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**Germany-Frankfurt-on-Main: ECB - The provision of external
quality assessment services for internal audit functions
2017/S 200-410763**

Contract award notice

Results of the procurement procedure

Services

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

- I.1) **Name and addresses**
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Germany
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- I.2) **Joint procurement**
- 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:**
The provision of external quality assessment services for internal audit functions.
Reference number: PRO-001759.
- II.1.2) **Main CPV code**
79212000
- II.1.3) **Type of contract**
Services
- II.1.4) **Short description:**
This contract award notice relates to the ECB's joint open tender procedure conducted in accordance with Article 4 of the Decision of the European Central Bank of 17.11.2008 laying down the framework for joint

Eurosystem procurement (ECB/2008/17) and Article 2(2) of the Decision (EU) 2016/245 of the European Central Bank of 9.2.2016 laying down the rules on procurement (ECB/2016/2) for the allocation of contracts for the provision of external quality assessment services for (i) the internal audit function of the Eurosystem/ ESCB/SSM, i.e. the Internal Auditors Committee (IAC); and/or (ii) the local internal audit functions of the central banks (CBs)/national competent authorities (NCAs) of the Eurosystem/ESCB/SSM, in accordance with the Institute of Internal Auditors ('the IIA') international standards for the professional practice of internal auditing ('the standards').

II.1.6) **Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.1.7) **Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: 1 100 000.00 EUR

II.2) **Description**

II.2.1) **Title:**

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

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: DE712

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

The scope of the joint procurement was the conclusion of multi-supplier framework agreements with at least 3, but potentially more, economic operators for the performance of external quality assessment services for the internal audit functions. The services to be provided by the suppliers shall cover all aspects and processes of the internal audit activity described in the tender specifications. The contracts do not confer on the framework contractors any exclusive right to provide the services. Any beneficiary will have the option, but not the obligation, to order the services directly from the framework contractors, after reopening competition, in conformity with the provisions of the contracts and of the provisions of Decision (EU) 2016/245 of the European Central Bank of 9.2.2016 laying down the rules on procurement (ECB/2016/2), in particular its Article 18(4)(b). Notwithstanding the expiry of the contract(s), specific orders agreed on the basis of the contract(s) prior to their expiry may continue until the completion of the respective services.

This joint tender procedure is carried out by the ECB, on its own behalf and for the benefit of institutions entitled to participate in the activities of the EPCO, such as central banks of the ESCB and national competent authorities of the Member States of the EU participating in the single supervisory mechanism, which are or may become members of EPCO, in accordance with Decision of the European Central Bank of 17.11.2008 laying down the framework for joint Eurosystem procurement (ECB/2008/17) (beneficiaries).

List of EPCO members: <http://www.epco.lu/links.php>

In accordance with Decision of the European Central Bank of 17.11.2008 laying down the framework for joint Eurosystem procurement (ECB/2008/17), any other central bank of the ESCB is entitled to become an EPCO member at any time.

Institutions other than central banks may also participate in EPCO's activities, such as national authorities of Member States, EU agencies and bodies or international organisations, upon invitation by the Governing Council. Among these non-ESCB institutions entitled to participate in EPCO's activities, the present EPCO joint tender procedure is carried out by the ECB for the benefit of national competent authorities (NCAs) of the Member States of the European Union, participating in the SSM, and all ESCB central banks. List of institutions entitled to participate in EPCO's activities (beneficiaries) and the date from which they obtain that right: <http://www.epco.lu/links.php>

Institutions that expressed so far potential interest in participating in the procedure are the Internal Auditors Committee, National Bank of Belgium, Deutsche Bundesbank, Central Bank of Ireland, Bank of Greece, Banco de España, Banque de France, Banca d'Italia, Central Bank of Cyprus, Lietuvos Bankas, Banque centrale du Luxembourg, Central Bank of Malta, De Nederlandsche Bank, Banco de Portugal, Národná banka Slovenska, Suomen Pankki, European Central Bank, Hrvatska Narodna Banka, Banca Națională a României, Sveriges Riksbank, Malta Financial Services Authority, Finanzmarktaufsicht.

Where reference is made, in the ITT, to the ECB, this reference relates to the ECB acting both on behalf of itself and for the benefit of the institutions referred to above, as the leading central bank in accordance with Article 2(g) and Article 4 of Decision of the European Central Bank of 17.11.2008 laying down the framework for joint Eurosystem procurement (ECB/2008/17) (OJ L 319, 29.11.2008, p. 76, as amended) and in line with Decision (EU) 2016/245 of the European Central Bank of 9.2.2016 laying down the rules on procurement (ECB/2016/2).

