Germany-Frankfurt am Main: ECB - Surveys on the access to finance of enterprises (SAFE) 2018/S 139-316716

Contract award notice

Results of the procurement procedure

Services

Legal Basis:
Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses
European Central Bank
Sonnemannstrasse 22
Frankfurt am Main
60314
Germany
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E-mail: procurement@ecb.europa.eu
Fax: +49 69/13447110
NUTS code: DE712
Internet address(es):
Main address: http://www.ecb.europa.eu

I.1) Name and addresses
European Commission
rue de la Loi 170
Brussels
1040
Belgium
E-mail: grow-hr3@eu.europa.eu
NUTS code: BE100
Internet address(es):
Main address: http://www.ec.europa.eu

I.2) Information about joint procurement
The contract involves joint procurement

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:**
Surveys on the access to finance of enterprises (SAFE)
Reference number: PRO-003183

II.1.2) **Main CPV code**
79310000

II.1.3) **Type of contract**
Services

II.1.4) **Short description:**
The European Central Bank (the “ECB”) has awarded framework agreement (the “Contract”) for the performance of Surveys on the Access to Finance of Enterprises (“SAFE”). The Contract is also for the benefit of the European Commission (the ‘EC’) which represents the European Union. The ECB and the EC may issue Specific Orders under the Contract for the performance of SAFE and may also request additional services for each Specific Order in accordance with the provisions of the Contract. The Contract has a duration of four years. SAFE is a qualitative survey of firms with the purpose of providing regular information on the financing conditions of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), as well as of some larger firms, in a certain number of countries.

II.1.6) **Information about lots**
This contract is divided into lots: no

II.1.7) **Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**
Value excluding VAT: 5 200 000.00 EUR

II.2) **Description**

II.2.1) **Title:**

II.2.2) **Additional CPV code(s)**
79311000
79311100
79311200
79311300

II.2.3) **Place of performance**
NUTS code: DE712
Main site or place of performance:
The Contractor shall perform the services at their registered office and in the countries and territories which are subject to the relevant services

II.2.4) **Description of the procurement:**
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The survey shall be performed every 6 months in 2 different compositions as detailed below:
— once a year, usually in March, in the euro area excluding some countries (as of 1.1.2018, the 7 smallest countries of the euro area shall be excluded) as detailed in Annex 1 ('Tender specifications') to the invitation to tender (ITT). The requesting institution will be the ECB,
— once a year, usually in September, in all countries of the European Union plus some additional countries in neighbouring regions detailed in Annex 1 ('Tender specifications'). The requesting institutions will be both the ECB and the EC.
In both types of waves, all firms shall be asked a common set of questions with between 40 and 65 question-units. The questionnaire is largely fixed from wave to wave, and the sample in the European Union includes a panel component. The services to be performed under the contract are further detailed in Annex 1 ('Tender specifications') to the invitation to tender (ITT).

II.2.5) **Award criteria**
Quality criterion - Name: Quality of the technical offer / Weighting: 60 %
Price - Weighting: 40 %

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**
The total value of the procurement and the Contract(s) indicated in this Contract Award Notice is/are indicative non-binding spending estimate(s) at the time of contract award. The actual value of the contract(s) may differ and will be determined by actual business needs.

**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

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: no

IV.2) **Administrative information**

IV.2.1) **Previous publication concerning this procedure**
Notice number in the OJ S: 2017/S 210-435476

IV.2.8) **Information about termination of dynamic purchasing system**

IV.2.9) **Information about termination of call for competition in the form of a prior information notice**

**Section V: Award of contract**

Contract No: 4400002260

Title: Surveys on the access to finance of enterprises (SAFE)
A contract/lot is awarded: yes

V.2) **Award of contract**

V.2.1) **Date of conclusion of the contract:**
12/06/2018

V.2.2) **Information about tenders**
Number of tenders received: 1
Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1
Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 1
Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0
Number of tenders received by electronic means: 0
The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: no

V.2.3) **Name and address of the contractor**
PANTEIA B.V., Private Limited Liability Company
KVK: 27199369
Bredewater 26
Zoetermeer
2715
Netherlands
NUTS code: NL
The contractor is an SME: yes

V.2.4) **Information on value of the contract/lot (excluding VAT)**
Total value of the contract/lot: 5 200 000.00 EUR

V.2.5) **Information about subcontracting**
The contract is likely to be subcontracted
Short description of the part of the contract to be subcontracted:
Verifying correctness of all translations (proper use of financial terms, understandable for respondents etc.), training interviewers, piloting, actual fieldwork in all countries, delivery of dataset

**Section VI: Complementary information**

VI.3) **Additional information:**
The total value of the contract(s) indicated in Section V.2.4 of this contract award notice (EUR 5 200 000.00) is further broken down by contracting authority as follows:
European Central Bank (ECB): EUR 2 450 000.00
European Commission (EC): EUR 2 750 000.00
It should be noted that the above amounts are an indicative non-binding spending estimate at the time of contract award. The actual value of the contract(s) may differ and will be determined by actual business needs;

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
Frankfurt am Main
60314
Germany
Telephone: +49 6913440
Fax: +49 6913446886
Internet address: http://www.ecb.europa.eu

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
Frankfurt am Main
60314
Germany
Telephone: +49 6913440
Internet address: http://www.ecb.europa.eu

VI.5) **Date of dispatch of this notice:**
11/07/2018