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**Germany-Frankfurt-on-Main: ECB - Surveys on the access to finance of enterprises (SAFE)
2014/S 113-198092**

Contract award notice

Services

Directive 2004/18/EC

Section I: Contracting authority

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

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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: yes

European Commission
rue de la Loi 170
1040 Brussels
BELGIUM

Section II: Object of the contract

II.1) Description

II.1.1) Title attributed to the contract

Surveys on the access to finance of enterprises (SAFE).

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

Services
Service category No 10: Market research and public opinion polling services
NUTS code DE712

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

The notice involves the establishment of a framework agreement

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

The European Central Bank (the 'ECB') is, through this open tender procedure, seeking a supplier for the performance of surveys on the access to finance of enterprises ('SAFE') and intends to award a framework agreement (the 'contract') to the supplier offering the best value for money. The ECB will award the contract for

the benefit of the European Commission (the 'EC') which represents the European Union. The ECB and the EC may issue specific contracts under the contract for the performance of SAFE and may also request additional services for each specific contract in accordance with the provisions of the contract. It is envisaged that the contract will start in June 2014 and will be concluded for a period of 4 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.

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 1.1.2014, 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 euro area 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.1.5) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

79300000, 79311000, 79311200, 79311300

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**

Open

IV.2) **Award criteria**

IV.2.1) **Award criteria**

The most economically advantageous tender in terms of

1. Price. Weighting 40

2. Quality-organisation, coordination and timetable — 1.a. Organisation and coordination of the work. Weighting 15

3. Quality-organisation, coordination and timetable — 1.b. Timetable of the SAFE. Weighting 5

4. Quality and relevance of the methodology proposed for the SAFE contract — 2.a. Sampling and interviews. Weighting 20

5. Quality and relevance of the methodology proposed for the SAFE contract — 2.b. Processing, presentation, and analysis of the data. Weighting 20

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**

26494/S/SDC/2013.

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

Contract notice

Notice number in the OJEU: [2013/S 205-354314](#) of 22.10.2013

Section V: Award of contract

V.1) Date of contract award decision:

6.5.2014

V.2) Information about offers

Number of offers received: 5

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

Panteia B.V.

Bredewater 26

2715 Zoetermeer

NETHERLANDS

V.4) Information on value of contract

V.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract is likely to be sub-contracted: yes

Value or proportion of the contract likely to be sub-contracted to third parties:

Not known

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

VI.3.2) Lodging of appeals

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

VI.4) Date of dispatch of this notice:

4.6.2014