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**D-Frankfurt-on-Main: ECB - Provision of pre-press and printing services  
2011/S 196-318531**

**Contract notice**

**Section I: Contracting authority**

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

European Central Bank, attention: Mrs Katja Geiger, Kaiserstraße 29, 60311 Frankfurt-on-Main, GERMANY. Tel. +49 691344-0. Fax +49 691344-7110. E-mail: [procurement@ecb.europa.eu](mailto:procurement@ecb.europa.eu)

**Internet address(es):**

General address of the contracting authority: <http://www.ecb.europa.eu>

**Further information can be obtained at:**

As in abovementioned contact point(s).

Candidates wishing to participate must:

1) download the relevant tender documents from the following Internet address: [http://www.ecb.europa.eu/ecb/jobsproc/archive/html/tenderdoc\\_press\\_print.en.html](http://www.ecb.europa.eu/ecb/jobsproc/archive/html/tenderdoc_press_print.en.html)

2) send an e-mail to the ECB at [procurement@ecb.europa.eu](mailto:procurement@ecb.europa.eu) indicating a contact person and e-mail address.

During the period lasting from publication of this notice until the deadline for the submission of tenders, the ECB will inform tenderers through the contact person about any relevant aspect of this tender. The deadline for submission of tenders is indicated in Section IV.3.4 below;

3) respond to the ECB within the deadline indicated in IV.3.4.

Tenderers are invited to contact the ECB for any question they may have on this tender by sending an e-mail to [procurement@ecb.europa.eu](mailto:procurement@ecb.europa.eu)

Where the responses to the questions are of general interest to all candidates, the ECB will send the responses by e-mail to candidates who have registered with the ECB as per bullet point 2 above. In addition, the ECB will post the responses in the aforementioned website.

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

As in abovementioned contact point(s).

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

As in abovementioned contact point(s).

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

European institution/agency or international organisation.

Economic and financial affairs.

The contracting authority is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities: yes.

1) Addresses of the other contracting authority on behalf of which the contracting authority is purchasing:

Deutsche Bundesbank, Wilhelm-Epstein-Straße 14, 60431 Frankfurt-on-Main, GERMANY.

**Section II: Object of the contract**

**II.1) Description**

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

Provision of pre-press and printing services.

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

Works.

Main site or location of delivery: ECB, Frankfurt-on-Main, National Central Banks of the ESCB.  
Services.

Service category: No 15.

Main place of delivery: ECB, Frankfurt-on-Main, National Central Banks of the ESCB.

NUTS code: DE712.

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): 4.

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

The European Central Bank (ECB) is seeking through this open procedure a supplier for the provision of pre-press and printing services.

The official publications of the ECB primarily serve to fulfil reporting obligations as laid down in the Treaty and in the Statute of the ESCB. The ECB is obliged by its rules and regulations to publish reports on its activities at least quarterly and does so on a monthly basis (Monthly Bulletin). The ECB also produces an annual report which is presented to the European Parliament and submitted to the European Council and the European Commission. The ECB's convergence reports inform on the progress made by EU Member States outside the euro area towards achieving the Treaty's convergence criteria. Additionally to its reporting obligations the ECB produces a number of publications which provide information on its core activities such as monetary policy, statistics, payments and securities settlement systems, financial stability and supervision, international and European cooperation and legal matters. These ECB publications mentioned so far are targeted at economists and other academics, members of financial organisations, the national central banks (NCBs) and all those interested in economic and monetary policy.

The ECB also publishes a wide range of printed matters about the euro banknotes and coins aiming at increasing the awareness of the general public in the European Union and beyond. Such type of information material is produced to support both 'regular' communication activities around the euro cash (training and anti-counterfeiting materials for cashiers, educational kits for schools, deliverables for different target groups, etc.) and on the occasion of euro cash changeovers (i.e. new Member States of the European Union adopting the euro currency).

In the near future the ECB will also launch large-scale communication campaigns to inform the public about the release of an upgraded series of euro banknotes. Such fully fledged campaigns do rely on a multimedia and multichannel approach in order to reach as many cross sections of the population; nonetheless printed materials will still play a strong role in achieving the objective of informing an audience of over 300 000 000 citizens speaking 23 different official languages. As such material will have to be produced well ahead of the foreseen unveiling and issue dates, large quantities of deliverables will need to be produced and stored under secure conditions.

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

79810000, 79800000.

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

Yes.

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

No.

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

No.

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

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

II.2.2) **Options:**

No.

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

Duration in months: 48 (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:**

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 under the conditions laid down in the call for applications/invitation to tender.

