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**Germany-Frankfurt-on-Main: ECB - Performance of the ECB's
statutory external audit for the financial years 2013–2017
2013/S 159-276977**

Contract award notice

Services

Directive 2004/18/EC

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name, addresses and contact point(s)

European Central Bank
Kaiserstraße 29
Contact point(s): Central Procurement Office
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GERMANY
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Internet address(es):

General address of the contracting authority: <http://www.ecb.europa.eu>

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

Performance of the ECB's statutory external audit for the financial years 2013–2017.

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

Services
Service category No 9: Accounting, auditing and bookkeeping services
NUTS code DE712

II.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system (DPS)

II.1.4) Short description of the contract or purchase(s)

The tasks, to be performed by the external auditor in accordance with the International Standards on Auditing (ISAs) and the IESBA Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (formerly IFAC Code of Ethics) are:
1. the annual audit of the ECB's annual accounts drawn up in accordance with the accounting policies established by the ECB's Governing Council, comprising the balance sheet, items recorded in the books of the

ECB off-balance sheet, the profit and loss account and the notes to the annual accounts of the ECB. Within this context the external auditor shall examine the relevant accounting systems and internal controls to evaluate their adequacy with respect to the preparation of the annual accounts. The tasks shall include on-site visits to a sample of Eurosystem central banks every year to assess their compliance with the relevant guideline on the management of the ECB's foreign reserve assets, with the aim to cover all Eurosystem central banks within the 5-year mandate;

2. the annual audit of the financial statements of the ECB's staff pension funds. The tasks shall include on-site visits to the offices of the investment manager(s) of the ECB's staff pension funds located in Europe; and

3. the annual review of ECB staff members' private financial activities. A sample shall be examined each year in accordance with the relevant ECB rules.

II.1.5) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

79210000, 79212000

II.1.6) **Information about Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The contract is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA): yes

II.2) **Total final value of contract(s)**

II.2.1) **Total final value of contract(s)**

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1) **Type of procedure**

IV.1.1) **Type of procedure**

Restricted

IV.2) **Award criteria**

IV.2.1) **Award criteria**

The most economically advantageous tender in terms of

1. Price. Weighting 45

2. Quality. Weighting 55

IV.2.2) **Information about electronic auction**

An electronic auction has been used: no

IV.3) **Administrative information**

IV.3.1) **File reference number attributed by the contracting authority**

22612/IA/ASV/2012.

IV.3.2) **Previous publication(s) concerning the same contract**

Contract notice

Notice number in the OJEU: [2012/S 141-234268](#) of 25.7.2012

Section V: Award of contract

Contract No: 1

Lot No: 1 - Lot title: Performance of the ECB's statutory external audit for the financial years 2013–2017

V.1) **Date of contract award decision:**

9.7.2013

V.2) **Information about offers**

V.3) **Name and address of economic operator in favour of whom the contract award decision has been taken**

Ernst & Young GmbH Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft

Mergenthalerallee 3–5

65760 Eschborn
GERMANY
Internet address: <http://www.de.ey.com>

V.4) **Information on value of contract**

V.5) **Information about subcontracting**

The contract is likely to be sub-contracted: no

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1) **Information about European Union funds**

The contract is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: no

VI.2) **Additional information:**

VI.3) **Procedures for appeal**

VI.3.1) **Body responsible for appeal procedures**

Procurement Review Body of the ECB, c/o Legal Advice Team
Kaiserstraße 29
60311 Frankfurt-on-Main
GERMANY
E-mail: legaladviceteam@ecb.europa.eu
Fax: +49 6913446886

Body responsible for mediation procedures

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

VI.3.2) **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). The complaint to the European Ombudsman does not affect the submission deadline nor does it create a new deadline by which complaints can be submitted.

VI.3.3) **Service from which information about the lodging of appeals may be obtained**

VI.4) **Date of dispatch of this notice:**

7.8.2013