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**Germany-Frankfurt-on-Main: ECB - Provision of a treasury management system
2016/S 093-165651**

Contract notice

Services

Directive 2004/18/EC

Section I: Contracting authority

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

European Central Bank
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Internet address(es):

General address of the contracting authority: <http://www.ecb.europa.eu>

Further information can be obtained from: The above mentioned contact point(s)

Specifications and additional documents (including documents for competitive dialogue and a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained from: The above mentioned contact point(s)

Tenders or requests to participate must be sent to: The above mentioned contact point(s)

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: no

Section II: Object of the contract

II.1) Description

II.1.1) Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority:

Provision of a treasury management system.

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

Services

Service category No 7: Computer and related services

Main site or location of works, place of delivery or of performance: Frankfurt-on-Main.

NUTS code DE712

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

The notice involves a public contract

II.1.4) Information on framework agreement

II.1.5) Short description of the contract or purchase(s)

The ECB is the central bank for Europe's single currency, the euro. The ECB's main task is to maintain the euro's purchasing power and thus price stability in the euro area. The current euro area comprises the EU countries that have introduced the euro since 1999. In support of these tasks the ECB manages its own funds, foreign reserves and conducts monetary policy operations which are managed in a real-time position-keeping/treasury management system. The treasury management system (TMS) is a mission critical system for the ECB and the Eurosystem, which supports inter alia all the market operations linked to the ECB's own funds management (OFM), the decentralised management of the ECB foreign reserves (FRM, in Japanese yen and US dollar) and the various monetary policy asset purchase programmes. TMS shall constitute an integrated, real-time position-keeping solution spanning front, middle and back office and sub-ledger accounting functions and be implemented with a view to go live in 2019. The ECB is seeking offers to replace the current TMS and associated services, covering:

i. products/applications which shall include software and licences. For more information please see the TMS overview which is based on the ECB application architecture, functional model and detailed business and technical requirements that will be included in the invitation to tender;

ii. services for the realisation and implementation of the requirements and system set-up:

- knowledge transfer (including training for both support — technical and business — as well as end users, during the project and operational phases),
- development (covering functional gaps/enhancements),
- integration (interfaces and technical gaps between applications),
- implementation (configuration of software/workflows) and data migration from current systems,
- acceptance and documentation,
- maintenance of the implemented products/applications.

The offers should be valid for 12 months after the date of submission.

II.1.6) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)

72210000, 72263000, 72267000, 72265000

II.1.7) Information about Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The contract is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA): yes

II.1.8) Lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.1.9) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: no

II.2) Quantity or scope of the contract

II.2.1) Total quantity or scope:

The TMS currently supports 501 users with an average of 150 concurrent users. The licensing model proposed by potential bidders shall be based on these, minimum, amounts. As all current and future Eurosystem members shall have the option to use the same terms and conditions resulting from the procurement procedure, the potential number of licences could be in excess of 1 500. The initial contract duration is 8 years, which includes implementation of the TMS solution followed by maintenance, support and development. The contract can be extended 2 times, each for a maximum duration of 4 years up to a maximum of 8 years.

II.2.2) Information about options

Options: no

II.2.3) Information about renewals

This contract is subject to renewal: yes

Number of possible renewals: 2

II.3) **Duration of the contract or time limit for completion**

Duration in months: 96 (from the award of the contract)

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) **Conditions relating to the contract**

III.1.1) **Deposits and guarantees required:**

No deposit is required, but where applicable, the successful tenderer (or in the case of a successful consortium bid, each member of the consortium) may be required to provide a parent-company guarantee.

III.1.2) **Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them:**

Method of payment will be in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract.

III.1.3) **Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded:**

The establishment of a temporary grouping is allowed under the conditions laid down in the call for applications/ invitation to tender (ITT).

III.1.4) **Other particular conditions**

The performance of the contract is subject to particular conditions: no

III.2) **Conditions for participation**

III.2.1) **Personal situation of economic operators, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met: Candidates shall state in their self-declaration (included in the application form (Annex 1 to the call for applications)) that they meet the eligibility criteria.

III.2.2) **Economic and financial ability**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met: Candidates must provide the information and documents specified in the application form and in particular:

— financial statements relating to the past 3 years.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: — Accumulated net turnover of similar services or supplies covered by the contract of 25 000 000 EUR for the last 3 financial years.

III.2.3) **Technical capacity**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met:

Candidates must provide the information and documents specified in the application form and in particular:

(a) the candidate's general experience and expertise, assessed on the basis of the candidate's past experience and its reference contracts which are comparable in terms of scope, size and complexity with the contract tendered by the ECB; and

(b) the candidate's general capacity to provide the requested supplies and services in terms of technical and human resources (composition of staff and qualifications of staff members in general).

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required:

— Proof and reference for at least 3 similar contracts performed during the last 3 financial years, which are comparable in terms of scope, size and complexity with the contract tendered by the ECB. These might be implementations at new customers or major upgrades to recent versions at existing customers.

— An average number of staff at your company over the past 3 years of at least 100 employees.

— An average number of staff at your company over the past 3 years of at least 70 employees working in the part of the business that is related to the proposed system(s).

