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European Central Bank

**D-Frankfurt-on-Main: ECB - securities lending agent/custodian (D-Frankfurt-on-Main)****2000/S 131-085152****European Central Bank****Negotiated procedure****Services**

1. **Awarding authority:** European Central Bank (ECB), Kaiserstraße 29, D-60311 Frankfurt am Main. Fax: (49-69) 13 44-75 03. Att: Mr Humphrey Rudgard.
2. **Description of the fields covered:** Applications are sought from suppliers who are interested in contracting as securities lending agent/custodian for ECB's own funds in euro. These funds are primarily invested in euro area government bonds or in other highly-rated euro-denominated fixed income securities. A pre-qualification round will be performed.
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6. **Number of service providers which will be invited to tender:** It is expected that no more than 10 candidates will be invited to negotiate the terms of the contract with the ECB. Only 1 contract will be concluded.
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8. **Time limit for completion of the service or duration of the service contract and, as far as possible, time limit for starting or providing the service:** The contract will cover an initial period of 5 years. The anticipated start date is end 2000.
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  - b) **Final date for the receipt of requests to participate:** 14.8.2000.
  - c) **Address to which they must be sent:** Address as in 1. The envelope should be marked: 'Negotiated tender for securities lending agent/custodian for the ECB own funds team'.
  - d) **Language(s) in which they must be drawn up:** All applications, proposals and presentations must be submitted/conducted in English.
11. **Final date for dispatch of invitations to tender:** A first assessment of the list of participating institutions will be made during August 2000.
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13. **Qualifications:** Applicants are required to provide the following information:
  - a) full company name, business address and registered address (if different) and registration number;
  - b) details of parent company and other group companies, if a guarantee is to be provided or if otherwise relevant;
  - c) a statement of the volume and extent of custodian/agency securities lending operations for the past 3 years;
  - d) separate full draft legal documentation applied to: a) clearing and b) securities lending, including proposed detailed terms and conditions, with all relevant annexes (if any);
  - e) the names, addresses, telephone numbers and contact points of at least 3 clients from whom references may be sought for: a) clearing services and b) securities lending services. (All financial information and client names supplied under this provision will be

kept in the strictest confidence by the ECB);  
f) financial statements relating to the past 2 years of trading.

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16. **Date of dispatch of the notice:** 6.7.2000.

17. **Date of receipt by the Office for Official Publications of the European Communities:** 6.7.2000.