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**Germany-Frankfurt am Main: Morning News Briefing  
2020/S 255-639219**

**Contract notice**

**Services**

**Legal Basis:**

Directive 2014/24/EU

**Section I: Contracting authority**

**I.1) Name and addresses**

Official name: European Central Bank  
Postal address: Sonnemannstrasse 22  
Town: Frankfurt am Main  
NUTS code: DE712 Frankfurt am Main, Kreisfreie Stadt  
Postal code: 60314  
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**Internet address(es):**

Main address: <http://www.ecb.europa.eu>

**I.3) Communication**

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

Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via: <https://www.ecb.europa.eu/ecb/jobsproc/sourcing/html/index.en.html>

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:**

Morning News Briefing  
Reference number: PRO-005946

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

92400000 News-agency services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

II.1.4) **Short description:**

The ECB, via the Directorate General Communications, Global Media Relations Division is seeking through this public tender a supplier for the provision of Morning News Briefings. The Morning News Briefings must follow the specification detailed below and should cover print and online media from the euro area countries, as well as international financial media, on given topics.

The Morning News Briefings will contribute to support the media monitoring function of the ECB and provide situation awareness to the executive board members, senior management and other ECB staff members with regard to media coverage across the Euro area and internationally of topics related to ECB, the Eurosystem, other major central banks, banking supervision, the European Union and its institutions, European/euro area economy and international economy, financial markets, as well as trending political topics and other topics of interest for the ECB.

II.1.5) **Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: 900 000.00 EUR

II.1.6) **Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.2) **Description**

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: DE712 Frankfurt am Main, Kreisfreie Stadt

Main site or place of performance:

The services shall be provided mainly at the contractors premises.

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

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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 is looking for a contract with one supplier for a period of 2 years, which can be extended multiple times (however having a maximum duration of 4 years).

II.2.10) **Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: no

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**

**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.2) Conditions related to the contract**

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

In line with the terms and conditions of the draft contract. See details in the procurement documents.

**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.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: no

**IV.2) Administrative information**

**IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date: 03/02/2021

Local time: 12:00

**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: 03/02/2021

Local time: 12:00

**Section VI: Complementary information**

**VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: no

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

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

**VI.3) Additional information:**

The documentation for this procurement can be downloaded from the ECB website in the section 'Tenders' under the title of this procedure.

Internet address: <http://www.ecb.europa.eu/ecb/jobsproc/tenders/html/index.en.html>

The downloading of the documentation does not provide for your participation. You must submit your interest to the ECB, on time, in the format requested as instructed in the documentation.

Should you experience any problems in downloading the documentation please contact the ECB under the following email address: [procurement@ecb.europa.eu](mailto:procurement@ecb.europa.eu) quoting the procurement number and the problem experienced.

The ECB shall endeavour to answer all queries as quickly as possible but cannot guarantee a minimum time response. 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 ECB/2016/2 of 9 February 2016 laying down the rules on procurement, OJ L 45, 20 February 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 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**

Official name: 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**

Official name: The European Ombudsman

Postal address: 1 avenue du Président Robert Schuman, CS 30403

Town: Strasbourg Cedex

Postal code: 67001

Country: France

**VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures:

Within 10 days of receipt of the notification in accordance with Article 34(1) or the first sentence of Article 34(3) of ECB Decision 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.

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:**

21/12/2020