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European Central Bank

ECB - counterfeit monitoring system (D-Frankfurt-on-Main)**1999/S 249-205976****Accelerated restricted procedure for the supply of the functional specifications for the future coins and banknotes counterfeit monitoring system****Accelerated restricted tender procedure (...)**

1. **Awarding authority:** European Central Bank, Kaiserstrasse 29, D-60311 Frankfurt am Main. Tel. (069) 13 44 77 67. (Mr Dominique Petetin.) Facsimile (069) 13 44 77 06.
2. **Description of the fields covered:**
 - a) The European Central Bank (ECB) has produced the user requirements and an outline of technical architecture for a future monitoring system for counterfeited euro banknotes and coins. The system, which must be operational in June 2001, should comprise a large database, with all the functions required for the registration of observed counterfeits, their detailed classification and further analysis. The system should offer standard database functionality, such as the browsing of the information contained in the database, the possibility to perform ad-hoc queries and generate reports. The system should also allow the storage of both pictures and geographical co-ordinates (according to recognized European standards, e.g. NUTS-code) in the database, allowing the system users to view these pictures and to have information presented to them in the form of maps or charts. The database should be accessible to a few hundred read-write and read-only users located in all EU countries, via the Central Bank's own network, dedicated connections and/or via Internet. Standard browser technology should be used. The processed data is highly confidential and all access to the databases and data circulation should take place in highly secure way. The ECB is now looking for a company which would provide the complete functional specifications for the system.
 - b) The development and implementation of the specified system commencing approximately 1.7.2000. The bidder executing this phase may be required to do so alone or jointly with the ECB. The ECB reserves the right to not execute this second phase of the project with the bidder selected for the first phase.
3. **Place where services are to be provided:** At the above address.
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6. **Number of bidders that will be invited to tender:** A shortlist of not less than 3 companies will be sent the tender documents and will be invited to submit a bid for the work described in 2. a) above. In the event that the work described in 2. b) above is not awarded to the successful bidder for 2. a), a new shortlist will be prepared from the original candidates and a separate tender issued for 2. b).
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8. **Duration of contract or time limit for completion of the service:** It is foreseen that the contract will be awarded in March 1999, and functional specifications should be delivered in June 1999. The system should be fully operational by June 2001.
9. **Legal form in case of group bidders:** No special legal form is required. In any consortium bid, one bidder must act as the prime agency. Other members of the consortium may be required to become jointly or collectively liable.
10. a) **Justification for use of the accelerated procedure:** The deadline for the supply of the system is imperative for the efficient fight against counterfeiting of euro banknotes and coins.

- b) **Deadline for receipt of applications:** The first assessment of applications for performing the functional specifications will be conducted on 24.1.2000 (12.00).
 - c) **Address to which applications should be sent:** As in 1. The envelope should be marked: 'Restricted tender for counterfeit monitoring system functional specifications, for the attention of Mr Dominique Petetin'.
 - d) **Language(s):** English.
11. **Final date for dispatch of invitations to tender:** Foreseen for beginning of February. Final date for submission of tenders 29.2.2000.
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13. **Qualifications:** Bidders are expected to be well-recognized suppliers of appropriate systems, with experience in design, installation and operation of applications in different legislative environments. Potential providers are asked to provide the following information:
- (a) name, legal status, VAT number, address, telephone and facsimile numbers, as well as the name of the person responsible for the system;
 - (b) full details of company organization, including company owners, any group structure, staff numbers and organizational structure relevant to the execution of this contract;
 - (c) number of years trading. Copies of annual reports and accounts for the past 3 years and a list of any and all legal claims and or lawsuits pending against the company;
 - (d) an overview of the methodology for the conducting of such projects, the standards followed and the proposed way forward for this particular project;
 - (e) evidence and extent of previous experience in (i) design, (ii) specification, (iii) development and (iv) implementation of similar (as far as possible) software and systems involving large databases, networking specification, Internet technology and remote access with a high level of confidentiality, image processing and use of geographical co-ordinates;
 - (f) a list of client companies for which the bidder has performed such projects, including the names and addresses of 3 companies (together with the name of a contact person) and of which, at least one is a new client in the past 12 months, and at least one is a client gained at least 24 months ago, who may be contacted as referees. A short description of the project scope should be supplied;
 - (g) any other relevant information.
14. **Award criteria:** To be specified in the tender documents.
15. **Other information:** (a) All applications, proposals and presentations must be submitted/conducted in English.
(b) Companies selected to tender will be required to sign a confidentiality agreement prior to receiving the tender documentation.
16. **Date of dispatch of the notice:** 16.12.1999.
17. **Date of receipt by Office for Official Publications of European Communities:** 16.12.1999.