

**ECB - Framework contract for network, WLAN, security and  
WDM components including services (D-Frankfurt-on-Main)**

**2008/S 41-056148**

**Contract notice**

**Section I: Contracting authority**

**I.1) Name, addresses and contact point(s):**

European Central Bank, attn: Ms Fadila Ben Meradi, Kaiserstraße 29, D-60311 Frankfurt-on-Main. Fax (49-69) 13 44 71 10. E-mail: [procurement@ecb.europa.eu](mailto:procurement@ecb.europa.eu).

**Internet address(es):**

General address of the contracting authority (URL): [www.ecb.europa.eu](http://www.ecb.europa.eu).

**Further information can be obtained from:**

European Central Bank, attn: Ms Fadila Ben Meradi, Kaiserstraße 29, D-60311 Frankfurt-on-Main. Fax (49-69) 13 44 71 10. E-mail: [procurement@ecb.europa.eu](mailto:procurement@ecb.europa.eu). URL: [www.ecb.europa.eu](http://www.ecb.europa.eu).

**Specifications and additional documents (including documents for competitive dialogue and a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained from:**

the above-mentioned contact point(s).

**Tenders or requests to participate must be sent to:**

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**I.2) Type of the contracting authority and main activity or activities:**

European institution/agency or international organisation.

The contracting authority is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities: no.

**Section II: Object of the contract**

**II.1) Description**

**II.1.1) Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority:**

Framework contract for network, WLAN, security and WDM components, including services.

**II.1.2) Type of contract and location of works, place of delivery or of performance:**

Supplies.

Purchase.

Main place of delivery:

ECB; D-Frankfurt-on-Main.

NUTS code DE 712.

Services.

Service category No 7.

Main place of performance:

ECB; D-Frankfurt-on-Main.

NUTS code DE 712.

**II.1.3) The notice involves:**

The establishment of a framework agreement.

**II.1.4) Information on framework agreement:**

Framework agreement with a single operator.

Duration of the framework agreement:

Duration in year(s): initial duration 4 years, which may be extended for a total duration of up to 8 years.

Justification for a framework agreement the duration of which exceeds 4 years:

The expected lifetime of the equipment is up to 7 years. Implementation is foreseen in stages during the initial contract duration and it is the intention that the contractor shall provide services throughout the entire lifetime of the equipment.

Estimated total value of purchases for the entire duration of the framework agreement: Estimated value excluding VAT:

range: between EUR 7 000 000 and EUR 10 000 000.

II.1.5) **Short description of the contract or purchase(s):**

The European Central Bank is seeking for a new framework agreement for delivery of network, WLAN, security and WDM components.

Additionally, services (e.g. installation, maintenance, design, implementation and consultancy) are to be provided for these components, including maintenance for existing network components currently in use at ECB premises.

In order to enable specialised bidders to take part in the tender process, regarding parts of the subject of the procurement, the tender is divided into 2 lots:

lot 1: network, WLAN, security components and services;

lot 2: WDM components and services.

II.1.6) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV):**

32410000, 32420000, 32422000, 32428000, 50312300, 50344000.

II.1.7) **Contract covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA):**

Yes.

II.1.8) **Division into lots:**

Yes.

Tenders should be submitted for: 1 or more lots.

II.1.9) **Variants will be accepted:**

No.

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

II.2.2) **Options:**

No.

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

Duration in months: up to 96.

**Information about lots**

Lot No 1

Title: Framework agreement for the provision of network, WLAN and security components and services

1) **Short description:**

Delivery of network, WLAN and security components.

Services and maintenance related to the delivered components.

Services and maintenance for components currently in use at ECB premises.

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

32410000, 32420000, 32422000, 32428000, 50312300.

Lot No 2

Title: Framework agreement for the provision of WDM components and services

- 1) **Short description:**  
Delivery of wave division multiplexing (WDM) components.  
Services and maintenance related to the delivered components.  
Services and maintenance for components currently in use at ECB premises.
- 2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV):**  
32410000, 32420000, 32428000, 50312300, 50344000.

**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 financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions regulating them:**

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 economic operators to whom the contract is to be 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;
- (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.1.4) Other particular conditions to which the performance of the contract is subject:**

No.