III.2.4) **Information about reserved contracts**

III.3) **Conditions specific to services contracts**

III.3.1) **Information about a particular profession**

Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession: no

III.3.2) **Staff responsible for the execution of the service**

Legal persons should indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff responsible for the execution of the service: no

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1) **Type of procedure**

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Negotiated

Some candidates have already been selected (if appropriate under certain types of negotiated procedures)
no

IV.1.2) **Limitations on the number of operators who will be invited to tender or to participate**

Envisaged minimum number 5

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates: Among the candidates meeting the minimum requirements, the ECB shall select those which best meet the following selection criteria:

(a) the candidate's general capacity to provide the requested supplies and services in terms of technical and human resources (composition of staff and qualifications of staff members in general) (weighting of this criterion: 25 %); and

(b) the candidate's general experience and expertise, assessed on the basis of the candidate's past experience and its reference contracts which are comparable in terms of scope, size and complexity with the contract tendered by the ECB (weighting of this criterion: 75 %).

IV.1.3) **Reduction of the number of operators during the negotiation or dialogue**

Recourse to staged procedure to gradually reduce the number of solutions to be discussed or tenders to be negotiated yes

IV.2) **Award criteria**

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The most economically advantageous tender in terms of the criteria stated below

1. Price. Weighting 35

2. Quality. Weighting 65

IV.2.2) **Information about electronic auction**

An electronic auction will be used: no

IV.3) **Administrative information**

IV.3.1) **File reference number attributed by the contracting authority:**

PRO-001898.

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

no

IV.3.3) **Conditions for obtaining specifications and additional documents or descriptive document**

Payable documents: no

IV.3.4) **Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

28.6.2016 - 18:00

IV.3.5) **Date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**

IV.3.6) **Language(s) in which tenders or requests to participate may be drawn up**

English.

Other: Candidates shall submit all documents and information in English. Legal, financial, ISO and other certificates that have not been issued in English may be submitted in the original language. The ECB may request candidates to provide a certified translation of the original document.

IV.3.7) **Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

IV.3.8) **Conditions for opening of tenders**

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1) **Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: no

VI.2) **Information about European Union funds**

The contract is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: no

VI.3) **Additional information**

The documentation for this procurement procedure can be downloaded from an Internet platform. If you are interested in participating, please register via the Internet platform using the following Internet address: <https://www.ecb.europa.eu/secure/procurement/>

User ID: 001898/M/2016

Password: 6CE983

After having registered, an e-mail will be sent to you with a new user name and password. The Internet address will remain the same. Please use the new user name and password to download the procurement documentation.

Should you experience any problems in accessing the Internet platform for registration and/or downloading the procurement documentation please do not hesitate to contact us under the following e-mail address: procurement@ecb.europa.eu quoting the procurement number PRO-001898 and describing the problem experienced.

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 ECB shall exclude tenderers that are in one of the situations described in Article 30(4) of Decision (EU) 2016/245 of the European Central Bank of 9.2.2016 laying down the rules on procurement (ECB/2016/2) (e.g. conviction for fraud or corruption) or put on a blacklist in accordance with Article 30(7) of Decision (EU) 2016/245 of the European Central Bank of 9.2.2016 laying down the rules on procurement (ECB/2016/2).

The ECB may exclude tenderers that are in one of the situations described in Article 30(5) of Decision (EU) 2016/245 of the European Central Bank of 9.2.2016 laying down the rules on procurement (ECB/2016/2) (e.g. insolvency; grave professional misconduct; misrepresentation). Further information about ECB procurement rules and procedures may be obtained at <http://www.ecb.europa.eu/ecb/jobsproc/tenders/html/index.en.html>

The ECB will exclude the candidate, and all its international network member firms and affiliates, that is currently the ECB's external auditor in accordance with Article 27.1 of the ESCB/ECB statute. In addition, the ECB may exclude the candidate or tenderer, and all its international network member firms and affiliates, in case of a conflict of interest related to other audit-related activities for the ECB.

The ECB is investigating the feasibility of an internal solution. Should the internal solution be chosen, and this tender procedure therefore is cancelled, a financial compensation for the efforts made will be paid as follows: all

eligible candidates having met the selection criteria, who are invited and submit a bid that meets the minimum requirements in the invitation to tender (ITT), will receive a lump sum of 50 000 EUR. In addition, bidders who are invited and have gone through the 'Proof of concept phase' will receive an additional lump sum of 30 000 EUR.

VI.4) **Procedures for appeal**

VI.4.1) **Body responsible for appeal procedures**

Procurement Review Body of the European Central Bank

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60314 Frankfurt-on-Main

GERMANY

E-mail: legaladviceteam@ecb.int

Telephone: +49 691344-0

Internet address: <http://www.ecb.int>

Fax: +49 691344-6886

Body responsible for mediation procedures

The European Ombudsman

1 avenue du Président Robert Schuman, CS 30403

67001 Strasbourg Cedex

FRANCE

VI.4.2) **Lodging of appeals**

Precise information on deadline(s) for lodging appeals: 15 days from the receipt of the information specified in Article 34(3) of the ECB procurement rules (see Section VI.3) or, if no information is requested, 15 days from the receipt of the notification to unsuccessful tenderers.

Further requirements are outlined in Article 39 of the ECB procurement rules (see Section VI.3).

The complaint to the European Ombudsman does not affect the submission deadline nor does it create a new deadline by which complaints can be submitted.

VI.4.3) **Service from which information about the lodging of appeals may be obtained**

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

4.5.2016