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:**

a)

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

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if requirements are met:

a. the tenderers' economic and financial capacity will be assessed on the basis of their financial situation (turnover statement, profit and loss accounts and balance sheets).

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required:

As a minimum, tenderers shall have had, in the last 3 financial years, a summed up total net turnover of at least 60 000 000 EUR.

III.2.3) **Technical capacity:**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if requirements are met:

Tenderers shall fill in the boxes in the submission form (Annex 3), provide the information requested in the ITT and submit a copy of the DIN EN ISO 9001:2008 or equivalent certificates.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required:

- A minimum pre-press page setting capacity equal to or greater than 1 500 pages of A4 size per day,
- a pre-press typesetting capacity to set pages in the 23 official languages of the European Union plus additional world languages using Latin, Greek or Cyrillic alphabet as well as Chinese, Arabic and Japanese,
- a minimum digital print capacity of 600 000 copies DIN A4 colour pages per day,
- a minimum digital print capacity with inline finishing (booklet binding) of 500 000 copies DIN A4 colour pages per day,
- a minimum capacity of web offset of 1 200 000 copies DIN A4 colour pages per hour,

- a minimum offset printing capacity of 5 000 000 DIN A4 full colour pages per day,
- availability of a small 'liaison team' including typesetters within 30 minutes reach from the ECB's premises to meet short notice deadlines for selected pre-press activities, change of requests, etc. This need could be covered, e.g. by setting up an office nearby the ECB,
- capacity and ability of the tenderer to set up a secure encrypted workflow to exchange, store and manage highly confidential files and images,
- availability of a dedicated secure printing and storage location to produce highly confidential material related to the second series of euro banknotes,
- the production and management systems shall be certified with DIN EN ISO 9001:2008 or equivalent.

III.2.4) **Reserved contracts:**

No.

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

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

No.

III.3.2) **Legal persons 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**

IV.1.1) **Type of procedure:**

Open.

IV.2) **Award criteria**

IV.2.1) **Award criteria:**

The most economically advantageous tender in terms of the criteria stated in the specifications, in the invitation to tender or to negotiate or in the descriptive document.

1. Price. Weighting: 40 %.
2. Quality. Weighting: 60 %.

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:**

17388/CO/PEP/2011.

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

No.

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:

14.11.2011 (17:00).

Payable documents: no.

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

21.11.2011 (17:00).

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:**

Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender).

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

Persons authorised to be present at the opening of tenders: no.

Members of staff of the ECB only.

**Section VI: Complementary information**

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

No.

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

No.

VI.3) **Additional information:**

Applicable rules:

The tender procedure is conducted in accordance with the European Central Bank Decision ECB/2007/5 of 3.7.2007 laying down the Rules on Procurement (OJ L 184, 14.7.2007, p. 34), amended by Decision ECB/2009/2 (OJ L 51, 24.2.2009, p. 10) and Decision ECB/2010/8 (OJ L 238, 9.9.2010, p. 14), all published on <http://www.ecb.europa.eu/ecb/proc/tenders/html/index.en.html>

Contract:

The contract is intended for 4 years.

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

Exclusion from the tender procedure:

The ECB may, at its own discretion, exclude candidates from the tender who do not comply with the requirements and conditions set out in the tender submission form and contract notice or do not provide the information requested.

Cancellation of the tender procedure:

The ECB reserves the right to cancel the tender procedure as a whole or in parts. The decision will take into account the principles of transparency, equal access, publicity and equal treatment.

Liability and compensation:

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

General information:

The deadline for questions or requests for clarification relating to the invitation to tender from tenderers shall be 7 days prior to the deadline for receipt of tenders.

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

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

VI.4) **Procedures for appeal**

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

Procurement Review Body of the European Central Bank, c/o Legal Advice Team, Kaiserstraße 29, 60311 Frankfurt-on-Main, GERMANY. Tel. +49 691344-0 (switchboard). Fax +49 691344-6558. E-mail: [legaladviceteam@ecb.europa.eu](mailto:legaladviceteam@ecb.europa.eu) Internet: <http://www.ecb.europa.eu>

**Body responsible for mediation procedures:**

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The European Ombudsman, 1 avenue du Président Robert Schuman, CS 30403, 67001 Strasbourg Cedex, FRANCE.

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

Precise information on deadline(s) for lodging appeals:

15 days from the receipt of the information specified in Article 28(3) of the ECB procurement rules (see Section VI.3) or, if no information is requested, 15 days from the receipt of the notification to unsuccessful tenderers.

Further requirements are outlined in Article 33 of the ECB procurement rules (see Section VI.3).

The complaint to the European Ombudsman does not affect the submission deadline nor does it create a new deadline by which complaints can be submitted.

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

See above.

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

30.9.2011.