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**Germany-Frankfurt am Main: ECB - Provision of examinations of
the Target2-Securities (T2S) services as the T2S External Examiner
2017/S 250-526288**

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:

Provision of examinations of the Target2-Securities (T2S) services as the T2S External Examiner
Reference number: PRO-003514

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 Call for applications suitable Candidates that will be invited to participate in the negotiated procedure and to submit a tender for the provision of the examinations of the Target2-Securities (T2S) services as the T2S external examiner.

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)**

79400000

72800000

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: DE712

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

The European Central Bank (ECB) is seeking a supplier for the provision of the examinations of the Target2-Securities (T2S) services as the T2S External Examiner. The scope of the examinations of the Target2-Securities (T2S) services shall be limited to the provision of T2S Services or directly related activities. The Services are expected to comprise the financial years 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020. The tasks to be performed by the external examiner are based on international standard on assurance engagements (ISAE) N° 3402, and comprise a regular (annual) audit with the delivery of the ISAE 3402 (SOC2) Type II examination and related report and Ad hoc examinations. The T2S examination services will be performed both remotely at the external examiner's premises and on T2S sites. On site examinations visits are expected to take place at the ECB's premises in Frankfurt, as well as at the premises of the four Central Banks operating T2S (namely Banca d'Italia, Banco de España, Banque de France and Deutsche Bundesbank). The outcome of the external examination, especially the management letter, the detailed report, and any recommendation put forward by the external examiner, shall be produced in English. However, the on-site examination visits should be carried out by staff of the external examiner speaking fluently English (for ECB visits), or the local language of the four Central Banks operating T2S.

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: 48

This contract is subject to renewal: no

II.2.9) **Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited**

Envisaged minimum number: 3

Maximum number: 5

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:

The ECB intends to invite at least 3 candidates and not more than 5 to submit a tender, provided that a sufficient number of candidates meeting the selection criteria are available.

II.2.10) **Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: no

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 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.1.5) **Information about reserved contracts**

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

III.2.1) **Information about a particular profession**

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

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**

Competitive procedure with negotiation

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 a single operator

IV.1.4) **Information about reduction of the number of solutions or tenders during negotiation or dialogue**

Recourse to staged procedure to gradually reduce the number of solutions to be discussed or tenders to be negotiated

IV.1.5) **Information about negotiation**

The contracting authority reserves the right to award the contract on the basis of the initial tenders without conducting negotiations

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: 29/01/2018

Local time: 18:00

IV.2.3) **Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**

Date: 18/02/2018

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: 9 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) **Conditions for opening of tenders**

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1) **Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published:

Every 4 years.

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

VI.3) **Additional information:**

The procurement documentation can be downloaded from an internet platform. If you are interested to participate in the procurement procedure register via the Internet platform using the following Internet address, user name and password:

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

User name: 003514/MIP/MIS/2017/CFA.

Password: D5D0E0.

After you have registered an e-mail will be sent to you with a new user name and password. The internet address will remain the same. Use the new user name and password to download the procurement documentation.

However, your mere registration and downloading the procurement documents does not constitute an application. You must submit your application in hard copy version to the ECB, on time, in the format requested and including the content as further instructed in the application documentation.

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

The ECB shall endeavour to answer all queries concerning access 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, 20.2.2016, 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**

Procurement Review Body of the European Central Bank, c/o Legal Advice Team
Sonnemannstrasse 20
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Germany
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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**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures:
15 days from the receipt of the information specified in Article 34(3) of ECB Decision 2016/2 laying down the rules on procurement or, if no information is requested, 15 days from the receipt of the notification to unsuccessful tenderers. 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**

Central Procurement Office
Sonnemannstrasse 20
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Germany
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Internet address:<http://www.ecb.europa.eu>

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

21/12/2017