

**ECB - Consultancy services for blast mitigation and non progressive collapse for the New ECB Premises
(D-Frankfurt-on-Main)**

2006/S 240-255966

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, attn: Mr Alberto Molon, Kaiserstraße 29, D-60311 Frankfurt-on-Main. Fax (49-69) 13 44 68 80. E-mail: new_ecb_premises-procurement@ecb.int. URL: www.ecb.int.
- I.2) **Address from which further information can be obtained:**
European Central Bank, attn: Mr Alberto Molon, Kaiserstraße 29, D-60311 Frankfurt-on-Main. URL: www.new-ecb-premises.com.
Further information (question and answer) is provided in a forum at the above-mentioned Internet address.
- I.3) **Address from which documentation may be obtained:**
European Central Bank, attn: Mr Alberto Molon, Kaiserstraße 29, D-60311 Frankfurt-on-Main. URL: www.new-ecb-premises.com.
The application form can be downloaded from a forum at the above-mentioned Internet address.
All applications must be submitted using the application form prepared by the ECB in accordance with the instructions.
- I.4) **Address to which tenders/requests to participate must be sent:**
As in I.1).
- I.5) **Type of contracting authority:**
EU institution.
The contracting authority is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities:
No.

Section II: Object of the contract

- II.1) **Description**
- II.1.3) **Type of service contract:**
Service category 12.
- II.1.4) **Is it a framework agreement?**
No.
The notice involves: a public contract.
- II.1.5) **Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority:**

Consultancy services for blast mitigation and non-progressive collapse for the new ECB premises (Maßnahmen zur Minimierung von Explosionseinwirkungen auf Gebäude und zur Verhinderung eines progressiven Gebäudeeinsturzes).

II.1.6) Description/object of the contract:

The European Central Bank (ECB) is planning to construct its new premises on a site of approximately 120 000 m² in Frankfurt-on-Main, Germany. The ECB has already commissioned an architect to provide the architectural planning, the structural engineering and an energy design concept, and a planning team consisting of special planners for specific areas. Further to the planners already commissioned, the ECB intends to award a contract for consultancy services for blast mitigation and non-progressive collapse for the new ECB premises under a negotiated tender procedure.

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

The building works will be executed on the Großmarkthalle site in the eastern part of Frankfurt.
NUTS code: DE 712.

II.1.8) Nomenclature

II.1.8.1) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV):

74200000, 74231800, 74231200.

II.1.9) Division into lots:

No.

II.1.10) Will variants be accepted:

Yes.

Alternative offers will only be accepted in addition to a main offer which meets all the requirements requested in the tender. They will only be considered in the evaluation if the alternative solution is of equal or higher merit than the main offer. The burden of proof regarding the merit of the alternative offer shall be on the tenderer.

II.2) Quantity or scope of the contract

II.2.1) Total quantity or scope:

The selected applicants will have to compete for a contract to provide consultancy services for blast mitigation including non-progressive collapse design, the conduct and evaluation of proof of evidence tests, while defining adequate standards for the facade and the structures according to the building requirements of the building owner.

II.2.2) Options. Description and time when they may be exercised:

The initial contract will comprise services for the planning phase (approval planning). The ECB will have the option to extend it to the execution planning, tendering and construction phases.

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

The initial contract will comprise services for the planning phase (approval planning), scheduled to be completed in February 2008. The ECB will have the option to extend it to the execution planning, tendering and construction phases until the completion of the project, estimated for 2011.

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions relating to the contract

III.1.1) Deposits and guarantees required:

Details may be provided in the invitation to tender (ITT), which will be sent to the shortlisted candidates.

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

Details may be provided in the invitation to tender (ITT), which will be sent to the shortlisted candidates.

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

Temporary groupings of companies with a view to obtaining a contract to perform services may be established under the conditions set out in the application form.

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:**

All applications must be submitted using the application form prepared by the ECB in accordance with the instructions. The application form can be obtained from the address indicated above (I.3)). This application and its tender clauses shall be considered as part of the tender documentation.

To be admitted to participate in the tender procedure companies or organisations have to fulfil the qualifying criteria listed below:

- 1.1. our business has adequate technical resources to manage a project of this type;
- 1.2. we have adequate human resources including the qualifications, knowledge and language skills (English and German) required to perform the requested services;
- 1.3. our company/member(s) of a temporary grouping was/were responsible during the last 7 years for at least 3 comparable projects where the main building works are completed and in which comparable and completed services were provided on different highly sophisticated facades and structures in terms of blast mitigation (provision of services must be completed at the latest by the date of the request to participate). In this context, the comparability is measured in terms of size, quality and complexity.

