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**Germany-Frankfurt-am-Main: ECB - T2S and TIPS VAN (Value Added Network)
Connectivity and its Integration with the ECB IT Environment (PRO-004871)
2019/S 076-179795**

Prior information notice

This notice is a call for competition

Services

Legal Basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) **Name and addresses**

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NUTS code: DE712

Internet address(es):

Main address: <http://www.ecb.europa.eu>

I.2) **Information about joint procurement**

I.3) **Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: <https://www.ecb.europa.eu/ecb/jobsproc/tenders/html/index.en.html>

Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the abovementioned address

I.4) **Type of the contracting authority**

European institution/agency or international organisation

I.5) **Main activity**

Economic and financial affairs

Section II: Object

II.1) **Scope of the procurement**

II.1.1) **Title:**

T2S and TIPS VAN (Value Added Network) Connectivity and its Integration with the ECB IT Environment
(PRO-004871)

Reference number: PRO-004871

II.1.2) **Main CPV code**

72720000

II.1.3) **Type of contract**

Services

II.1.4) **Short description:**

T2S and TIPS VAN (value added network) connectivity including all the services foreseen in the T2S and TIPS connectivity service licence and integration of the T2S VAN into the ECB IT environment fitting with the existing architecture and application interfaces.

II.1.5) **Estimated total value**

II.1.6) **Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.2) **Description**

II.2.1) **Title:**

II.2.2) **Additional CPV code(s)**

72700000

72227000

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: DE712

Main site or place of performance:

European Central Bank (ECB).

II.2.4) **Description of the procurement:**

The procurement aims at procuring the connectivity for "TARGET2Securities" (T2S) platform and "Target Instant Payments" (TIPS) platform, more in particular:

- 1) The installation and testing of the Value Added Network (VAN) node for accessing the 2 platforms, including the installation, configuration and documentation of any additional hardware and/or software components needed for this purpose and the associated maintenance and support services;
- 2) The issuing, delivery, maintenance and renewal of PKI certificates/User Tokens;
- 3) the registration with the network service provider for all required T2S and TIPS services;
- 4) The detailed technical, operational and user documentation of the VAN and related services in the format required by the ECB;
- 5) The maintenance and support of the T2S VAN and TIPS nodes and their integration part;
- 6) Adequate (onsite or classroom) training for users according to their role (IT, Security Officers, regular users, etc.);
- 7) Complete assistance with the migration from the current solution, including Integration of additional ECB IT environments and/or IT hosting sites and/or locations, requiring the installation of additional T2S VAN nodes and of the associated hardware and/or software components for integration purposes and the associated maintenance and support services;
- 8) Consultancy services related to the subject matter of this procurement.

Due to the specific legal framework applicable, the technical skills required and peculiar nature of the deliverables, the services to be procured (as described above: points 1-8) can only be provided by a provider possessing the relevant licence/certification according to the Section III.1.3 of the present prior information notice (please see below).

II.2.5) **Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) **Estimated value**

II.2.7) **Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months: 12

This contract is subject to renewal: yes

Description of renewals:

The contract shall have an initial duration of 12 months with a possibility for a 12-month extension at the ECB's sole discretion.

II.2.10) **Information about variants**

II.2.11) **Information about options**

II.2.13) **Information about European Union funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: no

II.2.14) **Additional information**

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) **Conditions for participation**

III.1.1) **Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions:

As stated in the procurement documents.

III.1.2) **Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3) **Technical and professional ability**

List and brief description of selection criteria:

Without prejudice to what stated in the procurement documents, the candidate must possess a valid licence/certification for T2S and TIPS connectivity services — granted by Banca d'Italia or ECB after passing the applicable "compliance check" — to provide connectivity services to the Target2-Securities and TIPS platforms for the exchange of data using the functionalities of the platforms.

Further information can be found via the following links:

— in relation to T2S: <https://www.ecb.europa.eu/paym/target/t2s/profuse/html/index.en.html>,

— in relation to TIPS: <https://www.ecb.europa.eu/paym/target/tips/profuse/html/index.en.html>.

