

ECB - soil mechanical services for the new ECB premises (D-Frankfurt-on-Main)**2005/S 27-025340****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, Att: Mr Alberto Molon, Kaiserstrasse 29, D-60311 Frankfurt-on-Main. Tel.: +49 - 69 - 1344- 8780. Fax: +49 - 69 - 1344-7503. 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.1.1) **Type of works contract**
- II.1.2) **Type of supplies contract**
- II.1.3) **Type of service contract:**
Service category 12.
- II.1.4) **Is it a framework agreement?**
No.
- II.1.5) **Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority:**
Soil mechanical services for the New ECB Premises.
- II.1.6) **Description/object of the contract:**
The European Central Bank (ECB) is planning to construct its new premises on a site of approximately 120 000 m² in Frankfurt am Main, Germany by 2010. This will be a highly complex, demanding and challenging project. The site includes the Frankfurt Großmarkthalle, a listed building built in 1928. It is intended to implement the design concept of COOP HIMMELB(L)AU for the new ECB premises. In addition to the architect's services (architectural planning, structural engineering and an energy design concept), the ECB needs to establish a planning team and intends to award a contract on soil mechanical services in a negotiated tender procedure.
- II.1.7) **Site or location of works, place of delivery or performance:**
On the Großmarkthalle site in the eastern part of Frankfurt.
Nuts code: DE 712.
- II.1.8) **Nomenclature**

II.1.8.1) Common Procurement Vocabulary (CPV):

74230000, 74233200, 74233000.

II.1.9) Division into lots:

No.

II.1.10) Will variants be accepted:

Yes.

Alternative offers will be accepted independently to the offer meeting all the requirements requested in the tender and will only be considered in the evaluation if the alternative solution is equal to or of higher value than the tendered services.

II.2) Quantity or scope of the contract**II.2.1) Total quantity or scope:**

The successful applicants will have to compete for a contract on the following services for the planning phase:
- geotechnical services according to § 91 / § 92 HOAI including site investigation and consultancy on foundation work; and,
- geothermal services.

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

Not applicable.

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

The contract is scheduled to start at the earliest in October 2005 with an estimated term of duration of 34 months until a building permit for the project is issued.

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information**III.1) Conditions relating to the contract****III.1.1) Deposits and guarantees required:**

Details will be provided in the invitation to tender (ITT), where applicable, which will be sent to the shortlisted candidates.

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

Details will be provided in the invitation to tender (ITT), where applicable, which will be sent to the shortlisted candidates.

III.1.3) Legal form to be taken by the grouping of suppliers, contractors or service providers to whom the contract is awarded:

Temporary groupings of companies with a view to obtaining a contract to perform services may be established under the conditions set out in the application form.

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:**

The application shall be submitted in accordance with the instructions given in the application form prepared by the ECB. The application form can be obtained from the address indicated above (I.1). This application and its tender clauses shall be considered as part of the tender documentation.

To be admitted to participate in the tender procedure companies or organisations have to fulfil the qualifying criteria listed below:

1.1. Our business has adequate human and technical resources to manage a project of this type.

1.2. We have the qualifications enabling us to manage such a project including a knowledge of the applicable German building law and local regulations (e.g. BauGB, HBO, fire protection, etc) as well as of European

regulations and technical norms for construction projects.

1.3. We are able to work on a bilingual project and have advanced German and English, oral and writing skills.

1.4. Our company/member(s) of a temporary grouping was/were responsible during the last ten years:

- for 3 comparable completed construction projects, where we were responsible for similar geotechnical services. In this context, the comparability of the project is measured in terms of size, quality and complexity.

This includes at least 2 high-rise buildings with over 30 000 m² total gross floor area;

- for 2 comparable completed construction projects, where we were responsible for similar geothermal services.

In this context, the comparability of the project is measured with regard to geothermal solutions and their implementation. At least one of these projects required a min. 70 m depth boring.

(In case the application is submitted with a subcontractor, references may be provided from the subcontractor for the services or parts of the services applying for.)

1.5. Over the past three years our minimum accumulated fee income was 3 000 000 EUR excl. VAT. For temporary groupings the same threshold applies and in addition, at least one member of the grouping must have had a minimum accumulated fee income of 2 000 000 EUR excl. VAT over the past 3 years.

1.6. We are neither bankrupt nor are any insolvency proceedings ongoing or due to be commenced in relation to our business.

1.7. We comply with all necessary obligations in relation to the payment of:

1) social security contributions; and,

2) taxes, pursuant to the laws of the country in which we are established.

1.8. If awarded the contract, we will comply with the requirement to maintain a continuous office presence on site during the planning and construction phase.

1.9. We are aware of the fact that companies belonging to our group of companies or companies held by our shareholders cannot apply in the subsequent tenders for construction works. We indicate hereby all such companies whose main business purpose are construction works.

1.10. We are qualified to practise and listed in a commercial register (e.g. the German Handelsregister).

1.11. We comply with applicable anti-corruption regulations and confirm that there are no legal proceedings against us, either ongoing or pending.

Applicants must provide all documents necessary to prove full compliance with the requirements stated in 1.1. -

1.11. by submitting them as attachments to the application form and where applicable, in respect of each service separately.

Any failure to comply with one of the qualifying criteria will entail the applicant's exclusion from the tender procedure.

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

III.3.1) **Is provision of the service reserved to a specific profession?**

Yes.

Natural persons, who on the date of dispatch of this notice bear an occupational title as 'architect', 'engineer' or 'consulting engineer' according to the directive 89/48/EWG and 85/384/EWG, pursuant to the legal provision of the country in which they are established.

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:**

Negotiated.

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:

Not applicable.

IV.1.3.1) Prior information notice concerning the same contract:

Not applicable.

IV.1.3.2) Other previous publications

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

Minimum 3.

The selection criteria are as follows:

- a) the applicant's capacity to carry out a project of this size in terms of technical and human resources;
- b) the applicant's experience and expertise, assessed on the basis of the quality and scope of the reference information about completed projects which the applicant has submitted in terms of size, quality and complexity of those projects and the applicant's capacity to develop and implement innovative technical solutions.

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:

Tender 020.

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

Obtainable until: 28.2.2005.

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

3.3.2005.

Time: 12.00 noon CET.

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

Estimated date: 2.5.2005.

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

IV.3.7) Conditions for opening tenders

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

Not applicable.

IV.3.7.2) Date, time and place:

Place: at ECB premises.

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:

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to submit a detailed offer.

After the dispatch of the offer they may be invited to present their proposals and designated team to the ECB. All presentations and negotiations with the ECB will be conducted in English and German as the project will be managed in English and German.

This tender is part of a group of tenders for planning services required for the new ECB premises project as follows:

- 1) fire protection services;
- 2) ground survey services;
- 3) planning services for landscape design;
- 4) non-public infrastructure services.

Applicants may apply for one or more tenders. Each tender will be evaluated separately.

VI.5) Date of dispatch of this notice:

1.2.2005.