endeavours to answer all queries as quickly as possible but cannot guarantee a minimum time response. The ECB shall not be bound to reply to queries received less than seven calendar days before the time-limit for the submission of tenders.

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 tender procedure is conducted in accordance with ECB Decision 2016/2 laying down the Rules on Procurement (as amended), available on the ECB website at <http://www.ecb.europa.eu/ecb/jobsproc/tenders/html/index.en.html>.

This should be the right link which leads directly to the decisions.

<https://www.ecb.europa.eu/ecb/legal/1001/procurement/html/index.en.html>

VI.4) **Procedures for review**

VI.4.1) **Review body**

Official name: Procurement Review Body of the European Central Bank, c/o Legal Advice Team
Postal address: Sonnemannstrasse 22
Town: Frankfurt am Main
Postal code: 60314
Country: Germany
Telephone: +49 6913440
Fax: +49 6913446886
Internet address: <http://www.ecb.europa.eu>

VI.4.2) **Body responsible for mediation procedures**

Official name: The European Ombudsman
Postal address: 1 avenue du Président Robert Schuman, CS 30403
Town: Strasbourg Cedex
Postal code: 67001
Country: France

VI.4.3) **Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures:
Within 10 days of receipt of the notification in accordance with Article 34(1) or the first sentence of Article 34(3) of ECB Decision 2016/2 laying down the Rules on Public Procurement. Further requirements are outlined in Article 39 of this Decision. A complaint to the European Ombudsman does not affect the deadline for lodging appeals.

VI.4.4) **Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

Official name: Central Procurement Office of the European Central Bank c/o Legal Advice Team
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Postal code: 60314
Country: Germany
E-mail: procurement@ecb.europa.eu
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VI.5) **Date of dispatch of this notice:**

16/07/2021