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**Germany-Frankfurt am Main: Suppliers' Audit  
2022/S 107-294681**

**Contract award notice**

**Results of the procurement procedure**

**Services**

**Legal Basis:**

Directive 2014/24/EU

**Section I: Contracting authority**

- I.1) **Name and addresses**  
Official name: European Central Bank  
Postal address: Sonnemannstrasse 22  
Town: Frankfurt am Main  
NUTS code: DE712 Frankfurt am Main, Kreisfreie Stadt  
Postal code: 60314  
Country: Germany  
Contact person: Central Procurement Office  
E-mail: [procurement@ecb.europa.eu](mailto:procurement@ecb.europa.eu)  
Telephone: +49 69/13440  
Fax: +49 69/13447110  
**Internet address(es):**  
Main address: <http://www.ecb.europa.eu>
- 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:**  
Suppliers' Audit  
Reference number: PRO-004752
- II.1.2) **Main CPV code**  
79400000 Business and management consultancy and related services
- II.1.3) **Type of contract**  
Services
- II.1.4) **Short description:**

Supplier audits are increasingly perceived as best practice across a wide range of industries, especially for organisations having outsourced a considerable portion of their services to external suppliers and thus having a high dependency on the external supplier's performance.

The necessity for auditing external suppliers is constituted in the fact that risks, deriving from external suppliers, are, despite the ECB's contractual right to audit the performance of external suppliers, currently not sufficiently or not systematically identified, measured, consolidated, analysed and/or reported within the ECB, neither in a vertical manner (e.g. by aggregating all risks of all contracts related to a single external supplier) nor in a horizontal manner (e.g. by aggregating all risks of the same type across multiple external suppliers and contracts).

II.1.6) **Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: yes

II.1.7) **Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: 2 000 000.00 EUR

II.2) **Description**

II.2.1) **Title:**

Audit Services of Financials, Service Quality and Compliance of Suppliers/Vendors Providing Services or Works to the ECB

Lot No: 1

II.2.2) **Additional CPV code(s)**

79000000 Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: DE Deutschland

Main site or place of performance:

Frankfurt am Main or awarded contractor's premises.

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

Lot 1 shall cover the provision of audit services of financials, service quality and compliance of suppliers/ vendors providing services or works to the ECB.

The ECB envisages to award up to five framework agreements and reopen the competition for the award of specific contracts (mini-competition).

II.2.5) **Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality of the tender / Weighting: 50

Price - Weighting: 50

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.

II.2) **Description**

II.2.1) **Title:**

Support for the Execution of Specific Assessments for Specialised Digital Security Audits of ECB Service Providers

Lot No: 2

- II.2.2) **Additional CPV code(s)**  
79000000 Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security
- II.2.3) **Place of performance**  
NUTS code: DE Deutschland  
Main site or place of performance:  
Frankfurt am Main or awarded contractor's premises,
- II.2.4) **Description of the procurement:**  
Lot 2 covers external support for the execution of specific assessments for specialised digital security audits of ECB service providers.  
The ECB envisages to award up to three framework agreements and will not reopen the competition for the award of specific contracts (ranking system).
- II.2.5) **Award criteria**  
Quality criterion - Name: Quality of the tender / 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.1.8) **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: [2021/S 144-381691](#)
- 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:** 1

**Lot No:** 1

**Title:**

Audit Services of Financials, Service Quality and Compliance of Suppliers/Vendors Providing Services or Works to the ECB

A contract/lot is awarded: yes

- V.2) **Award of contract**
- V.2.1) **Date of conclusion of the contract:**  
23/03/2022
- V.2.2) **Information about tenders**  
Number of tenders received: 6  
Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0  
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: 6  
The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: no
- V.2.3) **Name and address of the contractor**  
Official name: Grant Thornton Corporate Finance Ltd  
Postal address: 13-18 City Quay  
Town: Dublin  
NUTS code: IE061 Dublin  
Postal code: D02 ED70  
Country: Ireland  
Internet address: [www.grantthornton.ie](http://www.grantthornton.ie)  
The contractor is an SME: no
- V.2.4) **Information on value of the contract/lot (excluding VAT)**  
Total value of the contract/lot: 1 000 000.00 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:  
Depending on the call-offs: Grant Thornton UK

**Section V: Award of contract**

**Contract No:** 2

**Lot No:** 1

**Title:**

Audit Services of Financials, Service Quality and Compliance of Suppliers/Vendors Providing Services or Works to the ECB

A contract/lot is awarded: yes

- V.2) **Award of contract**
- V.2.1) **Date of conclusion of the contract:**  
23/03/2022
- V.2.2) **Information about tenders**  
Number of tenders received: 6  
Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0  
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: 6  
The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: no
- V.2.3) **Name and address of the contractor**

