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**D-Frankfurt-on-Main: ECB - Provision of consultancy services in
relation to Eurosystem collateral policy/transparency initiatives
2012/S 249-411519**

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 consultancy services in relation to Eurosystem collateral policy/transparency initiatives.

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

Services

Service category No 11: Management consulting services [6] and related 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

Duration of the framework agreement

Duration in years: 4

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

The ECB is the central bank for Europe's single currency and together with the national central banks that have adopted the euro comprise the Eurosystem. In order to implement monetary policy, the Eurosystem carries out credit operations with counterparties which are secured by adequate collateral. The ECB is seeking a provider of consultancy services to assist the ECB in relation to the collateral policy for the Eurosystem credit operations, which will include, inter alia, the improvements in transparency for structured finance and similar products which are accepted as collateral. The work will be highly technical, requiring the suitable provider to have expert knowledge in structured finance and banking, pricing models and analytics, legal issues and accounting, as well as proven strong contacts within the structured finance industry and strong negotiation skills.

II.1.6) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)

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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:

(1) General advice, research and briefings on the Eurosystem's risk management framework in the area of monetary policy operations. (2) Providing support for the Eurosystem's ongoing and future transparency initiatives in relation to its collateral framework. (3) Analysis of developments in debt markets (ABS, covered bonds, unsecured bank debt, credit claims, etc.) and associated implications for collateral/risk control framework.

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

Duration in months: 48 (from the award of the contract)

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions relating to the contract

III.1.1) Deposits and guarantees required:

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: no

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: Please see the details in the tender documentation to be requested to the contact point indicated in Sections I.1 and VI.3.

III.2.2) Economic and financial ability

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met: Please see the details in the tender documentation to be requested to the contact point indicated in Sections I.1 and VI.3.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: An average annual net turnover in the last 3 financial years of at least 400 000 EUR.

III.2.3) Technical capacity

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

Please see the details in the tender documentation to be requested to the contact point indicated in Sections I.1 and VI.3.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required:

Candidates must meet the following minimum requirements:

— candidates shall provide evidence that they have previous experience in providing consultancy services related to the structured finance market (ABS, covered bonds and similar products) by submitting 3 reference projects undertaken in the last 5 calendar years (2008–2012) which are comparable in terms of scope, size and complexity with the contract tendered by the ECB. The reference projects do not have to be completed, they can also be ongoing.

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: no

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 3: and maximum number 5

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:

23693/RMO/2012.

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

29.1.2013 - 17:00

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

The documentation for this procurement procedure can be downloaded from an Internet platform. If you are interested in participating, please register via the Internet platform using the following Internet address:

Internet address: <https://www.ecb.europa.eu/secure/procurement/login.html>

User ID: 23693/RMO/2012.

Password: FFB541.

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

Please use the new user name and password to download the procurement documentation.

Should you experience any problems in accessing the Internet platform for registration and/or downloading the procurement documentation please do not hesitate to contact us under the following e-mail address:

'procurement@ecb.europa.eu' quoting the procurement number and describing the problem experienced.

Please note that the documentation will be made available only via the Internet platform.

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 ECB shall exclude tenderers that are in one of the situations described in Article 24(4) of Decision ECB/2007/5 (e.g. conviction for fraud or corruption) or put on a blacklist in accordance with Article 24(7) of Decision ECB/2007/5.

The minimum time-frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender is 12 months from the submission date as stipulated under IV.3.4.

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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Body responsible for mediation procedures

The European Ombudsman
1 avenue du Président Robert Schuman, CS 30403
Strasbourg
FRANCE

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).

VI.4.3) **Service from which information about the lodging of appeals may be obtained**

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

18.12.2012