III.1.5) **Information about reserved contracts**

III.2) **Conditions related to the contract**

III.2.1) **Information about a particular profession**

III.2.2) **Contract performance conditions:**

In line with the terms and conditions of the draft contract. See details in the procurement documents.

III.2.3) **Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract**

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1) **Description**

IV.1.1) **Type of procedure**

Restricted procedure

IV.1.3) **Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

IV.1.6) **Information about electronic auction**

IV.1.8) **Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: no

IV.2) **Administrative information**

IV.2.2) **Time limit for receipt of expressions of interest**

Date: 10/05/2019

Local time: 14:00

IV.2.4) **Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted:**

English

IV.2.5) **Scheduled date for start of award procedures:**

31/05/2019

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.2) **Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

VI.3) **Additional information:**

Economic operators shall submit their expressions of interest no later than 10.5.2019, 14:00 CEST to the following email address: procurement@ecb.europa.eu . Economic operators shall:

— make clear reference in the subject matter of the email to the relevant procurement number and procurement title,

— provide evidence of the technical requirement under Section III.1.3 of the present prior information notice, attaching the related proof to the email.

The ECB will not consider expressions of interest to participate which reach the ECB after expiry of the above time-limit.

Economic operators shall address all queries regarding this tender procedure to Mr Matteo Mirrione, European Central Bank, Central Procurement Division, Sonnemannstrasse 22, 60314 Frankfurt-am-Main, Germany.

Queries shall preferably be submitted by e-mail to procurement@ecb.europa.eu or, alternatively, by fax (+49 69 1344 7110).

The ECB does not assume any responsibility for queries which are not submitted in writing.

The ECB shall endeavour to answer all queries as quickly as possible but cannot guarantee a minimum time response. The ECB shall not be bound to reply to queries received less than seven calendar days before the time-limit for the submission of the expressions of interest, but will try to do so if possible.

Unless otherwise provided, all communication with the ECB shall be made in English.

The procurement procedure shall be open on equal terms to all natural or legal persons resident or located in the European Union and to all natural and legal persons resident or located in a country which has ratified the World Trade Organisation Agreement on government procurement or has concluded with the European Union a bilateral agreement on procurement under the conditions laid down in the said agreements.

The procurement procedure is conducted in accordance with the Decision ECB/2016/2 of 9.2.2016 laying down the rules on procurement, OJ L 45, 20.2.2016, p. 15 as amended available on the ECB website at <http://www.ecb.europa.eu/ecb/jobsproc/tenders/html/index.en.html>.

Economic operators shall not contact any other ECB staff members or organisations/persons working for the ECB with regard to this prior information notice/tender procedure than the contract person above indicated.

Economic operators shall also not contact potential competitors unless they intend to form a temporary grouping with them or to involve them as subcontractors. Any violation of this communication rule may lead to the exclusion of the tenderer in question.

VI.4) **Procedures for review**

VI.4.1) **Review body**

General Court of the European Union
Luxembourg
Luxembourg
Internet address: <http://www.ecb.europa.eu>

VI.4.2) **Body responsible for mediation procedures**

European Ombudsman
1 avenue du Président Robert Schuman
Strasbourg
67001
France

VI.4.3) **Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures:
15 days from the receipt of the information specified in Article 34(3) of ECB Decision 2016/2 laying down the rules on procurement or, if no information is requested, 15 days from the receipt of the notification to unsuccessful tenderers. Further requirements are outlined in Article 39 of this Decision. A complaint to the European Ombudsman does not affect the deadline for lodging appeals.

VI.4.4) **Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

Central Procurement Office
Sonnemannstrasse 22
Frankfurt-am-Main
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Telephone: +49 6913440
Internet address: <http://www.ecb.europa.eu>

VI.5) **Date of dispatch of this notice:**

05/04/2019