Official name: KPMG AG  
Postal address: The Square, Am Flughafen  
Town: Frankfurt am Main  
NUTS code: DE712 Frankfurt am Main, Kreisfreie Stadt  
Postal code: 60549  
Country: Germany  
Internet address: [www.kpmg.de](http://www.kpmg.de)  
The contractor is an SME: no

V.2.4) **Information on value of the contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot: 1 000 000.00 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:

Depending on the call-offs: KPMG Bayerische Treuhandgesellschaft AG, Eurevisio GmbH, KPMG Pruefungs- und Beratungsgesellschaft f. den oeffentlichen Sektor AG, ATH Allgemeine Treuhandgesellschaft mbH, KPMG Cert GmbH, KPMG IT Service GmbH

**Section V: Award of contract**

**Contract No:** 3

**Lot No:** 1

**Title:**

Audit Services of Financials, Service Quality and Compliance of Suppliers/Vendors Providing Services or Works to the ECB

A contract/lot is awarded: yes

V.2) **Award of contract**

V.2.1) **Date of conclusion of the contract:**

23/03/2022

V.2.2) **Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 6

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

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: 6

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: no

V.2.3) **Name and address of the contractor**

Official name: Q\_Perior AG

Postal address: Leopoldstr. 28A

Town: Munich

NUTS code: DE212 München, Kreisfreie Stadt

Postal code: 80802

Country: Germany

Internet address: [www.q-perior.com](http://www.q-perior.com)

The contractor is an SME: no

V.2.4) **Information on value of the contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot: 1 000 000.00 EUR

V.2.5) **Information about subcontracting**

**Section V: Award of contract**

**Contract No:** 4

**Lot No:** 1

**Title:**

Audit Services of Financials, Service Quality and Compliance of Suppliers/Vendors Providing Services or Works to the ECB

A contract/lot is awarded: yes

V.2) **Award of contract**

V.2.1) **Date of conclusion of the contract:**

23/03/2022

V.2.2) **Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 6

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

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: 6

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: no

V.2.3) **Name and address of the contractor**

Official name: Zeb.Rolfes.Schierenbeck.Associates GmbH

Postal address: Hammer Str. 165

Town: Muenster

NUTS code: DEA33 Münster, Kreisfreie Stadt

Postal code: 48153

Country: Germany

Internet address: <https://zeb-consulting.com/en-DE>

The contractor is an SME: no

V.2.4) **Information on value of the contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot: 1 000 000.00 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:

Depending on the call-offs to various subsidiaries

**Section V: Award of contract**

**Contract No:** 1

**Lot No:** 2

**Title:**

Support for the Execution of Specific Assessments for Specialised Digital Security Audits of ECB Service Providers

A contract/lot is awarded: yes

V.2) **Award of contract**

V.2.1) **Date of conclusion of the contract:**

18/04/2022

V.2.2) **Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 4  
Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0  
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: 4  
The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: no

V.2.3) **Name and address of the contractor**

Official name: Grant Thornton Corporate Finance Ltd  
Postal address: 13-18 City Quay  
Town: Dublin  
NUTS code: IE061 Dublin  
Postal code: D02ED70  
Country: Ireland  
Internet address: [www.grantthornton.ie](http://www.grantthornton.ie)  
The contractor is an SME: no

V.2.4) **Information on value of the contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot: 1 000 000.00 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:  
Depending on the call-offs: Grant Thornton Tax and Business Advisory Solutions (Greece), Grant Thornton Specialist Advisory Services B.V. (Netherlands) and Grant Thornton Cybersecurity Limited (Cyprus)

**Section V: Award of contract**

**Contract No:** 2

**Lot No:** 2

**Title:**

Support for the Execution of Specific Assessments for Specialised Digital Security Audits of ECB Service Providers

A contract/lot is awarded: yes

V.2) **Award of contract**

V.2.1) **Date of conclusion of the contract:**

18/04/2022

V.2.2) **Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 4  
Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0  
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: 4  
The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: no

V.2.3) **Name and address of the contractor**

Official name: Deutsche Telekom Security GmbH  
Postal address: Bonner Talweg 100  
Town: Bonn  
NUTS code: DEA22 Bonn, Kreisfreie Stadt  
Postal code: 53113  
Country: Germany  
Internet address: <https://www.telekom.com/en>  
The contractor is an SME: no

V.2.4) **Information on value of the contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot: 1 000 000.00 EUR

V.2.5) **Information about subcontracting**

**Section V: Award of contract**

**Contract No:** 3

**Lot No:** 2

**Title:**

Support for the Execution of Specific Assessments for Specialised Digital Security Audits of ECB Service Providers