**III.2) Conditions for participation**

**III.2.1) Personal situation of economic operators, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers:**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if requirements are met:

Bidders must provide the information and documents specified in the invitation to tender and in particular in the eligibility and selection questionnaire.

**III.2.2) Economic and financial capacity:**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if requirements are met:

Bidders must provide the information and documents specified in the invitation to tender and in particular in the eligibility and selection questionnaire.

- 1) Bank certificate stating the company's financial situation, or balance sheets and results for the last 3 financial years available or credit reform number;
- 2) a statement of the supplier's turnover in the area covered by the contract notice for the last 3 financial years available;
- 3) further statements and documentation as required in the invitation to tender and in particular in the eligibility and selection questionnaire.

**III.2.3) Technical capacity:**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if requirements are met:

Bidders must provide the information and documents specified in the invitation to tender and in particular in the eligibility and selection questionnaire.

1) References to past or ongoing contracts including scope, size, duration and value, etc;

2) further statements and documentation as required in the invitation to tender and in particular in the eligibility and selection questionnaire.

III.2.4) **Reserved contracts:**

No.

III.3) **Conditions specific to services contracts**

III.3.1) **Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession:**

No.

III.3.2) **Legal entities should indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff responsible for the execution of the service:**

Yes.

**Section IV: Procedure**

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

Open.

IV.2) **Award criteria**

IV.2.1) **Award criteria:**

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

1. lot 1: price; 40 %;

2. lot 1: quality; 40 %;

3. lot 1: interoperability; 20 %;

4. Lot 2: price; 100 %.

IV.2.2) **An electronic auction will be used:**

No.

IV.3) **Administrative information**

IV.3.1) **File reference number attributed by the contracting authority:**

4292/IS/IP/2007: Framework contract for network, WLAN, security and WDM components, including services.

IV.3.2) **Previous publication(s) concerning the same contract:**

Prior information notice number in OJ: [2007/S 170-208976](#) of 5.9.2007.

IV.3.3) **Conditions for obtaining specifications and additional documents or descriptive document:**

Time-limit for receipt of requests for documents or for accessing documents:

10.3.2008 (18:00).

Payable documents: no.

IV.3.4) **Time-limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate:**

11.4.2008 (12:00), CEST.

IV.3.6) **Language(s) in which tenders or requests to participate may be drawn up:**

English.

IV.3.7) **Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender:**

Until 31.10.2008.

**IV.3.8) Conditions for opening tenders:**

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

Persons authorised to be present at the opening of tenders: yes.

**Section VI: Complementary information**

**VI.1) This is a recurrent procurement:**

No.

It is expected that this will be a recurrent procurement, and if required, further notices shall be published prior to the termination of any new contract that results from this procurement exercise.

**VI.2) Contract related to a project and/or programme financed by Community funds:**

No.

**VI.3) Additional information:**

This tender procedure is governed by the ECB Decision of 3.7.2007 laying down the Rules on Procurement (ECB/2007/5), published in the Official Journal OJ L 184, 14.7.2007, or <http://www.ecb.europa.eu/ecb/proc/tenders/html/index.en.html>.

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

The ECB will respond to questions received in writing by e-mail only twice adhering to the dates communicated in the tender documentation. Therefore, no answers will be provided to questions received after 26.3.2008.

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

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, 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.3.4 above.

Tenders may be rejected if the required information is not provided in the stated format defined in the invitation to tender 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.3.4 above. Tenders received in electronic format, or by facsimile will not be considered.

**VI.4) Procedures for appeal**

**VI.4.1) Body responsible for appeal procedures:**

Procurement Review Body of the ECB, c/o Fadila Ben Meradi, Kaiserstraße 29, D-60311 Frankfurt-on-Main. Fax (49-69) 13 44 71 10. E-mail: [procurement@ecb.europa.eu](mailto:procurement@ecb.europa.eu). URL: [www.ecb.europa.eu](http://www.ecb.europa.eu).

**VI.4.2) Lodging of appeals:**

Precise information on deadline(s) for lodging appeals:

15 days from the receipt of the notification of the award decision or from the receipt of further information on the award decision (Article 28(3) of the Decision ECB/2007/5 laying down the Rules on Procurement).

**VI.4.3) Service from which information about lodging of appeals may be obtained:**

See above.