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality of the proposed concept for conducting the EQAs, and the proposed methodology for coordinating the tasks and ensuring consistency in the performance of EQAs / Weighting: 45
Price - Weighting: 55

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

See Section II.2.4 (Description of the procurement) above.

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

IV.1.6) Information about electronic auction

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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number in the OJ S: [2017/S 031-055270](#)

IV.2.8) Information about termination of dynamic purchasing system

IV.2.9) Information about termination of call for competition in the form of a prior information notice

Section V: Award of contract

Contract No: 1

Title:

The provision of external quality assessment services for internal audit functions

A contract/lot is awarded: yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract:

01/08/2017

V.2.2) **Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 6
Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0
Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 2
Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0
Number of tenders received by electronic means: 0
The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: no

V.2.3) **Name and address of the contractor**

Deloitte GmbH Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft
Franklinstraße 50
Frankfurt am Main
60468
Germany
NUTS code: DE712
The contractor is an SME: no

V.2.4) **Information on value of the contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot: 1.00 EUR

V.2.5) **Information about subcontracting**

Section V: Award of contract

Contract No: 2

Title:

The provision of external quality assessment services for internal audit functions
A contract/lot is awarded: yes

V.2) **Award of contract**

V.2.1) **Date of conclusion of the contract:**

02/08/2017

V.2.2) **Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 6
Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0
Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 2
Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0
Number of tenders received by electronic means: 0
The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: no

V.2.3) **Name and address of the contractor**

Ernst & Young GmbH Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft
Mergenthalerallee 3-5
Eschborn
65760
Germany
NUTS code: DE712
The contractor is an SME: no

V.2.4) **Information on value of the contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot: 1.00 EUR

V.2.5) **Information about subcontracting**

Section V: Award of contract

Contract No: 3

Title:

The provision of external quality assessment services for internal audit functions

A contract/lot is awarded: yes

V.2) **Award of contract**

V.2.1) **Date of conclusion of the contract:**

04/08/2017

V.2.2) **Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 6

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 2

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 0

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: no

V.2.3) **Name and address of the contractor**

IFACI Certification

449543461 RCS

98 bis boulevard Haussmann

Paris

75008

France

NUTS code: FR101

The contractor is an SME: no

V.2.4) **Information on value of the contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot: 1.00 EUR

V.2.5) **Information about subcontracting**

Section V: Award of contract

Contract No: 4

Title:

The provision of external quality assessment services for internal audit functions

A contract/lot is awarded: yes

V.2) **Award of contract**

V.2.1) **Date of conclusion of the contract:**

07/08/2017

V.2.2) **Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 6

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 2

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 0

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: no

V.2.3) **Name and address of the contractor**

KPMG AG Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft
The Squire, Am Flughafen
Frankfurt am Main
60549
Germany
NUTS code: DE712
The contractor is an SME: no

V.2.4) **Information on value of the contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot: 1.00 EUR

V.2.5) **Information about subcontracting**

Section V: Award of contract

Contract No: 5

A contract/lot is awarded: yes

V.2) **Award of contract**

V.2.1) **Date of conclusion of the contract:**

01/08/2017

V.2.2) **Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 6
Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0
Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 2
Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0
Number of tenders received by electronic means: 0
The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: no

V.2.3) **Name and address of the contractor**

PwC EU Services EEIG
Woluwe Gardens, Woluwedal 18
Sint-Stevens-Woluwe
1932
Belgium
NUTS code: BE100
The contractor is an SME: no

V.2.4) **Information on value of the contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot: 1.00 EUR

V.2.5) **Information about subcontracting**

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.3) **Additional information:**

VI.4) **Procedures for review**

VI.4.1) **Review body**

Procurement Review Body of the European Central Bank, c/o Legal Advice Team
Sonnemannstraße 20
Frankfurt am Main

60314
Germany
Telephone: +49 6913440
Fax: +49 6913446886
Internet address:<http://www.ecb.europa.eu>

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

European Ombudsman
1 avenue du Président Robert Schuman
Strasbourg
67001
France

VI.4.3) **Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures:

Unsuccessful tenderers may request the ECB's Procurement Review Body to review the decision to reject their tender under the conditions set out in Article 39 of Decision (EU) 2016/245 of the European Central Bank of 9.2.2016 laying down the rules on procurement (ECB/2016/2). Any appeal shall be submitted to the Procurement Review Body of the ECB. Tenderers shall submit the appeal within 15 calendar days from the receipt of the information specified in Chapter V, Section 1.2 or if no information is requested, within 15 calendar days from the receipt of the notification. The appeal shall be submitted in English and include all supporting information and reasoned objections.

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

Central Procurement Office
Sonnemannstraße 20
Frankfurt am Main
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Germany
Telephone: +49 6913440
Internet address:<http://www.ecb.europa.eu>

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

06/10/2017