

ECB - T101 — structural works for the new ECB premises (D-Frankfurt-on-Main)

2009/S 32-045864

Contract notice

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name, addresses and contact point(s):

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Internet address(es):

General address of the contracting authority: www.ecb.europa.eu.

Address of the tender forum for new ECB premises procurement: www.tender.new-ecb-premises.com.

Interested companies must register in the forum and download the application form and complementing forms.

Further information can be obtained from:

Aforementioned contact points.

Specifications and additional documents (including documents for competitive dialogue and a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained from:

Aforementioned contact points.

Tenders or requests to participate must be sent to:

Aforementioned contact points.

I.2) Type of contracting authority and main activity or activities:

European institution/agency or international organisation.

Economic and financial affairs.

The contracting authority is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities: no.

Section II: Object of the contract

II.1) Description

II.1.1) Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority:

T101 — structural works for the new ECB premises.

II.1.2) Type of contract and location of works, place of delivery or performance:

Works.

Design and execution.

Main site or location of works: D-Frankfurt-am-Main.

NUTS code: DE 712.

II.1.3) The notice involves:

A public contract.

II.1.5) Short description of the contract or purchase(s):

The European Central Bank (ECB) intends to build its new headquarters on the site of the former wholesale market hall in Frankfurt-on-Main, Germany. The successful contractor shall provide structural works (reinforced-concrete works and structural steelworks including planning services), site logistics and restoration works.

Further general information on the project is available in the tender forum (see section I.1 for the Internet address).

II.1.6) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV):**

45223200, 45113000, 45223220, 45223210, 45454100.

II.1.7) **Contract covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA):**

No.

Candidates from states that are parties to the GPA are invited to participate under the same conditions as candidates from EU Member States.

II.1.8) **Division into lots:**

Yes.

Tenders may be submitted for: 1 or more lots

II.1.9) **Variants will be accepted:**

Yes.

Variants will be accepted under the conditions set out in the invitation to tender, which will be sent to the shortlisted candidates.

II.2) **Quantity or scope of the contract**

II.2.1) **Total quantity or scope:**

The contract scope comprises structural works (reinforced-concrete works and structural steelworks including planning services), site logistics and restoration works. The works will be executed at the high-rise building, in the former wholesale market hall, at the ancillary buildings and on the site. The works are subdivided into the following lots:

lot 1 site logistics complete site;

lot 2 structure high-rise;

lot 3 structure wholesale market hall;

lot 4 steelwork high-rise;

lot 5 steelwork wholesale market hall;

lot 6 steelwork and structure ancillary buildings;

lot 7 restoration works wholesale market hall.

II.2.2) **Options:**

Yes.

Description of these options:

in lot 2: option 1: residual excavation and water management.

Provisional timetables for recourse to these options:

in months: 3 (from contract award).

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

Duration in months: 43 (from contract award).

Details for each lot are shown in Annex B to this document.

Information about lots

Lot No 1

Title: site logistics complete site

1) **Short description:**

Lot 1 comprises the services regarding the logistics for the complete site (site logistics). The services will be performed on the complete project site.

2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV):**

45223200, 45113000.

3) **Quantity or scope:**

The contract scope comprises operation and coordination and, in some cases, provision of the complete site logistics, mainly involving:

- maintenance and operation of the working field infrastructure, such as site roads, paths, utilities (power, water and communication for the building site), waste and storage areas, etc.,
- supply, assembly/dismantling and maintenance of site containers for offices and daytime accommodation,
- supply and operation of the sanitary facilities in the building,
- supply, assembly, maintenance and operation of external lifts for vertical transportation (people/goods),
- operation of internal lifts,
- waste disposal/waste logistics,
- external logistics/control of delivery vehicles,
- supply, assembly and maintenance of the infrastructure for site security/surveillance,
- site heating, emergency-exit management, tyre-wash facilities,
- site signage,
- scaffolding works.

Quantities:

- office containers: approximately 140,
- daytime accommodation units: approximately 130,
- sanitation units: approximately 36,
- external lifts for people/goods: approximately 2,
- waste: approximately 13 000 m³,
- scaffolding: approximately 41 000 m³.

4) **Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion:**

Duration in months: 43 (from contract award).

5) **Additional information about lots:**

Selection criteria:

1. experience and expertise (reference projects) (75 %).
 - 1.1. Experience of comparable construction works/services (50 %).
 - 1.1.1. Experience of construction works/services in the field of construction management for large, complex projects (over 30 000 m² GFA), relating to the construction works/services in this lot (20 %).
 - 1.1.2. Experience of construction works/services in the field of construction management for high-rise building projects (over 60 m above ground), relating to the construction works/services in this lot (20 %).
 - 1.1.3. Experience of construction works/services in the field of construction management for listed buildings, relating to the construction works/services in this lot (10 %).
 - 1.2. General experience of construction works/services for projects comparable with the ECB new premises project in terms of use, size, standard and complexity (25 %).
2. Resources (25 %).
 - 2.1. Staff (15 %).
 - 2.1.1. Total number of employees (5 %).
 - 2.1.2. Employment structure (10 %).
 - 2.2. Technical resources (10 %).

