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**Germany-Frankfurt-on-Main: ECB - Provision of financial consultancy services (PRO-003038)
2017/S 098-192924**

Contract notice

Services

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) **Name and addresses**

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I.2) **Joint procurement**

I.3) **Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: <https://www.ecb.europa.eu/secure/procurement/>

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:**

Provision of financial consultancy services (PRO-003038).
Reference number: PRO-003038.

II.1.2) **Main CPV code**

66171000

II.1.3) **Type of contract**

Services

II.1.4) **Short description:**

The ECB seeks providers for the provision of services and works in order to review, assess, analyse, enhance and improve, based on the best practice approach, the ECB policies, tools, frameworks, procedures and processes currently in place within the following areas:

lot 1 — services for accounting and financial reporting:

— ECB administrative accounting policies (based primarily on international financial reporting standards (IFRS)), procedures, practice and tools, and

— ECB financial reporting policies, procedures, practices and tools;

lot 2 — services for management accounting, budgeting and controlling:

— ECB management accounting/cost accounting policies, procedures, practices and tools.

II.1.5) **Estimated total value**

II.1.6) **Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

II.2) **Description**

II.2.1) **Title:**

Lot 1 — services for accounting and financial reporting

Lot No: 1

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

79211000

79412000

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: DE712

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

The European Central Bank (ECB) is a public institution, following the Eurosystem Accounting Regime and is requiring services within the following 2 areas:

1. ECB administrative accounting policies (based primarily on international financial reporting standards (IFRS)), procedures and practice;

2. ECB financial reporting and accounting policies, procedures, practices and related IT tools.

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**

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

Duration in months: 36

This contract is subject to renewal: yes

Description of renewals:

Extension for up to an additional 12 months.

II.2.10) **Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: no

II.2.11) **Information about options**

Options: no

II.2.12) **Information about electronic catalogues**

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**

II.2) **Description**

II.2.1) **Title:**

Lot 2 — services for management accounting, budgeting and controlling
Lot No: 2

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

79412000

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: DE712

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

The European Central Bank is requiring consultancy services in the area of cost and management accounting inter alia covering the following tasks:

- 1) reviewing the ECB's current approach to cost and management accounting, covering policies, processes and procedures, practices and tools;
- 2) conducting benchmarking exercises with comparable institutions;
- 3) analysing the results of benchmarking exercises in comparison with approaches in the ECB;
- 4) suggesting improvements based on best practices identified in the benchmarking exercises, where applicable;
- 5) suggesting implementation strategies, training and change management approaches, where applicable.

The overarching objective of the consultant's engagement is to enhance the integration of the various cost accounting processes, systems and tools, thereby increasing the efficiency, effectiveness and transparency of the processes related to cost and management accounting in line with legal requirements.

II.2.5) **Award criteria**

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II.2.6) **Estimated value**

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

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Options: no

II.2.12) **Information about electronic catalogues**

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**

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.1.5) **Information about reserved contracts**
- III.2) **Conditions related to the contract**
- III.2.1) **Information about a particular profession**
- III.2.2) **Contract performance conditions:**
In line with the terms and conditions of the draft contract. See details in the procurement documents.
- III.2.3) **Information about staff responsible for the performance of 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
Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 6
- IV.1.4) **Information about reduction of the number of solutions or tenders during negotiation or dialogue**
- 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**
- IV.2.2) **Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**
Date: 15/06/2017
Local time: 18:00
- 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: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)
- IV.2.7) **Conditions for opening of tenders**
Date: 16/06/2017
Local time: 9:00
Information about authorised persons and opening procedure:
First available date.

Section VI: Complementary information

- VI.1) **Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: no

VI.2) **Information about electronic workflows**

VI.3) **Additional information:**

The procurement documentation can be downloaded from an Internet platform. If you are interested in participating in the procurement procedure 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: 003038/F/2017

Password: 2127FC

After you have registered an e-mail will be sent to you with a new user name and password. The Internet address will remain the same. Use the new user name and password to download the procurement documentation.

However, your mere registration and downloading the procurement documents does not constitute an application/tender. You must submit your application/tender in hard copy version to the ECB, on time, in the format requested and including the content as further instructed in the application/tender documentation.

Should you experience any problems in accessing the Internet platform for registration and/or downloading the documentation do not hesitate to contact the ECB under the following e-mail address: procurement@ecb.europa.eu quoting the procurement number and problem experienced.

The ECB shall endeavour to answer all queries concerning access as quickly as possible but cannot guarantee a minimum response time. The ECB shall not be bound to reply to queries received less than 7 calendar days before the time limit for the submission of tenders.

The procurement 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 procurement procedure is conducted in accordance with Decision (EU) 2016/245 of the European Central Bank of 9.2.2016 laying down the rules on procurement (ECB/2016/2), OJ L 45, 20.2.2016, p. 15 as amended available on the ECB website at <http://www.ecb.europa.eu/ecb/jobsproc/tenders/html/index.en.html>

During the procurement procedure tenderers shall not contact any other ECB staff members or organisations/ persons working for the ECB with regard to this tender procedure other than the person indicated in Section I.1. Tenderers shall also not contact potential competitors unless they intend to form a temporary grouping with them or to involve them as subcontractors. Any violation of this communication rule may lead to the exclusion of the tenderer in question.

VI.4) **Procedures for review**

VI.4.1) **Review body**

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

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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:

15 days from the receipt of the information specified in Article 34(3) of Decision (EU) 2016/245 of the European Central Bank of 9.2.2016 laying down the rules on procurement (ECB/2016/2) or, if no information is requested, 15 days from the receipt of the notification to unsuccessful tenderers. 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**

Central Procurement Office
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VI.5) **Date of dispatch of this notice:**

11/05/2017