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**Germany-Frankfurt am Main: Provision of Supply of Books, Newspapers and Standing Orders
2022/S 145-410968**

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
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NUTS code: DE712 Frankfurt am Main, Kreisfreie Stadt
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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: <http://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: <http://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:

Provision of Supply of Books, Newspapers and Standing Orders
Reference number: PRO-006319

II.1.2) Main CPV code

79995000 Library management services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) **Short description:**

The European Central Bank (ECB) is seeking through this open procedure suppliers for lot 1 for the provision of supply of print books, e-books, audiobooks, standing orders (SOs) and lot 2 for the provision of print and electronic newspapers.

The ECB intends to award a framework agreement (the 'Framework Contract') to the suppliers offering the best value for money. The envisaged number of framework contracts for lot 1 to be awarded is three (3) based on ranking. For lot 2 the ECB intends to award one framework agreement (the 'Framework Contract') for the supplier offering the best value for money.

II.1.5) **Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: 960 000.00 EUR

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:**

Ordering, Delivery and Invoicing Services for Print Books, e-Books, Audiobooks and Standing Orders (SO)
Lot No: 1

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

22100000 Printed books, brochures and leaflets

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: DE712 Frankfurt am Main, Kreisfreie Stadt

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

Lot 1 requests service requirements regarding the ordering, delivery and invoicing services for print books, e-books, audiobooks and Standing Orders (SO) in different languages mentioned above referred to as 'books and standing orders'.

The Library of the ECB wants to offer its internal customers a wide range of books and SO. The books may come from a wide range of publishers and be in many different subject areas, but mainly in the field of economics, finance, and law. The ECB reserves the right to obtain any print books and standing orders directly from other sources, in case the ECB requirements like delivery times and quantity cannot be met by the tenderer.

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**

Value excluding VAT: 380 000.00 EUR

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

Duration in months: 48

This contract is subject to renewal: no

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**

II.2) **Description**

II.2.1) **Title:**

Ordering, Delivery, Licensing and Invoicing Services for Print and Online Newspapers and News Magazines in Different Languages

Lot No: 2

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

22200000 Newspapers, journals, periodicals and magazines

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: DE712 Frankfurt am Main, Kreisfreie Stadt

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

Lot 2 comprises the service requirements regarding the ordering, delivery, licensing and invoicing services for subscriptions to print newspapers (including weekly magazines) in different languages to be delivered on Monday to Friday between 7.00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. CET on the date of publication, and electronic newspapers. The library of the ECB wants to offer its internal customers a wide range of subscriptions to newspapers (including weekly magazines).

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**

Value excluding VAT: 580 000.00 EUR

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

Duration in months: 48

This contract is subject to renewal: no

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.1.2) **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

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: 3

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: 31/08/2022

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: 31/08/2022

Local time: 12:00

Place:

European Central Bank, Frankfurt, GERMANY.

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: no

VI.3) Additional information:

This tender procedure is conducted via the ECB's electronic tendering system (e-tendering) 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 (click on 'Register'). Subsequently to the registration, you will receive an automated notification with your user credentials to log in (click on 'Login') and to access the tender documentation. Please note that:

— A registration to the above system is only required once and you can reuse your user credentials in all future procedures of the ECB which are conducted via the above system. Therefore, please keep your user credentials for the future;

— In case you should have participated in previous ECB tender procedure(s) in the past which were conducted via the ECB's prior online system, you nevertheless need to register once to the ECB's electronic tendering system under the above address;

— Your mere registration does not constitute a tender. You must submit your tender via the ECB's electronic tendering system as further instructed in the tender documentation.

The system reference number for the above procurement is:

Lot 1 - RFX-PT-2022-000042: PRO-006319-L1-Books and Standing Orders

Lot 2 - RFX-PT-2022-000043: PRO-006319-L2-Newspapers

To download the tender documents, log on to the ECB's electronic tendering system with your login and password. Expand the field 'Public Tenders – Upcoming Events'. Click on 'Click to request an invitation to this event' for the above procedure and close the new window which opens. Once the request is completed (this can

take a few minutes), the status of the participation request will change to 'Invited' and the RFx documentation will be accessible via the RFx tab.

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 contact the ECB's technical support team at sourcing.support@ecb.europa.eu by quoting the reference number and the problem experienced.

Any other queries relating to this procurement procedure and the content of the procurement documentation shall be submitted as message via the ECB's e-tendering system (under the tab 'Discussion').

The ECB endeavours 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 seven calendar days before the time-limit for the submission of tenders.

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 on the ECB website at <http://www.ecb.europa.eu/ecb/jobsproc/tenders/html/index.en.html>.

And in EUR-Lex: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:02016D0002-20200501>

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

Postal address: Sonnemannstrasse 22

Town: Frankfurt am Main

Postal code: 60314

Country: Germany

Telephone: +49 6913440

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

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 Decision ECB/2016/2 laying down the Rules on Procurement, as amended. 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**

Official name: Central Procurement Office of the European Central Bank c/o Legal Advice Team
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VI.5) **Date of dispatch of this notice:**
19/07/2022