Lot No 2

Title: structure high-rise (HC)

1) **Short description:**

Lot 2 comprises the structure for the double high-rise building (height excluding antenna: approximately 185 m, GFA: approximately 100 600 m²) and the adjacent underground staff car park (approximately 630 parking spaces).

The works will be executed at the high-rise building, the underground staff car park and on the project site.

2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV):**

45223200, 45223220.

3) **Quantity or scope:**

Both towers will feature a reinforced-concrete frame construction with partially prestressed flat slabs with reinforced edging strips as well as reinforced-concrete columns. The sloping facades and, to some extent, the inner columns will follow the shape of the building. The cores will be executed as massive reinforced-concrete structures. Due to their interconnection by means of struts and suspended levels in the atrium, both towers have to be constructed together, since they represent a static overall system which will require particular attention in terms of the time schedule of the various construction stages.

The staff car park will be an underground, non-overbuilt two-storey reinforced-concrete structure made of waterproof concrete.

The foundation will comprise a combined piled raft foundation, which will be executed in part by a previous contractor as part of the preliminary measures (Contract Notice T069, No [2007/S 141-174026](#) of 25.1.2007).

The contract scope comprises the construction works for the structure of the high-rise building, mainly involving:

- concrete works,
- structural steelworks/composite constructions,
- walling works (non-structural masonry),
- lightning protection,
- sealing works (emergency sealing),
- excavation works (option),
- drainage works (option).

Total volumes of both towers including basement: concrete ceilings: approximately 31 000 m³, concrete walls: approximately 21 415 m³, formwork for ceilings: approximately 115 000 m², formwork for walls: approximately 104 000 m², concrete floor slabs: approximately 18 750 m³, reinforcement: approximately 15 100 t, prestressing: approximately 22 000 m².

Total volumes for underground staff car park: concrete ceilings: approximately 8 200 m³, concrete walls: approximately 1 400 m³, formwork for ceilings: approximately 17 500 m², formwork for walls: approximately 8 700 m², concrete floor slabs: approximately 7 500 m³, reinforcement: approximately 3 500 t.

Residual excavation: approximately 40 000 m³ (option).

All aforementioned services include the relevant associated ancillary services.

4) **Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion:**

Duration in months: 29 (from contract award).

5) **Additional information about lots:**

Selection criteria:

1. experience and expertise (reference projects) (75 %).
- 1.1. Experience of comparable construction works (50 %).

- 1.1.1. Construction experience of large and complex construction projects (over 30 000 m² GFA), relating to the construction works in this lot (25 %).
- 1.1.2. Construction experience of high-rise building projects (over 60 m above ground), relating to the construction services in this lot (25 %).
- 1.2. General construction experience for projects comparable with the ECB new premises project in terms of use, size, standard and complexity (25 %).
- 2. Resources (25 %).
 - 2.1. Staff (15 %).
 - 2.1.1. Total number of employees (5 %).
 - 2.1.2. Employment structure (10 %).
 - 2.2. Technical resources (10 %).

Lot No 3

Title: structure wholesale market hall (GG)

1) **Short description:**

Lot 3 comprises the structural work for the former wholesale market hall, which was opened in 1928 and is a listed building today. The wholesale market hall is characterised by its extraordinary 220-m-long hall area, which is sealed off at the east and west ends by large wings.

The dimensions of the building are 245 m x 65 m (approximately 36 300 m² new GFA), the west wing is its highest point at around 33 m (based on the initial point of the project).

15 barrel shells on reinforced-concrete frames form the roof, sealing off the top of the hall area of the wholesale market hall. The barrel-shell roof was constructed using the Zeiss Dywidag process, and at its apex it is only 7,5 cm thick with a span of 15 m by 43,5 m.

The longitudinal facades of the hall mainly consist of glazed concrete grids; the ground floor and wings feature contemporary brick facades. On the side walls of the hall, glazing replaces the brick facades of the ground floor. The wings feature steel-ribbed and stone and steel ceilings.

The works will be executed at the former wholesale market hall and on the project site.

2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV):**

45223200, 45223220.

3) **Quantity or scope:**

The hall area will accommodate, inter alia, the main entrance of the ECB including the lobby and all semi-public facilities, such as the ECB's exhibition areas, visitor centre, restaurants, conference rooms and press conference room. These semi-public facilities will be arranged as built-in components ('house-in-house' concept) in the form of reinforced-concrete and steel-composite structures within the hall. Plans have been made for a new basement below the existing wholesale market hall (waterproof concrete). For this purpose, the existing foundations must be rebuilt.

