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Luxembourg-Luxembourg: External Audit Services
2022/S 093-252204

Contract notice

Services

Legal Basis:

Neither Directive 2014/24/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 nor Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 (as amended) apply to the ESM. The ESM procures supplies, services and works on its own behalf and for its own account pursuant to the ESM Procurement Policy as published on the ESM website. Please refer to the ESM website for more information.

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Official name: European Stability Mechanism (ESM)
Postal address: 6a, circuit de la Foire Internationale
Town: Luxembourg
NUTS code: LU000 Luxembourg
Postal code: L-1347
Country: Luxembourg

E-mail: procurement@esm.europa.eu

Telephone: +352 2609620

Internet address(es):

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

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: https://www.esm.europa.eu/how-we-work/procurement#headline-procurement_opportunities
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:

External Audit Services
Reference number: CGIP/01/EAS/AG/22

II.1.2) Main CPV code

79210000 Accounting and auditing services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description:

The ESM is seeking to tender the services of an external audit firm for a term of three (3) years, renewable once, in accordance with the provisions of the ESM Treaty (Article 29) and the ESM By-Laws (Articles 21 (3), 22, 23 and 24(4)).

II.1.5) **Estimated total value**

II.1.6) **Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.2) **Description**

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

79211000 Accounting services
79212000 Auditing services
79212300 Statutory audit services
79212500 Accounting review services
79212100 Financial auditing services

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: LU000 Luxembourg

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

The Treaty establishing the European Stability Mechanism requires that the accounts of the ESM shall be audited by independent external auditors appointed by the Board of Governors.

A new service provider is therefore needed to perform the audit of the 2023, 2024 and 2025 financial statements.

In line with Article 22 (1) of the ESM By-Laws, the engagement shall be for a term of three years with the option to extend it for a second term of three years at the sole discretion of the ESM. There shall be a mandatory rotation of the ESM external auditors every six years. The appointment of the new external auditor will take place in June 2023 during the meeting of the Board of Governors.

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:

The option to renew for three years at the ESM's sole discretion.

II.2.10) **Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: no

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**

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:
Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents.

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

List and brief description of selection criteria:
Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents.

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

List and brief description of selection criteria:
Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents.

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.1.5) **Information about negotiation**

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.2.2) **Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date: 06/06/2022

Local time: 11:00

IV.2.3) **Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**

Date: 27/06/2022

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)

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1) **Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: no

VI.3) **Additional information:**

Neither Directive 2014/24/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014, nor Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2015/1929 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 October 2015 apply to the ESM. The ESM procures supplies, services and works on its own behalf and for its own account pursuant to the ESM procurement policy as published on the ESM website. Please visit the ESM website for further information. This procurement is carried out by the ESM under a negotiated procedure in the meaning of the ESM procurement policy. Please check the ESM procurement policy for further information.

VI.4) **Procedures for review**

VI.4.1) **Review body**

Official name: European Stability Mechanism (ESM) Procurement Review Panel
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Postal code: L-1347
Country: Luxembourg
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VI.4.2) **Body responsible for mediation procedures**

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

Official name: European Stability Mechanism (ESM) Procurement Review Panel
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Country: Luxembourg
E-mail: procurementreview@esm.europa.eu

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

06/05/2022