External Auditor of ECMWF for a period of 4 years

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We have, therefore, published an Invitation to Tender (ITT) for the purpose of obtaining proposals from tenderers for the provision of External Audit Services to ECMWF. This ITT is expected to result in a contract for an initial period of four years, with the possibility for extension (see the Specification of Requirements for further details).

The ITT documentation is published at the ECMWF Suppliers webpage (https://www.ecmwf.int/en/about/suppliers).

The closing time/date of the ITT is 15:00 (UK time) on 29 November 2023. Tenders must be submitted as per instructions specified in section 3.2 of Volume I of the ITT documentation. Any other enquiries or requests for clarification must be made in writing via email as per instructions specified in section 3.1 of the same Volume I.

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