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ECB - call for expression of interest for the establishment of a list of consultants to provide consultancy services for the management of information supply (business and financial market information) (D-Frankfurt-on-Main)

2003/S 56-048110**Tender notice**

1. **Awarding authority:** European Central Bank, Kaiserstraße 29, D-60311 Frankfurt am Main.
2. **Contact person:** Mr Burkard Mütsch, tel.: +49 69 1344 7893, fax: +49 69 1344 8838, e-mail: burkard.mutsch@ecb.int.
3. **Type:** Call for expression of interest.
Companies or organizations interested in having their name entered on a list of potential suppliers of consultancy services related to the management of information suppliers (business and financial market data, news etc.) for the European Central Bank (ECB), are invited to submit an application.
4. (a) **Fields to be covered:** The ECB uses a variety of information suppliers for business and financial market information on a real-time and non-real time basis. The aim is to optimize the service from information providers while preserving or improving business effectiveness and to reduce costs.
In an initial step, the ECB intends to conduct a stock taking exercise of the currently used services from information providers, to identify the relevant needs of the ECB users and to propose improvements to the current situation. Furthermore, at a later point in time, the ECB could make use of this list to procure services on a wider scope in the same field, e.g. covering vendors contract management, the provision of related software and the coverage of further consultancy needs. The tasks will be defined and conducted taking into account the objectives and needs of two ongoing ECB internal projects related to data management.
A first use of the list of potential suppliers is expected to be made by May 2003 by formally inviting five to ten of the consultants included in that list to submit proposals on a refined scope of services. Only those consultants who have submitted their applications by 30 April 2003 will be considered for the first use of the list. The ECB will contact the selected consultants, and provide details of the required services and specific contracts. It is estimated that the first contract will start of 1 June 2003.
- (b) **Type of contract:** Depending on the scope of the contract(s), it (they) will be established either on a fixed price or on a daily fee basis. If possible and appropriate, pricing could be linked to effectively realized savings.
5. **Place where services are to be provided:** At the ECB premises in Frankfurt am Main, Germany.
6. **Period of validity of the list resulting from the call for interest:** The expiry date of the list resulting from the call for expression of interest is 31 December 2005.
7. (a) **Address to which applications should be sent:** European Central Bank, Kaiserstraße 29, D-60311 Frankfurt am Main.
- (b) **Application together with all the documentation referred in point 8 must be submitted as follows:** Applications, which must be in English, should be submitted in hardcopy by post to the abovementioned address.
The envelope should be marked: 'Call for Expression of Interest / REF: Consultancy services relating to management of information supply, for attn. Ms M. Kuhlec'.
8. **List of information and documents concerning the applicant's own position, and the information, formalities and documents necessary for an assessment of the minimum economic and technical standards required:** The information submitted shall include the following:

- a) name, legal status, VAT number, address, telephone and fax numbers, as well as the name of the contact person responsible for the application;
 - b) company profile, including total number of consultants and range of expertise and type of consulting services provided;
 - c) number of consultants specialized in the management of information suppliers, their degree of expertise/seniority in the field and their level of written and spoken English;
 - d) details of experience in similar undertakings in the last 5 years. In particular, reference should be drawn to contracts performed for commercial banks, central banks and international institutions;
 - e) the names, addresses and telephone numbers of clients, including relevant contact person, who may be asked for references concerning services related to the management of information suppliers;
 - f) copies of the audited accounts or certified copies of statements demonstrating financial capacity and turnover in respect of the abovementioned areas of expertise for the past three years, and a list of any and all legal claims and/or lawsuits pending against the company; and
 - g) any other information attesting the qualifications of the applicant to perform the required services.
9. **Other information:** The official working language of the ECB is English. For more information about the ECB, please visit the website (www.ecb.int).
10. **Date of dispatch of the notice:** 14.3.2003.
11. **Date of receipt by Office for Official Publications of European Communities:** 14.3.2003.