
ECB - Consultancy services for the TremaSuite (FinanceKit) System (D-Frankfurt-on-Main)

2007/S 30-035418

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: Fadila Ben Maradi, Kaiserstraße 29, D-60311 Frankfurt-on-Main. Tel. (49-69) 13 44 67 16. Fax (49-69) 13 44 71 10. E-mail: procurement@ecb.int. URL: www.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

- II.1) **Description**
- II.1.3) **Type of service contract:**
Service category 7.
- II.1.4) **Is it a framework agreement?**
Yes.
- II.1.5) **Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority:**
Consultancy services for the TremaSuite (FinanceKit) system.
- II.1.6) **Description/object of the contract:**
It is the intention of the European Central Bank (the 'ECB') using the open procedure to appoint suitably qualified and experienced companies to provide consultancy services for the TremaSuite (FinanceKit) system as supplied by Wall Street Systems. The TremaSuite system is used within the European System of Central Banks ('ESCB') to support the management of the foreign reserve assets, the own funds and also FX interventions.
- II.1.7) **Site or location of works, place of delivery or performance:**
European Central Bank, D-Frankfurt-on-Main, and the national central banks of the European Central Bank System.

NUTS code: DE 712.

II.1.8) **Nomenclature**

II.1.8.1) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV):**

72246000, 72224000, 72160000.

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

II.1.9) **Division into lots:**

Yes.

Tenders may be submitted for 1 lot, several lots or all lots.

II.1.10) **Will variants be accepted:**

No.

II.2) **Quantity or scope of the contract**

II.2.1) **Total quantity or scope:**

The TremaSuite, formerly FinanceKIT system of the European Central Bank ('ECB') supports the management of the ECB foreign reserve assets, the ECB's own funds and FX interventions. The environment extends to, and is used by, all national central banks in the euro area that participate in the active management of the ECB foreign reserve assets.

The ECB is planning to further enhance its TremaSuite system in a number of areas over the next years.

Furthermore the ECB might participate in joint TremaSuite projects with those national central banks of the European Central Bank System that maintain their own TremaSuite installations. For these purposes, the ECB seeks offers for provision of support from external experts, to complement internal functional and technical support staff.

The required expertise would in general comprise at least 3 years' hands-on experience with TremaSuite, formerly FinanceKIT installations, preferably at large public bodies such as central banks, in the fields of project management, functional and/or technical-operational consultancy as well as testing.

The functional, technical/operational consultancy services will be related to the ECB TremaSuite installation and to TremaSuite-related activities carried out jointly with the national central banks of the European System of Central Banks, in several areas.

The project management activities are related to the elaboration and implementation of best practices in reserve management and the implementation/upgrade projects of the associated software used within the central bank sector.

The testing services will require the resolution of testing differences independently, but at the same time in close cooperation with the software vendor and the users. Furthermore, support and advice to the ECB will be expected with regards to the selection of test tools according to the respective needs.

It is mandatory that tenderers are able to provide the services required as well as the deliverables in English.

It is expected that the tenderers maintain an updated knowledge on the latest technologies related to the services and deliverables to be provided following the market evolution.

The level of expertise required for the provision of services and deliverables will be at least 1 year for junior expertise and 3 years for senior expertise and project management.

The 4 lots are defined below:

lot 1: functional consultancy;

lot 2: technical and operational consultancy;

lot 3: project management consultancy;

lot 4: test specialists.

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

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

48 months.

Annex B — Information about lots

Lot No 1

1) **Nomenclature**

1.1) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV):**

72246000.

1.2) **Other relevant nomenclature (CPA/NACE/CPC)**

2) **Short description:**

Functional consultancy.

3) **Scope or quantity:**

As described in II.2.1.

4) **Indication about different starting/delivery date**

Lot No 2

1) **Nomenclature**

1.1) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV):**

72246000.

1.2) **Other relevant nomenclature (CPA/NACE/CPC)**

2) **Short description:**

Technical and operational consultancy.

3) **Scope or quantity:**

As described in II.2.1.

