

**Market survey with a view to the provision of secure logistics services for transporting value materials**

<p><b>I. Scope and aim of the market survey</b></p>	<p>The European Central Bank (ECB) is considering launching a procurement procedure relating to secure logistics services for transporting value materials for its own account and on behalf of the national central banks of the Eurosystem (NCBs). In this respect, the ECB is seeking information from potential providers via the present non-binding market survey in order to facilitate the preparation of a potential procurement procedure, in particular in relation to its scope and legal, economic, financial and technical information.</p> <p>In particular, we would like to know whether your company would be able and interested in providing the above services. We would also like to acquire a detailed understanding about the dynamics of this specific market as well as the decisive elements affecting the pricing from a supplier perspective.</p>
<p><b>II. Background information</b></p>	<p>The ECB envisages to award a framework agreement for the provision of secure logistics services for transporting value materials from and to the ECB premises in Frankfurt am Main and from, to and in between locations in Europe (including Switzerland) as well as to the United States of America (USA). One of the most frequented routes is assumed to be the transport to/from Frankfurt International Airport to/from the ECB premises in Frankfurt am Main.</p> <p><b>Items:</b> Letters and/or packages with a weight of up to 50 kg; maximum measurements fitting one transport vehicle.</p> <p><b>Security level:</b> Escorted at all times and across every country by a minimum of two security-vetted, security trained and armed couriers who are authorised to carry firearms (if permitted under the relevant national laws and/or the relevant international conventions on air transport). The transports are subject to the relevant international conventions on road and air transport as well as the relevant practice of the national military or police authorities.</p> <p><b>Means of transportation:</b> By road in combination with air transport, as required. Road transports should be conducted by armoured transport vehicle(s).</p>
<p><b>III. How to participate in the market survey</b></p>	<p>The ECB is seeking information from potential suppliers, by means of this (internet-based) market survey. Please send your responses, using the below sheet, in English via email to: <a href="mailto:DBN_security@ecb.europa.eu">DBN_security@ecb.europa.eu</a></p>
<p><b>IV. Conditions</b></p>	<p>This market survey is a non-binding inquiry for information that aims solely at soliciting feedback from potential suppliers and at facilitating the preparation of the planned procurement procedure.</p>



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	<p>This market survey is neither a pre-requisite for tendering nor a call for expression of interest/applications nor an invitation to tender/request for proposals. Further, the ECB is not at this time seeking binding offers and will not accept unsolicited proposals.</p> <p>The ECB will treat the information received from potential suppliers in strict confidentiality.</p> <p>Participation in this market survey does not create any obligations for the ECB. In particular, the ECB is not obliged to launch a procurement procedure, or to invite the participants in the survey to participate in any future ECB procurement procedure, nor to award them a contract, or to reimburse them for any expenses incurred when responding to this market survey.</p>
<b>V. Closing date</b>	10/12/2022

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<b><i>Please answer the following questions:</i></b>	<b><i>Answer/Other remarks</i></b>
<b>Question 1:</b> Please state whether you are/your company is interested in participating in the procurement procedure	
<b>Question 2:</b> Please specify the name(s) and the e-mail addresses of your relevant contact persons in case the ECB launches a procurement procedure	
<b>Question 3:</b> Please specify whether you have/your company has a proven expertise and experience in the field of security transportation, in particular escorted, security-vetted, security-trained and armed couriers and armoured transport vehicles.	
<b>Question 4:</b> Please specify whether you are/your company is, where required by national law or relevant international conventions on air transport, permitted to carry out secure transportation by road and/or air in the country where you are/your company is established.	
<b>Question 5:</b> Please provide an extract of your pricing scheme / methodology for the scope specified in the prior information notice (PIN).	
<b>Question 6:</b> Please provide a list of countries in the EU (including Switzerland) and the USA from and to which you are licenced to conduct security transports	
<b>Question 7:</b> Please describe your organisational structure including the branch offices and attach an organisation chart.	
<b>Question 8:</b> Are you in a position to provide staff members as permanent contact persons that have oral and written English skills (at least B1 according to the Common European Framework of References for Languages (CEFR)?	
<b>Question 9:</b> Do you/your company intend to involve other companies and/or individuals as subcontractors in the performance of the contract?	

**Question 10: Are you/is your company in a position to** commit to the following response times to enable the start of the transportation?

within 48 hours

within 24 hours

shorter time, i.e. : \_\_\_\_\_