
**D-Frankfurt-on-Main: ECB - testing and other work in the context of the FinanceKIT 6.x upgrade at the
ECB (D-Frankfurt-on-Main)
2004/S 121-101574**

Contract notice

Services

Is this contract covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)? Yes

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Official name and address of the contracting authority:

European Central Bank, Att.: Humphrey Rudgard, Kaiserstrasse 29, D-60311 Frankfurt-am-Main. Tel.: 49 69 1344 7531. Fax: 49 69 1344 7503. E-mail: humphrey.rudgard@ecb.int.

I.2) Address from which further information can be obtained:

As in I.1).

I.3) Address from which documentation may be obtained:

As in I.1).

I.4) Address to which tenders/requests to participate must be sent:

As in I.1).

I.5) Type of contracting authority:

EU-institution.

Section II: Object of the contract

I.1) Description

II.1.1) Type of works contract (in case of works contract)

II.1.2) Type of supplies contract (in case of supplies contract)

II.1.3) Type of service contract (in case of service contract):

Service category 7.

II.1.4) It is a framework agreement?

No.

II.1.5) Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority:

Testing and other work in the context of the FinanceKIT 6.x upgrade at the ECB.

II.1.6) Description/object of the contract:

The contractor will have to carry out a key step in the overall ECB upgrade process from the current FinanceKIT 5.0.8 installation to FinanceKIT 6.x, namely the functional 'System' or regression test, as well as some preparatory and follow-up work:

Initial conversion of the current FinanceKIT 5.0.8 installation of the ECB to FinanceKIT 6.x, including ECB specific FinanceKIT developments ("CSDs") and interfaces.

Definition and implementation of a configuration prototype of the converted system to match the changed standard functionality of FinanceKIT 6.x, and new or streamlined functionality as required by the ECB. Development of an automated test tool (input of test cases, calculation of expected results) that could be re-used and further developed by the ECB for the acceptance test of FinanceKIT 6.x and the regression test of forthcoming FinanceKIT versions.

Automated regression test of the migrated system, according to the ECB test conditions, preferably at the Trema office in Frankfurt.

Development of a technical 'turn-key' FKIT 6.x installation, conversion and re-configuration package for the ECB system.

Throughout the entire process described above it will be the duty of the contractor to liaise with the software vendor Trema to deal with upcoming issues.

Some support for the ECB's acceptance, final conversion and technical performance3 tests, and for the go-live.

II.1.7) Site or location of works, place of delivery or performance:

Trema office in Frankfurt am Main; on the premises of the ECB in Frankfurt.

NUTS code DE712.

II.1.8) Nomenclature

II.1.8.1) Common Procurement Vocabulary (CPV):

72254100; 72265000; 72266000; 72263000; 80423310.

II.1.8.2) Other relevant nomenclature (CPA/NACE/CPC)

II.1.9) Division into lots:

No.

II.1.10) Will variants be accepted:

No.

II.2) Quantity or scope of the contract

II.2.1) Total quantity or scope (including all lots and options, if applicable):

Scope: See I.1.6) above.

II.2.2) Options (if applicable). Description and time when they may be exercised (if possible):

Not applicable.

II.3) Duration of the contract or time-limit for completion:

12 months from the award of the contract.

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information:

III.1) Conditions relating to the contract

III.1.1) Deposits and guarantees required:

None required.

III.1.2) Main terms of financing and payment and/or reference to the relevant provisions:

Payment according to progress.

III.1.3) Legal form to be taken by the grouping of suppliers, contractors or service providers to whom the contract is awarded:

The establishment of a temporary grouping of companies is allowed. In the application, all the members of the temporary grouping must declare in writing that: (i) in case of an order they will provide all services as a temporary grouping and (ii) all the members will have joint and several liability for the performance of the contract. The parts of the supplies and/or services that will be performed by the single companies shall be specified.

The software vendor, Trema Group, may be subcontracted for those activities in the scope of the project that are not directly related to the generation of expected test results, and the conduct and evaluation of functional tests.

III.2) Conditions for participation

III.2.1) Information concerning the personal situation of the contractor, supplier or service provider and information and formalities necessary for the evaluation of the minimum economic, financial and technical capacity required:

The contractor must have the status of a 'Certified Partner' as acknowledged by the Trema Group.

However, the contractor must be in an independent position, in order to be able to represent fully the interests of the ECB only. The contractor must have proven experience of FinanceKIT installations at central banks, proven in depth knowledge of FinanceKIT6, and must have successfully carried out FinanceKIT upgrades at other installations.

III.2.1.1) Legal position - means of proof required

III.2.1.2) Economic and financial capacity - means of proof required:

Statement as to turnover for the last three years for the type of work involved in this contract. Where applicable, a distinction is to be made between contracts carried out by the work provider himself and those carried out by subcontractors.

Copies of the audited accounts and balance sheets for the past three years or equivalent certified documentation demonstrating the financial position of the tenderer.

III.2.1.3) Technical capacity - means of proof required:

Certified partnership with Trema, and reference of similar projects.

III.3) Conditions specific to service contracts

III.3.1) Is provision of the service reserved to a specific profession?

No.

III.3.2) Will legal entities be required to state the names and professional qualifications of the personnel responsible for execution of the contract?

Yes.

Section IV: Procedure**IV.1) Type of procedure:**

Open.

IV.1.1) Have candidates already been selected?

No.

IV.1.2) Justification for the choice of accelerated procedure (if applicable):

Not applicable.

IV.1.3) Previous publication concerning the same contract (if applicable):

Not applicable.

IV.1.3.1) Prior information notice concerning the same contract**IV.1.3.2) Other previous publications****IV.1.4) Envisaged number of suppliers which will be invited to tender (when applicable)****IV.2) Award criteria:**

The most economically advantageous tender in terms of criteria as stated in contract documents.

IV.3) Administrative information**IV.3.1) Reference number attributed to the file by the contracting authority:**

Not available.

IV.3.2) Conditions for obtaining contract document and additional documents:

Obtainable until 25.7.2004.

Applicants will have to prove that they comply with the conditions stated in III.2.1 above and will have to sign a confidentiality declaration before they can obtain detailed information on the contract.

IV.3.3) Time-limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate (depending whether it is an open, restricted or negotiated procedure):

45 days from dispatch of notice.

IV.3.4) Dispatch of invitations to tender to selected candidates (in restricted and negotiated procedure)**IV.3.5) Language or languages in which tenders or requests to participate can be drawn up:**

English.

IV.3.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain its tender (in case of an open procedure):

6 months from the deadline stated for receipt of tenders.

IV.3.7) Conditions for opening tenders**IV.3.7.1) Persons authorised to be present at the opening of tenders):**

Authorised staff of the ECB only.

IV.3.7.2) Date, time and place:

Date 26.7.2004. Time 12.00 (noon). Place: At ECB premises.

Section VI: Other information**VI.1) Is this notice a non-mandatory one?**

No.

VI.2) If applicable, indicate whether this procurement is a recurrent one and the estimated timing for further notices to be published:

Not applicable.

VI.3) Does the contract relate to a project/programme financed by EU-funds?

No.

VI.4) Additional information:

Not applicable.

VI.5) Date of dispatch of this notice:

11.6.2004.