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**ECB - computer equipment (D-Frankfurt-on-Main)****(99/S 96-66927/EN)****Negotiated procedure****(Supply and service)**

1. **Name, address, telegraphic address, telephone, telex and facsimile numbers of the contracting authority:** European Central Bank, Kaiserstraße 29, D-60311 Frankfurt am Main. Facsimile (069) 13 44 60 00. Telex 411 144 ecb d.
2. a) **The award procedure chosen:** Negotiated procedure.
- b) **Where applicable, a justification for use of the accelerated procedure:** Not applicable.
- c) **Form of the contract for which tenders are being requested:** Fixed term, fixed-price contract.
3. **Place of delivery:** As in 1.
- a) **The nature of the goods to be supplied, including whether tenders are requested for purchase, lease, rental or hire purchase or a combination of these. CPA reference number:** The specification and supply of an integrated data-storage and back-up subsystem using storage-area-network technology, to support heterogeneous hardware environments and operating systems (Sun Solaris, Windows NT and Open VMS) across multiple sites. Additionally to supply product training, after-sales support and service (on-site for hardware failures).
- b) **The quantity of the goods to be supplied, including any options for further procurement and, if known, an estimate of the timing when such options may be exercised. In the case of regular or of recurring contracts, also, if known, an estimate of the subsequent call for tender for the suppliers to be procured:** Initially a 3-node configuration is envisaged with phase implementation commencing in the fourth quarter of 1999. Possible enhancement to a 4-node configuration in 2000.
4. **Time limit for the completion of supplies or duration of the supplies contract and, as far as possible, time limit for starting or delivering supplies:** The system should be implemented in a base configuration by the end of 1999. The fully fledged configuration is envisaged to be completed by end of June 2000.
5. **Where applicable, the legal form to be assumed by the grouping of suppliers to whom the contract is awarded:** Not applicable.
6. a) **The final date for the receipt of requests to participate:** 15. 6. 1999.
- b) **The address to which they must be sent:** Directorate-General - Information Systems (CS), call for expression of interest, common data storage and back-up tender, European Central Bank, Postfach 16 03 09, D-600066 Frankfurt am Main.
- c) **The language(s) in which they must be drawn up:** English.
7. **The first date for the dispatch of invitations to tender:** 16. 6. 1999.
8. **Where applicable, any deposits and guarantees required:** None.
9. **Information concerning the supplier's personal position and the information and formalities necessary for an appraisal of the minimum economic and technical standards required of him:**
  - a) presentation of the undertaking's audited financial statements or extracts therefrom for the previous 3 years,
  - b) state of the firm's overall turnover and the turnover in respect of the goods to which the contract relates for the previous 3 years,
  - c) if a company is a subsidiary or member of a group, details as above in respect of the parent company or other group members,
  - d) evidence of contracts for the supply of similar goods in the past 3 years with the value of the contract, recipient and contact name to whom reference may be made.

10. **The criteria for the award of the contract where they are not mentioned in the invitation to tender:** Economically most advantageous tender in terms of ability to meet functional requirements, technical merit, quality, reliability, after-sales service, continuing support, technical back-up, compliance to standards, ability to offer adequate security protection, expansion capability, functionality and delivery date. These criteria are not necessarily in order of importance.

11. **Envisaged number or range of suppliers which will be invited to tender:** 3 or more.

12. **Where applicable, prohibition on variants:** None.

13. **Other information:**

14. **Date(s) of publication of the prior information notice in the Official Journal of the European Communities or references to its non-publication:** Not applicable.

15. **Date of dispatch of the notice:** 7. 5. 1999.

15. **Date of receipt by the Office for Official Publications of the European Communities:** 7. 5. 1999.