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European Central Bank

**ECB - supply of a software package (D-Frankfurt-on-Main)****2000/S 119-077447****Restricted procedure****For the supply of a software package to automate financial reconciliation procedures for messages from correspondent banks and clearing agents.**

1. **Awarding authority:** European Central Bank, Kaiserstraße 29, D-60311 Frankfurt-on-Main. Fax: (49-69) 13 44 77 06, Att: Mr Frederik van Gastel.
2. **Description of the fields covered:** CPV 72201059-2, 72203000-8, 72200000-7.  
The European Central Bank (ECB) has produced the user requirements and the technical specifications for an automatic nostro account and securities holding reconciliation system. The system, which should be operational by 3/2001, should provide automatic reconciliation of statement data received via Swift and other means of communication against accounting data. The system should offer standard reconciliation functionality, such as automatic matching, manual matching based on system proposed matches, automatic generation of investigation cases and correspondence transmission, extensive reporting, interest calculation, archiving and other related features. In addition to the reconciliation between statement data and accounting data, the system should provide facilities to allow reconciliation of statement and accounting data against a third data source.  
The processed data is highly confidential and all access to the databases and data circulation should take place in a highly secure way.
3. **Place where services are to be provided:** At the above address.
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6. **Number of bidders that will be invited to tender:** A shortlist of 3-9 companies will be sent the tender documents and be invited to submit a bid.
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8. **Duration of contract or time limit for completion of the service:** The contract will be awarded in 10-11/2000 and installation of the basic system is targeted for mid-12/2000. The system should be fully operational by 3/2001.
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  - b) **Deadline for receipt of applications:** 21.7.2000.
  - c) **Address to which applications should be sent:** As in 1. The envelope should be marked: 'Restricted tender for message reconciliation package, for the attention of Frederik van Gastel'.
  - d) **Language(s):** Responses and all offers should be in English.
11. **Final date for dispatch of invitations to tender:** Expected for beginning of 8/2000. Foreseen date for final tender submissions: 29.9.2000.
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13. **Qualifications:** Bidders are expected to be substantial suppliers of appropriate software and are asked to provide the following information:
  - (a) name, legal status, VAT number, address, telephone and facsimile numbers, as well as the name of the person responsible for the system;
  - (b) number of years trading. Copies of annual reports and accounts for the past 3 years and a list of any and all legal claims and/or lawsuits pending against the company;
  - (c) details of the proposed software package with a clear description of all features and

functionality;

(d) evidence and extent of previous customization of standard software;

(e) a list of all accounting software packages with which the software can and has been interfaced;

(f) a list of companies using the proposed software, including the names and addresses of 3 companies (together with the name of a contact person) and of which, at least 1 is a new client gained in the past 12 months and at least 1 is a client gained at least 24 months ago, who may be contacted as referees;

(g) any other pertinent information.

14. **Award criteria:** To be specified in the tender documents.

15. **Other information:** All applications, proposals and presentations must be submitted/conducted in English.

As part of the selection process the ECB reserves the right to visit bidders and to see a demonstration of their relevant software. Such visits and demonstrations will be restricted to a maximum of 3 bidders whose tender offers are judged to have most merit. This number may be increased if more than 3 offers are considered to be of equal merit.

16. **Date of dispatch of the notice:** 14.6.2000.

17. **Date of receipt by Office for Official Publications of European Communities:** 14.6.2000.