

336960-2026 - Competition

Germany – Investigation services – PRO-2511043704 - Provision of services to support the ECB's Independent Internal Investigations Division

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Contract or concession notice – standard regime

Services

1. Buyer

1.1. Buyer

Official name: European Central Bank

Email: procurement@ecb.europa.eu

Legal type of the buyer: EU institution, body or agency

Activity of the contracting authority: Economic affairs

2. Procedure

2.1. Procedure

Title: PRO-2511043704 - Provision of services to support the ECB's Independent Internal Investigations Division

Description: The European Central Bank is seeking suitable candidates that will be invited to participate in this negotiated procedure and to submit a tender for the award of framework agreements on the provision of services to support the ECB's Independent Internal Investigations Division (the 'Contract(s)'). The ECB intends to award up to three Contracts with ranking to the suppliers offering the best value for money. The services to be provided comprise e.g. the legal analysis and reporting with respect to potential breaches of professional duties during the investigative process and advisory services on the investigative process.

Procedure identifier: d8268f52-a90b-4b43-a35b-030b6e2b396f

Internal identifier: PRO-2511043704

Type of procedure: Negotiated with prior publication of a call for competition / competitive with negotiation

The procedure is accelerated: no

Main features of the procedure: 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 Decision ECB/2016/2 laying down the rules on procurement (as amended), available at <https://www.ecb.europa.eu/ecb/legal/1001/procurement/html/index.en.html> And in EUR-Lex: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:02016D0002-20200501>. The detailed features and terms and conditions of the procedure can be found in the procurement documents.

2.1.1. Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Services

Main classification (cpv): 79720000 Investigation services

Additional classification (cpv): 79100000 Legal services

2.1.2. Place of performance

Postal address: Sonnemannstrasse 22

Town: Frankfurt am Main

Postcode: 60314

Country subdivision (NUTS): Frankfurt am Main, Kreisfreie Stadt (DE712)

Country: Germany

2.1.3. Value

Estimated value excluding VAT: 4 000 000,00 EUR

Maximum value of the framework agreement: 5 200 000,00 EUR

2.1.4. General information

Additional information: This tender procedure is conducted via the ECB's electronic tendering system (SAP Ariba) 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. 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 raise a contact support request on the following website: <https://eu.service.cloud.ariba.com/Sourcing.aw>. Any other queries relating to this procurement procedure and the content of the procurement documentation shall be submitted as laid down in the procurement documentation itself.

Legal basis:

Other

<http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2016/245/2020-05-01> - Consolidated text: Decision (EU) 2016 /245 of the European Central Bank of 9 February 2016 laying down the rules on procurement (ECB/2016/2) (recast)

2.1.6. Grounds for exclusion

Sources of grounds for exclusion: Procurement Document

5. Lot

5.1. Lot: LOT-0001

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Description: Provision of services to support the ECB's Independent Internal Investigations Division. The services to be provided comprise e.g. the legal analysis and reporting with respect to potential breaches of professional duties during the investigative process and advisory services on the investigative process. The ECB intends to award up to three Contracts with ranking to the suppliers offering the best value for money.

Internal identifier: PRO-2511043704

5.1.1. Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Services

Main classification (cpv): 79720000 Investigation services

Additional classification (cpv): 79100000 Legal services

Options:

Description of the options: The contract is not subject to renewal.

5.1.2. Place of performance

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Town: Frankfurt am Main
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Country: Germany

5.1.3. Estimated duration

Duration: 48 Months

5.1.5. Value

Maximum value of the framework agreement: 5 200 000,00 EUR

5.1.6. General information

Reserved participation:

Participation is not reserved.

Procurement Project not financed with EU Funds.

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA): no

This procurement is also suitable for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs): yes

5.1.9. Selection criteria

Sources of selection criteria: Procurement Document

Information about the second stage of a two-stage procedure:

Minimum number of candidates to be invited for the second stage of the procedure: 5

The procedure will take place in successive stages. At each stage, some participants may be eliminated

The buyer reserves the right to award the contract on the basis of the initial tenders without any further negotiations

5.1.10. Award criteria

Criterion:

Type: Quality

Description: As specified in the procurement document.

