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**ECB - call for expressions of interest for the establishment of a list of consultants/consulting companies to provide services within the framework website development project (D-Frankfurt-on-Main)**

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**Tender notice**

1. **Awarding authority:** European Central Bank, Kaiserstraße 29, D-60311 Frankfurt am Main. Att: Mr Marcello Di Pietro. Tel.: (49-69) 13 44 88 92. Fax: (49-69) 13 44 77 07.
2. **Type:** Call for expressions of interest.  
Companies or organizations interested in having their name entered on a list of potential suppliers for website consultancy relating to the redevelopment of the website of the European Central Bank, are invited to submit an application in accordance with the rules set out below:
  - the appointed procurement committee of the ECB will draw up a list of candidates who meet the criteria set out at point 8 below;
  - for contracts to be awarded, the procurement committee will send an invitation to tender (ITT) to all or some of the candidates on the list, selected at the ECB's discretion, on the basis of specific criteria for the contract concerned;
  - the initial use of this list is planned to be in the week commencing 1st February 2003 for a project planned to start on 15 April 2003. Only those companies that have submitted their applications before 1st February 2003 may be considered for the first use of the list.
3. **Consultancy services and other information:** (a) Description of the fields covered: consultancy services relating to the re-design of the website of the European Central Bank. This comprises of tasks for consultants experienced in:
  - building the information architecture of the website (information architects);
  - development of updating procedures in order to automate the publication process on the new website infrastructure (developers).Services relating to the re-design of the website of the European Central Bank. This comprises of tasks for companies experienced in:
  - creating new design, multimedia solutions, templates and conversion of existing content of the ECB's website to the new design (website design);
  - creating reliant and stable high-volume website with special emphasis on security and information protection.(b) Description of the ECB's technical infrastructure for the website: web-related technologies used at the European Central Bank for producing static web pages on the official website:
  - Sun Solaris operating system;
  - Apache web server;
  - MySQL database server;
  - PHP as a module for Apache, with several extensions library (PDFLib, libxml, Smarty, PEAR, etc.);
  - PHP as engine to create static HTML pages: with several extensions library (PDFLib, libxml, Smarty, PEAR, etc.);
  - XML and XSL parsers (Xerces, Xalan and FOP);
  - ChartDirector C++ libraries for graph generation.(c) Type of contracts:  
type of contract: fixed-price or on the basis of daily rates (differentiated by the level of functions, e.g. consultants, developers, including all expenses).
4. **Place where services are to be provided:** At the ECB premises in Frankfurt am Main for information architect and developers.  
Outside the ECB for website re-design.
5. **Period of validity of the list resulting from the call for interest:** The expiry date of

the list resulting from the call for expressions of interest is 31 January 2005.

6. **Legal status of applicants:** Not applicable.
7. **Application information:** (a) Address to which applications should be sent: as in 1.  
(b) Application together with all the documentation referred to in point 8 must be submitted as follows: applications, which must be in English, should be submitted by post to the abovementioned address.  
The envelope should be marked: 'Call for Expression of Interest / REF: Website development project Consultancy Services List, for attn: Mr Marcello Di Pietro'.
8. **List of information and documents concerning the applicant's own position, and the information, formalities and documents necessary for an appraisal of the minimum economic and technical standards required:** (a) Name, legal status, VAT number, address, telephone and fax numbers, as well as the name of the person responsible for the application.  
(b) Copies of the audited accounts or certified copies of statements demonstrating financial capacity and turnover in respect of the abovementioned areas of expertise for the past three years, and a list of any and all legal claims and or lawsuits pending against the company.  
(c) Company profile and organization, including brief details of the range of expertise and consultancy/project management services provided by the applicant.  
(d) The number of consultants employed specifying whether permanent full-time staff or subcontracted and details of their organization by function or team. Also the number of consultants specializing in the different areas of expertise as defined in 3 above and their degree of expertise and seniority in the field.  
(e) A complete list of similar contracts performed in the past three years with a clear summary of the scope, size and which of the requirements detailed in 3 above were included for/in each of the contracts and in addition reference should be drawn to contracts performed for public sector organizations/institutions.  
(f) The names, addresses of three clients who may be asked for references and the name and telephone number of the relevant person to contact, all of the references should have received consultancy services covering all or some of the areas listed in 3 above.  
(g) Any other information attesting to the qualifications of the applicant to perform the required services.
9. **Other information:** The official working language of the European Central Bank is English.  
For procedural issues please contact Humphrey Rudgard, tel.: +49 69 1344 7531.
10. **Date of dispatch of the notice:** 21 November 2002.
11. **Date of receipt by the Office for Official Publications of the European Communities:** 21 November 2002.