A contract/lot is awarded: yes

V.2) **Award of contract**

V.2.1) **Date of conclusion of the contract:**

18/04/2022

V.2.2) **Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 4

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

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: 4

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: no

V.2.3) **Name and address of the contractor**

Official name: KPMG AG  
Postal address: The Square, Am Flughafen  
Town: Frankfurt am Main  
NUTS code: DE712 Frankfurt am Main, Kreisfreie Stadt  
Postal code: 60549  
Country: Germany  
Internet address: [www.kpmg.de](http://www.kpmg.de)  
The contractor is an SME: no

V.2.4) **Information on value of the contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot: 1 000 000.00 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:

Depending on the call-offs: KPMG Bayerische Treuhandgesellschaft AG, Eurevisio GmbH, KPMG Pruefungs- und Beratungsgesellschaft f. den oeffentlichen Sektor AG, ATH Allgemeine Treuhandgesellschaft mbH, KPMG Cert GmbH, KPMG IT Service GmbH

## **Section VI: Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information:**

The two lots are conducted as technically separated tender procedures via the ECB's electronic tendering system (e-tendering) which can be accessed via the following internet address:

<http://www.ecb.europa.eu/ecb/jobsproc/sourcing/html/index.en.html>

If you have not used the ECB's electronic tendering system before, you need to register via the above link (click on 'Register'). Subsequently to the registration, you will receive an automated notification with your user credentials to log in (click on 'Login') and to access the tender documentation. Please note that:

— A registration to the above system is only required once and you can reuse your user credentials in all future procedures of the ECB which are conducted via the above system. Therefore, please keep your user credentials for the future;

— In case you should have participated in previous ECB tender procedure(s) in the past which were conducted via the ECB's prior online system, you nevertheless need to register once to the ECB's electronic tendering system under the above address;

— Your mere registration does not constitute an application/tender. You must submit your application/tender via the ECB's electronic tendering system as further instructed in the application/tender documentation.

The system reference number for the above procurement are: (Lot 1) RFX-PT-2021-000052: PRO-004752-L1-Audit services; and (Lot 2) RFX-PT-2021-000053: PRO-004752-L2-Digital Sec. Aud. Support.

To download the tender documents, log on to the ECB's electronic tendering system with your login and password. Expand the field 'Public Tenders – Upcoming Events'. Click on 'Click to request an invitation to this event' for the above procedure and close the new window which opens. Once the request is completed (this can take a few minutes), the status of the participation request will change to 'Invited' and the RFX documentation will be accessible via the RFX tab.

Under the above link you also find user guides for detailed information on how to use the system and contact details for technical support.

Should you require technical help when using the system, please contact the ECB's technical support team at [sourcing.support@ecb.europa.eu](mailto:sourcing.support@ecb.europa.eu) by quoting the reference number and the problem experienced.

Any other queries relating to this procurement procedure and the content of the procurement documentation shall be submitted as message via the ECB's e-tendering system (under the tab 'Discussion').

The ECB endeavours to answer all queries as quickly as possible but cannot guarantee a minimum time response. The ECB shall not be bound to reply to queries received less than seven calendar days before the time-limit for the submission of tenders.

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 tender procedure is conducted in accordance with ECB Decision 2016/2 laying down the Rules on Procurement (as amended), available on the ECB website at <http://www.ecb.europa.eu/ecb/jobsproc/tenders/html/index.en.html>.

This should be the right link which leads directly to the Decisions.

<https://www.ecb.europa.eu/ecb/legal/1001/procurement/html/index.en.html>

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Official name: Procurement Review Body of the European Central Bank, c/o Legal Advice Team  
Postal address: Sonnemannstrasse 22  
Town: Frankfurt am Main  
Postal code: 60314  
Country: Germany  
Telephone: +49 6913440  
Fax: +49 6913446886  
Internet address: <http://www.ecb.europa.eu>

VI.4.2) **Body responsible for mediation procedures**

Official name: The European Ombudsman  
Postal address: 1 avenue du Président Robert Schuman, CS 30403  
Town: Strasbourg Cedex  
Postal code: 67001  
Country: France

VI.4.3) **Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures:

Within 10 days of receipt of the notification in accordance with Article 34(1) or the first sentence of Article 34(3) of ECB Decision 2016/2 laying down the Rules on Public Procurement. 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**

Official name: Central Procurement Office of the European Central Bank c/o Legal Advice Team  
Postal address: Sonnemannstrasse 22  
Town: Frankfurt am Main  
Postal code: 60314  
Country: Germany  
E-mail: [procurement@ecb.europa.eu](mailto:procurement@ecb.europa.eu)  
Telephone: +49 6913440  
Fax: +49 6913447110  
Internet address: <http://www.ecb.europa.eu>

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

24/05/2022