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**Germany-Frankfurt am Main: ECB - Audit of the TARGET2-Securities (T2S) Financial Statements
2017/S 242-501928**

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:

Audit of the TARGET2-Securities (T2S) Financial Statements
Reference number: PRO-003556

II.1.2) Main CPV code

79200000

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description:

The European Central Bank (ECB) is seeking through this open procedure a supplier for the provision of services and works with regard to the audit of the TARGET2-Securities (T2S) Financial Statements. The main deliverables of the Contract will be the annual audit of the T2S financial statements, the independent auditor's report (opinion letter) and the report on internal controls (management letter). The services to be provided by the External Auditor shall be in accordance with the International Standards on Auditing (ISAs) and the IESBA Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (formerly IFAC Code of Ethics).

In addition to the present tender, another procurement procedure for the T2S External Examiner (PRO-003514) is being launched soon. That will be a separate procedure and tenders for the T2S External Examiner should be submitted according to the specific guidance provided in the documentation specific to that procurement procedure.

II.1.5) **Estimated total value**

II.1.6) **Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.2) **Description**

II.2.1) **Title:**

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

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: DE712

Main site or place of performance:

Frankfurt am Main.

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

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The full details are available to all interested companies in the tender documentation available at the aforementioned website (see also section VI.3 "Additional Information").

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: 24

This contract is subject to renewal: yes

Description of renewals:

The ECB may decide to extend the contract twice, each extension for a period of 1 year. The maximum total duration of the contract is therefore 4 years.

This tender includes the audit of the TARGET2-Securities (T2S) financial statements for the financial years 2017 to 2019 (initial term). The contract shall be extendable to optionally include the audits for the financial years 2020 and 2021.

II.2.10) **Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: yes

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**

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 documentation.

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**

Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession

Reference to the relevant law, regulation or administrative provision:

Details, if applicable, to be found in the procurement documentation.

III.2.2) **Contract performance conditions:**

Details, if applicable, to be found in the procurement documentation.

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**

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: yes

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: 19/01/2018

Local time: 17:30

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: 24/01/2018

Local time: 10:00

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure:

It is foreseen that the opening of tenders will be done in the abovementioned date, and only ECB staff in charge of this tender will take part in it. The above indicated date and time are tentative and cannot be confirmed at this stage.

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1) **Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published:

Following the termination of the contract, it is at the moment foreseen that a new public tender will be launched.

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

VI.3) **Additional information:**

The procurement document 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 ID and password:

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

User ID: 003556/MIP/MIS/2017.

Password: 54B34A.

After you have registered, an e-mail will be sent to you with a new username and password. Use the new username and password to download the procurement documentation from the above Internet address. However, your mere registration and downloading the procurement documents does not constitute a tender. You must submit your tender in hard copy version to the ECB, on time, in the format requested and including the content as further instructed in the tender documentation.

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

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**

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

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

06/12/2017