

ECB - Managing a Combined/comprehensive project insurance (CPI) including steering and expert controlling and handling of claims for the New ECB Premises Project (D-Frankfurt-on-Main)

2006/S 228-243955

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 6.
- 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:**
Managing a combined/comprehensive project insurance (CPI) including steering and expert controlling and handling of claims for the new ECB premises project.

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 who provides the architectural planning, the structural engineering and an energy design concept, and a planning team consisting of special planners for specific areas.

The ECB will award a contract for a combined/comprehensive project insurance (CPI) for the new ECB premises project in a separate tender procedure and now intends to award an 'Insurance Manager' for the steering and expert controlling of the CPI and the handling of claims in a negotiated tender procedure.

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

At the contractor's office and/or in Frankfurt-on-Main.

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):

67210000, 67261100.

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 ECB intends to award an 'Insurance Manager' for the steering and expert controlling of the CPI and the handling of claims in a negotiated tender procedure.

The CPI key elements will be as follows (not final):

construction all risks (CAR);

erection all risks (EAR);

third party/public liability (TP);

environmental liability (EL);

professional indemnity (PI);

extended maintenance cover (EM);

construction business interruption (CBI);

delay in start-up (DSU).

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

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

The completion of the project is estimated to be in 2011 and a warranty phase.

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) was/were responsible during the last 5 years for at least 3 projects, which are comparable with the new ECB premises project in terms of size, complexity, type of use and building costs (over EUR 100 000 000). In these projects we have provided insurance management services. The provision of services comparable to those requested (management of CPI) would be an asset.

1.4 We are neither bankrupt nor subject to insolvency proceedings, nor are such proceedings against us due to be commenced.

1.5 We comply with all obligations in relation to the payment of:

1. social security contributions; and

2. taxes, pursuant to the laws of the country in which we are established.

1.6 If awarded the contract we will either:

(i) establish a continuous office presence in Germany; or

(ii) co-operate with a partner with such office presence. In each case, the office will be equipped with staff qualified especially for the steering, expert controlling of the CPI and the handling of claims.

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 confirm the existence of an E&O insurance (errors and omissions) with a limit of a minimum of EUR 10 000 000.

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'.

1.11 We are aware of the fact that the ECB is entitled to exclude a company from the tender procedure for T055b if companies belonging to its group of companies or companies held by its shareholders are awarded the contract for the comprehensive/combined project insurance (T055a CPI). All such companies whose main business purpose is insurance services are to be indicated.

Applicants must provide all documents necessary to prove full compliance with the requirements stated in 1.1–1.11 by submitting them as attachments to the application form.

Any failure to comply with any of the qualifying criteria will entail 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?

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:

Negotiated.

IV.1.1) Have candidates already been selected?

No.

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

Not applicable.

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.1.3.2) Other previous publications

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);

and

(b) the applicant's general experience and expertise, assessed on the basis of reference projects which are comparable in terms of size, complexity, type of use and building costs in which the applicant has provided insurance management services. The provision of services comparable to those requested (management of CPI) would be an asset.

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) Award criteria:

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

1. financial terms (60 %);
2. quality of the services provided, i.e. team structure (35 %).
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 055b

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

15.12.2006.

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

20.12.2006 (12:00), CET.

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

Estimated date: 14.2.2007.

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

English.

IV.3.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain its tender

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:

9.11.2006.

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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