This includes at least:

- 1 high-rise building with over 30 000 m² total gross floor area, and
- 1 project with over 75 000 m² total gross floor area.

These projects include a minimum of 1 in which highly sophisticated simulations for statically demanding systems ('statisch anspruchsvolle Systeme') were carried out.

In case the application is submitted with a subcontractor, references may be provided from the subcontractor for the relevant services;

- 1.4. our accumulated fee income over the past 3 years was at least EUR 1 200 000 excluding VAT. For temporary groupings the same threshold applies and in addition, at least 1 member of the grouping must have had a minimum accumulated fee income of EUR 800 000 excluding VAT over the past 3 years;
- 1.5. we are neither bankrupt nor subject to insolvency proceedings, nor are such proceedings against us due to be commenced;
- 1.6. we comply with all obligations in relation to the payment of:
 - i) social security contributions, and
 - ii) taxes, pursuant to the laws of the country in which we are established;
- 1.7. we are aware of the fact that if we are awarded the contract, companies belonging to our group of companies or companies held by our shareholders may be excluded from subsequent tenders for construction

works. All such companies whose main business purpose is construction works are to be indicated;

1.8. we are qualified to practise and listed in a commercial register;

1.9. we comply with applicable anti-corruption regulations;

1.10. we have not been convicted of an offence concerning professional conduct by a judgment which has the force of 'res judicata'.

Applicants must provide all documents necessary to prove full compliance with the requirements stated in

1.1–1.10 by submitting them as attachments to the application form.

Any failure to comply with 1 of the qualifying criteria will result in the applicant's exclusion from the tender procedure.

III.3) Conditions specific to services contracts

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

Yes.

Natural persons, who on the date of dispatch of this notice bear an occupational title as 'architect', 'engineer' or 'consulting engineer' according to the Directives 89/48/EWG and 85/384/EWG, pursuant to the legal provisions of the country in which they are established.

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:

Accelerated negotiated.

IV.1.1) Have candidates already been selected?

No.

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

Previous unsuccessful tender (T050), reference OJ [2006/S 134-143204](#).

IV.1.3) Previous publication concerning the same contract:

Not applicable.

IV.1.3.1) Prior information notice concerning the same contract:

Not applicable.

IV.1.4) Envisaged number of suppliers which will be invited to tender:

Minimum: 5.

The selection criteria are as follows:

(a) the applicant's general capacity to carry out a project of this size in terms of technical resources (IT infrastructure and applications) and human resources (composition of staff and qualifications of staff members), weighted with 50 %; and

(b) the applicant's general experience and expertise, assessed on the basis of the reference projects which are comparable in terms of size, quality and complexity, where the main building works are completed and in which the applicant has provided services comparable to those requested by the ECB (provision of services must be completed at the latest by the date of the request to participate), weighted with 50 %.

IV.1.5) Reduction of the number of operators during the negotiation or dialogue:

Recourse to staged procedure to gradually reduce the number of solutions to be discussed or tenders to be negotiated: yes.

IV.2.1) Award criteria:

The most economically advantageous tender in terms of criteria as stated below:
criteria; weighting:

- 1) quality of the services provided; 50 %;
- 2) financial terms; 45 %;
- 3) compliance with the contractual terms and conditions offered by the ECB; 5 %.

IV.2.2) An electronic auction will be used:

No.

IV.3) Administrative information

IV.3.1) Reference number attributed to the file by the contracting authority:

Tender 050a.

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

Obtainable until: 3.1.2007.

IV.3.3) Time-limit for receipt of requests to participate:

3.1.2007 (12:00), CET.

IV.3.4) Dispatch of invitations to tender to selected candidates:

Estimated date: 23.1.2007.

IV.3.5) Language or languages in which tenders or requests to participate shall be drawn up:

English.

IV.3.7) Conditions for opening tenders

IV.3.7.1) Persons authorised to be present at the opening of tenders:

Not applicable.

IV.3.7.2) Date, time and place:

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:

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to submit a detailed offer.

After the dispatch of the offer they may be invited to present their proposals and designated team to the ECB.

All presentations and negotiations with the ECB will be conducted in English and German as the project will be managed in English and German.

VI.5) **Date of dispatch of this notice:**

6.12.2006.

VI.6.1) **Body responsible for appeal procedures:**

European Central Bank, Kaiserstraße 29, D-60311 Frankfurt-on-Main. Fax (49-69) 13 44 75 03. E-mail: procurement@ecb.int. URL: www.ecb.int.

VI.6.2) **Lodging of appeals:**

Precise information on deadline(s) for lodging appeals:

2 weeks after receipt of rejection letters by non-selected candidates.

VI.6.3) **Service from which information about the lodging of appeals may be obtained:**

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