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European Central Bank

ECB - house printer (D-Frankfurt am Main)**2001/S 153-105509****S Series contract notice****Open tender process (supply)**

1. **The name, address, telephone and fax numbers of the contracting authority:**
The European Central Bank, Kaiserstraße 29, D- 60311 Frankfurt am Main. Tel.: (49-69) 13 44 75 31. Fax: (49-69) 13 44 75 03.
2. a) **The award procedure chosen:** Open tender procedure.
b) **Form of the contract for which tenders are being requested:** Purchase contract for printing of official publications of the ECB.
3. a) **Place of delivery:** The European Central Bank, Kaiserstraße 29, D-60311 Frankfurt am Main, and to other major European cities.
b) **The nature of the services to be supplied:** CPV: 78100000. The European Central Bank is seeking to appoint a house printer to undertake the printing of its monthly bulletin, annual report, other official publications, general business stationery and such general information brochures as may be compatible with the resources of the selected printer. The monthly bulletin (English version) comprises 13 000 copies of 156 A4 pages and the annual report, which is published in 11 EU languages, totals 100 000 copies of 220 pages. The majority of the publications require page layout and setting by the printer, who will also be required to set layouts and return pdf files short economic papers, which may be printed digitally at the ECB. The value of the contract is estimated to be 10 000 000 EUR-15 000 000 EUR over 5 years, of this, printed stationery is no more than 5%.
c) **Indication of whether the supplier can tender for a part of the goods required:**
The tender must be for the entire contract.
4. **Time limit for delivery if any:** The starting date for the contract is to be 1.12.2001.
5. a) **Name and address of the service from which the contract documents and additional documents may be requested:** The ECB Printing Tender, att: Mr Humphrey Rudgard, the European Central Bank, Kaiserstraße 29, D-60311 Frankfurt am Main, fax: (49-69) 13 44 75 03, e-mail: humphrey.rudgard@ecb.int.
b) **The final date for making such requests:** 14 calendar days before closure of tender.
c) **The amount and terms of payment of the sum to be paid to obtain such documents:** None.
6. a) **The final date for receipt of tenders:** 28.9.2001 (12.00).
b) **The address to which they must be sent:** As in 5.a).
c) **The language or languages in which they must be drawn up:** English.
7. a) **The persons authorized to be present at the opening of tenders:** Authorized staff of the ECB only.
b) **The date, time and place of such opening:** The day of closing the tender, 28.9.2001 (12.00), at the ECB.
8. **Any deposits and guarantees required:** No deposits will be required.
9. **The main terms concerning financing and payment and/or reference to the provisions in which they are contained:** Payment terms to be specified in the tender documents.
10. **The legal form to be taken by the grouping of suppliers to whom the contract is awarded:** Not applicable. No subcontracting of the printing services is permitted.

Finishing and binding may be subcontracted.

11. **Information concerning the supplier's own position, and the information and formalities necessary for an appraisal of the minimum economic and technical standards required of the supplier:** As detailed in the tender documents. Companies must be able to demonstrate that they have appropriate experience, sufficient resources and the requisite systems to execute this contract, especially with respect to a very rapid turnaround of proofs meeting all deadlines.
12. **Period during which the tenderer is bound to keep open his tender:** 90 days following the date in 7.b).
13. **The criteria for the award of the contract:** Most advantageous tender in terms of quality, reliability and cost as detailed in the tender documents. These criteria are not necessarily in order of importance.
14. **Other information:** The ECB will require to visit any tenderer to whom it is considering awarding the contract, in order to satisfy itself of the technical and management capabilities of the tenderer with respect to the execution of this contract.
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16. **Date of publication of the prior information notice in the 'Supplement to the Official Journal of the European Communities' or references to its non-publication:** Not previously published.
17. **Date of dispatch of this notice:** 6.8.2001.
18. **Date of receipt by the Office for Official Publications of the European Communities:** 6.8.2001.