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ECB - restricted tender for the provision of pan-European network (services) (D-Frankfurt-on-Main)**2002/S 136-106099****European Central Bank**

1. **Name, address, telegraphic address, telephone, telex and fax numbers of the contracting authority:** European Central Bank, Kaiserstraße 29, D- 60311 Frankfurt am Main. Tel.: (49-69) 1344 7531. Fax: (49-69) 1344 7503. E-mail: humphrey.rudgard@ecb.int.
2. (a) **The award procedure chosen:** Restricted tender.
(b) **Where applicable, a justification for use of the accelerated procedure:** Not applicable.
(c) **Form of the contract for which tenders are being requested:** Fixed-term service contract with the possibility for extensions, preferably on the basis of a fixed price offer.
3. **Place of delivery:** All 15 Member States of the EU (Belgium, Germany, Greece, Spain, France, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Finland, United Kingdom, Sweden and Denmark), all 12 EU accession countries (Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland, Hungary, Romania, Slovenia, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Bulgaria, Cyprus and Malta), Switzerland, Norway, Canada, Japan and USA.
4. (a) **The nature of the goods to be supplied, including whether tenders are requested for purchase, lease, rental or hire purchase or a combination of these:** CPV No 72532000. A pan-European network that shall provide secure communication channels between the European Central Bank and EU National Central Banks for voice teleconferencing and data communication and secure voice teleconferencing communication channels between the European Central Bank and six non-EU Central Banks already participating in the Teleconference System. Currently, video conferencing is not utilized but it is part of the new requirements. The service provider is expected to deliver the following services:
 - the supply of a pan-European network;
 - migration of the existing network to the new one;
 - maintenance and on-going support (on site);
 - future enhancements.
- (b) **The quantity of the goods to be supplied, including any options for further procurement and, if known, an estimate of the timing when such options may be exercised. In the case of regular or of recurring contracts, also, if known, an estimate of the subsequent call for tender for the supplies to be procured:** At least 72 locations are to be interconnected in the first network and will require equipment. The contract will include the option to provide additional equipment to new locations that may be added to the network plus all spares, up-grades and replacements that may become necessary during the initial and any renewal contract term.
5. **Time limit for the completion of supplies or duration of the supplies contract and, as far as possible, time limit for starting or delivering supplies:** The pan-European core network should be implemented by Q3 2003. Migration from existing configuration is envisaged to be completed by Q1 2004. 1st orders are expected to be placed in spring 2003.
6. **Where applicable, the legal form to be assumed by the grouping of suppliers to whom the contract is awarded:** No special legal form is required but each provider will be required to become jointly and severally responsible for the contract before acceptance.

7. (a) **Deadline for receipt of applications:** 17.30 CET on Thursday 15 August 2002.
- (b) **The address to which they must be sent:** A written application must be submitted and sent to the address below with the envelope marked 'Restricted tender for core network migration - for the attention of Humphrey Rudgard'. In addition applicants are requested to enclose a copy of all appropriate parts of their application on a diskette or CD preferably in Microsoft Word 97/Excel 97/Powerpoint 97 or Adobe Acrobat Reader (.pdf) or to send a copy to the e-mail address in 1 above.
European Central Bank, Kaiserstraße 29, D-60311 Frankfurt am Main.
- (c) **The language(s) in which they must be drawn up:** English.
8. **The first date for the dispatch of invitations to tender:** End of September 2002.
9. **Where applicable, any deposits and guarantees required:** None.
10. **Information concerning the supplier's personal position and the information and formalities necessary for an appraisal of the minimum economic and technical standards required of him:** Organizations interested in tendering should submit with their application the following information:
 - (a) company name, address, telephone number, fax number and contact name with extension/direct numbers and e-mail address.
 - (b) Legal status of the company and give details of all parent or subsidiary companies, if applicable.
 - (c) 3 years' audited report and accounts for the applicant company.
 - (d) If the applicant company is a subsidiary or member of a group copies of the parent company's or group's audited report and account for the last 3 years.
 - (e) A statement of the applicant's overall turnover and the turnover in respect of the goods and services to which the contract relates for the previous three years.
 - (f) A list of relevant qualifications, trade associations and affiliations with professional bodies.
 - (g) Company profile and organization chart showing the structure of the company and clearly detailing the structures relating to those responsible for the preparation of the intended offer and those who will be responsible for the delivery of the various services.
 - (h) Evidence of contracts for the supply of similar telecommunication networks in the past 3 years on pan-European basis (including central Europe) stating the extent of the network, the value of the contract, recipient and contact name to whom reference may be made.
 - (i) Demonstrated evidence of contracts for the supply and services of similar telecommunication networks in the past 3 years, in which the supplier was acting as single point of contact for the service, delivery and operational support detailing the number and location of subcontractors managed.
 - (j) Demonstrated evidence of undertaking migrations of very large scale, complex pan-European networks within tight time scales giving a clear indication of the scale, complexity and time period for completion.
 - (k) A statement of the companies' service standards.
 - (l) Any other information in support of their application.
11. **The criteria for the award of the contract where they are not mentioned in the invitation to tender:** Economically most advantageous tender as further specified in tender documents.
12. **Envisaged number or range of suppliers which will be invited to tender:** 3-5.
13. **Where applicable, prohibition on variants:** None.
14. **Other information:** General information concerning the ECB and ESCB may be found on the ECB website www.ecb.int.
15. **Date(s) 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.
16. **Date of dispatch of the notice:** 9.7.2002.
17. **Date of receipt by the Office for Official Publications of the European Communities:** 9.7.2002.