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Invitation to bid by auction Reopening of five-year Federal notes (Bundesobligationen – “Bobs”) series 162 by auction

For the account of the Federal Government, the German Finance Agency through Deutsche Bundesbank will reopen once again the

**0.75 % five-year Federal notes series 162 of 2012 (2017)
due on 24 February 2017
annual coupon date 24 February
interest has begun to accrue on 13 January 2012
first interest payment on 24 February 2013 for 408 days
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on 7 March 2012, using an auction procedure. An increase of € 4 billion is envisaged for the issue (auction allotment and amount set aside for secondary market operations). The current volume of the five-year Federal notes amounts to € 8 billion.

Members of the Bund Issues Auction Group are entitled to bid. Bids must be for a par value of not less than € 1 million or an integral multiple thereof. The price bids must be expressed in terms of full 0.01 percentage points. Non-competitive bids are possible. The bids accepted by the issuer will be allotted at the price specified in the bid. Non-competitive bids are filled at the weighted average price of the competitive bids accepted. The right to scale down bids is reserved.

Time schedule of the auction procedure:

Bidding period:	Wednesday, 7 March 2012, from 8.00 a. m. until 11.30 a. m. Frankfurt time
Inclusion in stock exchange trading:	Wednesday, 7 March 2012
Value date:	Friday, 9 March 2012
Settlement:	delivery versus payment-settlement in the night-time processing of Clearstream Banking AG Frankfurt, beginning on the eve of the value date

In addition, the Auction rules, the Special terms and conditions of the Deutsche Bundesbank for auctions of Federal securities using the Bund Bidding System (BBS) and the Issue terms for Federal securities shall apply.