Section I: Contracting authority

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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 financial consultancy services (PRO-003038).
Reference number: PRO-003038.

II.1.2) Main CPV code
66171000

II.1.3) Type of contract
Services

II.1.4) Short description:
The ECB seeks providers for the provision of services and works in order to review, assess, analyse, enhance and improve, based on the best practice approach, the ECB policies, tools, frameworks, procedures and processes currently in place within the following areas:

lot 1 — services for accounting and financial reporting:
— ECB administrative accounting policies (based primarily on international financial reporting standards (IFRS)), procedures, practice and tools, and
— ECB financial reporting policies, procedures, practices and tools;

lot 2 — services for management accounting, budgeting and controlling:
— ECB management accounting/cost accounting policies, procedures, practices and tools.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

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:
Lot 1 — services for accounting and financial reporting
Lot No: 1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)
79211000
79412000

II.2.3) Place of performance
NUTS code: DE712

II.2.4) Description of the procurement:
The European Central Bank (ECB) is a public institution, following the Eurosystem Accounting Regime and is requiring services within the following 2 areas:
1. ECB administrative accounting policies (based primarily on international financial reporting standards (IFRS)), procedures and practice;
2. ECB financial reporting and accounting policies, procedures, practices and related IT tools.

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: 36
This contract is subject to renewal: yes
Description of renewals:
Extension for up to an additional 12 months.

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title:
Lot 2 — services for management accounting, budgeting and controlling
Lot No: 2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)
79412000

II.2.3) Place of performance
NUTS code: DE712

II.2.4) Description of the procurement:
The European Central Bank is requiring consultancy services in the area of cost and management accounting inter alia covering the following tasks:
1) reviewing the ECB's current approach to cost and management accounting, covering policies, processes and procedures, practices and tools;
2) conducting benchmarking exercises with comparable institutions;
3) analysing the results of benchmarking exercises in comparison with approaches in the ECB;
4) suggesting improvements based on best practices identified in the benchmarking exercises, where applicable;
5) suggesting implementation strategies, training and change management approaches, where applicable.
The overarching objective of the consultant's engagement is to enhance the integration of the various cost accounting processes, systems and tools, thereby increasing the efficiency, effectiveness and transparency of the processes related to cost and management accounting in line with legal requirements.

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: 36
This contract is subject to renewal: yes
Description of renewals:
Extension up to an additional 12 months.

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

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
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: 6

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

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

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate
Date: 15/06/2017
Local time: 18:00

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: 16/06/2017
Local time: 9:00
Information about authorised persons and opening procedure:
First available date.

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence
This is a recurrent procurement: no

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

VI.3) **Additional information:**
The procurement documentation can be downloaded from an Internet platform. If you are interested in participating 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/](https://www.ecb.europa.eu/secure/procurement/)

User name: 003038/F/2017

Password: 2127FC

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/tender. You must submit your application/tender in hard copy version to the ECB, on time, in the format requested and including the content as further instructed in the application/tender 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 response time. 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 documentation 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.


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 other 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

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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 Decision (EU) 2016/245 of the European Central Bank of 9.2.2016 laying down the rules on procurement (ECB/2016/2) 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  
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VI.5) **Date of dispatch of this notice:**  
11/05/2017