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**Germany-Frankfurt-on-Main: ECB - Provision of support services for selected internal audit activities
2014/S 044-072574**

Contract notice

Services

Directive 2004/18/EC

Section I: Contracting authority

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

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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:

Provision of support services for selected internal audit activities.

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

Services

Service category No 9: Accounting, auditing and bookkeeping 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 a single operator

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

The European Central Bank intends to conclude a framework agreement for the provision of support services for selected internal audit activities, in the 9 fields of competency listed below:

1. operational risk;
2. financial risk;
3. information technology (IT);
4. human resources;
5. project management (with a strong IT component);
6. procurement and asset inventory;
7. planning, controlling and performance management;
8. recommendation follow-up assessment; and
9. audit planning and methodology.

Further details of the aforementioned fields of competency can be found in Annex 2 to the call of applications (see Section VI.3 of this notice) and in the specifications which will be sent to the candidates invited to the second stage of the tender.

II.1.6) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)

79212200

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 framework agreement will enter into force in 2014 upon signature of the contract and will expire on 31.12.2017.

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

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:

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

III.1.4) Other particular conditions

The performance of the contract is subject to particular conditions: yes

Description of particular conditions: The ECB may exclude candidates that are in one of the situations described in Article 24(5) of Decision ECB/2007/5 (e.g. insolvency; grave professional misconduct; misrepresentation).

In particular, the ECB may exclude candidates who are subject to a conflict of interest with the ECB's interests such as financial, business, employment or other relationship. The ECB may also exclude the candidate, and all its international network member firms and affiliates, that is currently the ECB's external auditor in accordance with Article 27.1 of the ESCB/ECB statute.

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: Those requested in the call for application.

III.2.2) **Economic and financial ability**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met: Those requested in the call for application.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: Those requested in the call for application.

III.2.3) **Technical capacity**

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

Those requested in the call for application.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required:

Those requested in the call for application.

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 1: and maximum number 6

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates: Please refer to Section 4 ('Selection criteria and minimum capacity levels') of the call for application.

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 yes

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:

26496/IA/AMI/2013.

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

no

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

Payable documents: no

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

31.3.2014

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 of 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

Companies interested in taking part in this tender procedure are required to:

— download the call for applications and the application form from the following Internet site using the 'User ID' and 'Password' indicated below:

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

User ID: 26496/IA/AMI/2013/APP.

Password: 34E99F.

Please note that you must register before downloading the documentation and that registration on the website is not synonymous with applying; application forms need to be filled in and submitted to the ECB.

The tender procedure is conducted in accordance with Decision ECB/2007/5 of 3.7.2007 laying down the rules on procurement (OJ L 184, 14.7.2007, p. 34) as amended by Decision ECB/2009/2 (OJ L 51, 24.2.2009, p. 10) and Decision ECB/2010/8 (OJ L 238, 9.9.2010, p. 14), all published on <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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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**

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

20.2.2014