4) **Indication about different starting/delivery date**

Lot No 3

1) **Nomenclature:**

1.1) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV):**

72224000.

1.2) **Other relevant nomenclature (CPA/NACE/CPC)**

2) **Short description:**

Project management consultancy.

3) **Scope or quantity:**

As described in II.2.1.

4) **Indication about different starting/delivery date**

Lot No 4

- 1) **Nomenclature**
- 1.1) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV):**
72160000.
- 1.2) **Other relevant nomenclature (CPA/NACE/CPC)**
- 2) **Short description:**
Test specialists.
- 3) **Scope or quantity:**
As described in II.2.1.
- 4) **Indication about different starting/delivery date**

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions relating to the contract

III.1.1) Deposits and guarantees required:

No deposit is required, but where applicable, the successful tenderer (or in the case of a successful consortium bid, each member of the consortium) may be required to provide a parent-company guarantee.

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

Method of payment will be in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract.

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 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;
- (iii) a single legal entity shall represent the whole grouping.

The parts of the supplies and/or services that will be performed by the individual companies shall be specified.

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:

- (a) Full company name, business address and registered address (if different) and registration number;
- (b) legal position of the applicant confirming that the applicant: is not bankrupt or being wound up; is not convicted of an offence concerning its professional conduct; its representatives are not guilty of any professional misconduct; has fulfilled its obligations relating to the payment of social security contributions and taxes; is not subject to a judgment on fraud, corruption; has not been declared in serious breach of contract following a procurement procedure or grant award that has been financed by the ECB budget; and that there are no conflicts of interest between the company's representatives and the ECB's interests;
- (c) economic and financial capacity of the applicant using information to be provided on professional insurance coverage, applicant's financial statements from the last 3 years, and/or a creditworthiness check from Creditreform;
- (d) technical capacity — tenderers must provide information that demonstrates that they have:
— appropriate ability and experience, which may include 'Trema' certification,

— sufficient resources.

In addition tenderers must provide:

— information relating to 3 different past contracts that demonstrates they have undertaken similar work over the last 3 years, providing details of scope, size, duration and value of contracts;

(e) all requested information must be returned in hard copy format by the date indicated in IV.3.3 below.

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:

Open.

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:

None.

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

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:

668/IS/IP/2006.

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

19.3.2007.

Price: not applicable.

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

26.3.2007 (12:00), CET.

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

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:

6 months.

IV.3.7) Conditions for opening tenders

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

Officers of the ECB only.

IV.3.7.2) Date, time and place:

Tenders shall be opened shortly after the deadline for receipt of tenders has expired, at the address in I.1.

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:

The contract is intended initially for 3 years, with the potential for a 1-year extension.

The contract shall be governed by and interpreted under German civil law.

Tenders and all supporting documents must be priced in euro and all contract payments will be made in euro.

Tenderers will find details of the acceptability of submitting alternative offers in the invitation to tender document.

All communications, discussions and meetings will be conducted in English and no interpretation facilities will be provided. Tenderers are also informed that presentations, interviews, and/or site visits may be required to confirm information contained in their offers.

The ECB reserves the right not to make any award and reserves the right to accept all or part of any tender unless the tenderer expressly stipulates otherwise in their tender. The ECB reserves the right to disqualify any applicant who provides information which proves to be incorrect.

The ECB will not be liable for any costs, nor shall it reimburse any expenses or losses that tenderers may incur in connection with the submission of their proposals. Proposals received will not be returned and will remain the property of the ECB.

Tenders shall be delivered, sealed in an envelope, not bearing any indication of the tenderer on the envelope, or in the franking thereon, clearly marked with the contract name and addressed as in I.1 above, so as to arrive no later than the date and time specified in IV.3.3 above.

Tenders may be rejected if the required information is not provided in the stated format at the time of tendering.

It is the responsibility of tenderers to ensure that their tender is delivered not later than the deadline indicated in IV.3.3 above. The ECB will not consider any tenders received after that time. Tenders received in electronic format, or by facsimile, will not be considered.

VI.5) Date of dispatch of this notice:

1.2.2007.