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European Central Bank

**ECB - restricted tender procedure for the supply and customization of pensions administration software to support the administration of the ECB retirement plan (D-Frankfurt-on-Main)**

**2000/S 205-131841****Restricted tender procedure (services)**

1. **Awarding authority:** European Central Bank, Kaiserstraße 29, D-60311 Frankfurt am Main. Fax: (49-69) 13 44 75 05 (Ms Daphne Foulkes).
2. **Description of the fields covered:** CPV 72200000, 72201000. The tender aims at the supply and customization of software For a computerized pensions administration system with the capacity to maintain an accurate database of personal data and contributions, calculate members' and dependants' benefits, generate accounts and analysis. In addition, it must maintain, or be able to be customized to maintain, the following features of the ECB retirement plan. The plan is designed with defined contribution with a guaranteed defined benefit underpin. Hence, the software must have the functionality to calculate and record individual unit records and account values (split between employer and employee) that are associated with the defined contribution design, and calculate and record pensionable service and revalued earnings that are associated with the defined benefit underpin. The plan is subject to tax for the benefit of the European Communities and the rules of the plan detail the maximum benefits and contributions that are payable. The package will be required to interface with separate payroll and accounting software packages. An external investment manager is used.
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 3-5 bidders 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:** It is expected that the contract will be awarded in 4/2001. Implementation of the planned Phase 1, which comprises the basic system, is targeted for 10/2001. Phase 2 is planned to cover the remaining requirements of benefit calculations and accounting and is targeted for implementation by the end of 2001.
9. **Legal form in case of group bidders:** No special legal form is required. In any consortium bid, 1 bidder must act as prime agency. Other members of the consortium may be required to become jointly and severally liable.
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  - b) **Deadline for receipt of applications:** First assessment of applications will be made on 4.12.2000 (12.00).
  - c) **Address to which applications should be sent:** As in 1. The envelope should be marked: 'Restricted tender for pension administration software, att. Daphne Foulkes'.
  - d) **Language(s):** English.
11. **Final date for dispatch of invitations to tender:** Expected on 8.12.2000. Foreseen date for final tender submissions is 17.1.2001.
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13. **Qualifications:** Bidders are expected to be substantial suppliers of appropriate software with experience of installing applications in different legislative environments. Potential providers are asked to provide the following information:

- a) name, legal status, VAT number, address, telephone and fax numbers, as well as the name of the person responsible for the application;
- b) full details of company organization, including any group structure, staff numbers and organizational structure relevant to the execution of the contract;
- c) 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;
- d) details of the proposed software package with a clear description of all features and functionality;
- e) evidence and extent of previous customization of standard software;
- f) a list of all payroll and financial accounting software packages with which the software can and has been interfaced;
- g) specific information on the 'year 2000 compliance' of the proposed software, including confirmation of the ability to manage '3-digit ages', deal with twentieth-century dates and leap years;
- h) 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;
- i) 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.

A tender for the software was published previously on 9.4.1999 ([99/S 72-51326/EN](#)). This tender process has been abandoned. This is a new procedure. Previous applicants that still wish to be considered must re-apply and comply fully with the requirements set out in this notice.

16. **Date of dispatch of the notice:** 19.10.2000.

17. **Date of receipt by the Office for Official Publications of the European Communities:** 19.10.2000.