Category of award weight criterion: Weight (percentage, exact)

Award criterion number: 60

Criterion:

Type: Price

Description: As specified in the procurement document.

Category of award weight criterion: Weight (percentage, exact)

Award criterion number: 40

5.1.11. Procurement documents

Address of the procurement documents: <https://eu.mu.ariba.com/uav/project/?token=3eccc1a1-5519-48f4-af89-a1c956ab2c0f>

Ad hoc communication channel:

Name: ECB e-tendering platform

URL: <https://eu.mu.ariba.com/uav/project/?token=3eccc1a1-5519-48f4-af89-a1c956ab2c0f>

5.1.12. Terms of procurement

Terms of submission:

Electronic submission: Required

Address for submission: <https://eu.mu.ariba.com/uav/project/?token=3eccc1a1-5519-48f4-af89-a1c956ab2c0f>

Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted: English

Electronic catalogue: Not allowed

Deadline for receipt of requests to participate: 15/06/2026 10:00:00 (UTC+00:00) Western European Time, GMT

Terms of contract:

The execution of the contract must be performed within the framework of sheltered employment programmes: No

Electronic invoicing: Required

Electronic ordering will be used: yes

Electronic payment will be used: yes

5.1.15. Techniques

Framework agreement:

Framework agreement, with reopening of competition

Maximum number of participants: 3

Information about the dynamic purchasing system:

No dynamic purchase system

5.1.16. Further information, mediation and review

Mediation organisation: The European Ombudsman

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

Information about review deadlines: Within 10 days of receipt of the notification in accordance with Article 34(1) or the first sentence of Article 34(3) of Decision ECB/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.

Organisation providing additional information about the procurement procedure: European Central Bank

Organisation providing offline access to the procurement documents: European Central Bank

Organisation providing more information on the review procedures: European Central Bank

Organisation receiving requests to participate: European Central Bank

Organisation processing tenders: European Central Bank

8. Organisations

8.1. ORG-0001

Official name: European Central Bank

Registration number: 0001

Postal address: Sonnemannstrasse 22

Town: Frankfurt am Main

Postcode: 60314

Country subdivision (NUTS): Frankfurt am Main, Kreisfreie Stadt (DE712)

Country: Germany

Contact point: Central Procurement Office

Email: procurement@ecb.europa.eu

Telephone: +49 6913440

Internet address: <https://www.ecb.europa.eu>

Information exchange endpoint (URL): <https://www.ecb.europa.eu/ecb/jobsproc/sourcing/html/index.en.html>

Other contact points:

Official name: Procurement Review Body of the European Central Bank, c/o Legal Advice Team
Postal address: Sonnemannstrasse 22
Town: Frankfurt am Main
Postcode: 60314
Country subdivision (NUTS): Frankfurt am Main, Kreisfreie Stadt (DE712)
Country: Germany
Contact point: Legal Advice Team
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Internet address: <http://www.ecb.europa.eu>

Roles of this organisation:

Buyer
Organisation providing additional information about the procurement procedure
Organisation providing offline access to the procurement documents
Organisation receiving requests to participate
Organisation processing tenders
Review organisation
Organisation providing more information on the review procedures

8.1. ORG-0002

Official name: The European Ombudsman
Registration number: 0002
Postal address: 1 avenue du Président Robert Schuman, CS 30403
Town: Strasbourg
Postcode: 67001
Country subdivision (NUTS): Bas-Rhin (FRF11)
Country: France
Contact point: The European Ombudsman
Email: eo@ombudsman.europa.eu
Telephone: +33 388172313
Internet address: <https://www.ombudsman.europa.eu/en/home>

Roles of this organisation:

Mediation organisation

Notice information

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