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**Germany-Frankfurt-on-Main: ECB - Digital archiving and preservation  
2016/S 235-427894**

**Contract notice**

**Services**

Directive 2014/24/EU

**Section I: Contracting authority**

**I.1) Name and addresses**

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NUTS code: DE712

**Internet address(es):**

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

**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/login.html>

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:**

Digital archiving and preservation.  
Reference number: PRO-001896.

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

48000000

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description:**

The business requirement for the provision of a DAP solution is to enable the European Central Bank (ECB) to address and mitigate the risks to the authenticity and usability of information and provide the long-term management and preservation of its digital information holdings. The mission of the DAP service is to provide the ECB with the means to safeguard its institutional memory and meet the legal and regulatory requirements in reference to the retention of and public access to its information.

The DAP service will be comprised of 2 distinct components, the first being the preservation function and the second being an archive function for the ingested digital unstructured records with a retention period of 15 years and longer.

The success factors will be that the ECB is able to maintain access to readable, intelligible, identifiable, retrievable, understandable and authentic information for as long as needed and that the ECB's service level requirements are met.

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)**

72000000

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: DE712

Main site or place of performance:

European Central Bank, Frankfurt am Main.

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

The ECB intends to buy a standard software package that can be customised through configuration and parametrisation. The ECB will retain ownership of the goods under the licence agreements, but the running and maintenance of the service is to be managed by the successful bidder.

Further details about the specification of the goods and services, and which are relevant at this initial stage of the tender process, are available to all interested economic operators at the Internet address indicated in Section VI.3 of the present contract notice. Please follow the indications provided in that section in order to access the relevant documentation and details of the tender at this stage.

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: yes

Description of renewals:

According to the details to be included in the contract, the initial duration of the contract may be extended on 1 or more occasions, but the total duration considering initial term plus extension(s) shall not exceed 8 years.

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

Envisaged number of candidates: 5

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:

Technical capacity: the details, selection criteria and minimum capacity levels are included in the document 'Call for applications', chapter 4.

The call for applications document and its annexes are available to all interested companies under the Internet address indicated in Section VI.3.

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:

The ECB shall exclude tenderers from participation if they, or their management bodies, have been convicted by a final judgment of participation in a criminal organisation, corruption, fraud, terrorist offences or financing, money laundering, child labour or human trafficking, as referred to in Article 57(1) of Directive 2014/24/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council, or of any other illegal activity detrimental to the financial interests of the Union, the ECB or the NCBs.

The ECB may exclude tenderers from participation at any time if:

- (a) they are bankrupt, being wound up, subject to administration or in any similar situation provided for in national legislation or regulations;
- (b) they are guilty of grave professional misconduct, which renders their integrity questionable;
- (c) they are in breach of obligations relating to the payment of social security contributions or the payment of taxes in accordance with the legal provisions of the country in which they are established or where the contract is to be performed;
- (d) they have shown significant or persistent deficiencies in the performance of another public contract, or with their obligations under environmental, social and labour law;
- (e) they or their management, staff or agents are subject to a conflict of interest that cannot be remedied by less intrusive means;
- (f) they are guilty of serious misrepresentation in supplying the information required by the ECB; or
- (g) they contact other candidates or tenderers with the purpose of restraining competition, or try to unduly influence the decision-making process in the procurement procedure.

Tenderers shall certify that they are not in one of the situations listed above and provide the evidence specified in the tender documents. If such circumstances arise in the course of the procedure the tenderer concerned shall inform the ECB thereof without undue delay. Tenderers may submit evidence to demonstrate their eligibility despite the existence of grounds for exclusion.

III.1.2) **Economic and financial standing**

List and brief description of selection criteria:

Tenderers shall have the economic, financial, technical and professional capacity to perform the contract.

As evidence tenderers shall submit the information requested in the application form (Annex 1 of the call for

applications, please see Section VI.3 of the present contract notice for details on how to access the tender documentation):

(a) registration number(s) in the Creditreform and/or Dun & Bradstreet credit rating/scoring databases or the annual reports for the last closed 3 consecutive business years enclosed;

(b) application form (Annex 1 to call for applications) completed.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required:

Tenderers must meet the following minimum requirements:

The annual total net turnover reached or exceeded 2 500 000 EUR for each of the last closed 3 financial years. If the candidate is a temporary grouping it may add the respective turnover of its members. However, 1 of the members shall have achieved on its own 60 % of the above amount.

### III.1.3) **Technical and professional ability**

List and brief description of selection criteria:

Tenderers shall have the economic, financial, technical and professional capacity to perform the contract.

As evidence tenderers shall submit the information requested in the application form (Annex 1 of the call for applications).

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required:

At least 2 similar contracts performed during the last 3 years, which are comparable in terms of (1) scope of the contract and (2) the description of activities.

Sufficient number of staff allocated to the project with English language skills equivalent to level C1 of the CEFR (see call for applications document for detailed information).

### 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**

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

#### 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: 24/12/2016

Local time: 17:30

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**

**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:**

In accordance with the ECB procurement rules, the present negotiated tender consists of 2 distinct phases. Firstly, a pre-qualification phase, which starts with the publication of the present contract notice and finishes with the establishment of a shortlist of up to 5 tenderers who will be invited to submit a full offer to the ECB. The second phase is thus the tendering phase, which starts with the submission of the full tender specifications by the ECB to the shortlisted tenderers and will end with the signature of the contract with the tenderer who submitted the economically most advantageous tender.

Any interested economic operator (company, consortium) may request to take part in the first pre-qualification phase by submitting an application in accordance with the requirements laid down in this contract notice published in the Official Journal of the European Union and the call for applications published in the dedicated extranet site of the ECB (see below for details).

The present tender procedure shall be governed by the Decision (EU) 2016/245 of the European Central Bank of 9.2.2016 laying down the rules on procurement (ECB/2016/2) (hereinafter: Decision).

The documentation for this procurement procedure can be downloaded from an Internet platform. If you are interested in participating, please register via the Internet platform using the following Internet address:

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

User ID: 001896/IS/ENS/2016

Password: 508B48

After having registered, an e-mail will be sent to you with a new user name and password. The Internet address will remain the same. Please use the new user name and password to download the procurement documentation.

Should you experience any problems in accessing the Internet platform for registration and/or downloading the procurement documentation please do not hesitate to contact us at the following e-mail address:

[procurement@ecb.europa.eu](mailto:procurement@ecb.europa.eu) quoting the procurement number 'PRO-001896' and describing the problem experienced.

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 ECB shall exclude tenderers that are in one of the situations described in Article 30(4) of the Decision or put on a blacklist in accordance with Article 30(8) of the Decision. The ECB may exclude tenderers that are in one of the situations described in Article 30(5) of the Decision.

Further information about ECB procurement rules and procedures may be obtained at: [http://](http://www.ecb.europa.eu/ecb/jobsproc/tenders/html/index.en.html)

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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  
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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**

VI.4.4) **Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

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

24/11/2016