The contract scope comprises the construction works for the structure of the wholesale market hall, mainly involving:

- renovation work on the contaminant-laden parts of the building/contaminant-removal work,
- demolition work,
- special underground works/sheeting works,
- excavation works,
- drainage works,
- concrete works,
- walling works (non-structural masonry),

- lightning-protection works,
- sealing works (emergency sealing).

Volumes: demolition: approximately 80 000 m³, sheeting: approximately 2 100 m², jet-grouting underpinning: approximately 1 500 m³, excavation: 17 500 m³, concrete: approximately 29 000 m³, reinforcement: approximately 6 000 t, formwork: approximately 78 000 m².

All aforementioned services include the relevant associated ancillary services.

4) **Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion:**

Duration in months: 27 (from contract award).

5) **Additional information about lots:**

Selection criteria:

1. experience and expertise (reference projects) (75 %).

1.1. Experience of comparable construction works (50 %).

1.1.1. Construction experience of large and complex construction projects (over 30 000 m² GFA), relating to the construction works in this lot (25 %).

1.1.2. Construction experience of conversion/restoration projects and projects with underpinning of foundations, relating to the construction works in this lot (25 %).

1.2. General construction experience for projects comparable with the ECB new premises project in terms of use, size, standard and complexity (25 %).

2. Resources (25 %).

2.1. Staff (15 %).

2.1.1. Total number of employees (5 %).

2.1.2. Employment structure (10 %).

2.2. Technical resources (10 %).

Lot No 4

Title: steelwork high-rise (HC)

1) **Short description:**

Lot 4 comprises the structural steelworks for the double high-rise building (height excluding antenna: approximately 185 m, GFA: approximately 100 600 m²).

The works will be executed at the high-rise building and on the project site.

2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV):**

45223200, 45223210.

3) **Quantity or scope:**

Essentially, this involves the atrium supports, the joining platforms in the atrium and the crowns of the towers. The slender reinforced-concrete cores of the 2 towers of the high-rise building are interlinked by means of atrium supports and joining platforms via the atrium which is approximately 20-m-wide, and thus contribute substantially to the reinforcement. These atrium supports comprise welded steel hollow profiles with a quadratic cross-section of 1 x 1 m and wall thicknesses of up to approximately 100 mm. The length of the atrium supports ranges from approximately 22 m to 43 m. They are attached to the core walls of the towers via steel mounting parts.

The joining platforms comprise a steel support grid made of welded I-sections with heights of up to approximately 950 mm. They are mounted, without columns, between the 2 towers of the high-rise building and are attached to the core walls via steel mounting parts.

The crowns of the high-rise building form the roof of the 2 towers. They comprise a pillar-beam system with welded, rectangular steel hollow profiles and rolled sections.

The contract scope comprises the construction works for the steelwork of the high-rise building, mainly involving:

— structural steelworks.

Volumes: tonnage atrium supports: approximately 1 500 t, tonnage platforms: approximately 1 000 t, tonnage crown/General Council Meeting: approximately 500 t.

All aforementioned services include the relevant associated ancillary services.

4) **Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion:**

Duration in months: 29 (from contract award).

5) **Additional information about lots:**

Selection criteria:

1. experience and expertise (reference projects) (75 %).

1.1. Experience of comparable construction works (50 %).

1.1.1. Construction experience of large and complex construction projects (over 30 000 m² GFA), relating to the construction works in this lot (25 %).

1.1.2. Construction experience of projects with a steel tonnage > 500 t, relating to the construction works in this lot (5 %).

1.1.3. Construction experience of projects involving the mounting of steel elements (net weight > 50 t), relating to the construction works in this lot (10 %).

1.1.4. Construction experience of projects with large-format steel mounting parts (net weight > 1 t per mounting part) (10 %).

1.2. General construction experience for projects comparable with the ECB new premises project in terms of use, size, standard and complexity (25 %).

2. Resources (25 %).

2.1. Staff (15 %).

2.1.1. Total number of employees (5 %).

2.1.2. Employment structure (10 %).

2.2. Technical resources (10 %).

Lot No 5

Title: steelwork wholesale market hall (GG)

1) **Short description:**

Lot 5 comprises the structural steelworks for the former wholesale market hall, which was opened in 1928 and is a listed building today. The wholesale market hall is characterised by its extraordinary 220-m-long hall area, which is sealed off at the east and west ends by large wings.

The dimensions of the building are 245 m x 65 m (approximately 36 300 m² new GFA), the west wing is its highest point at around 33 m (based on the initial point of the project).

15 barrel shells on reinforced-concrete frames form the roof, sealing off the top of the hall area of the wholesale market hall. The barrel-shell roof was constructed using the Zeiss Dywidag process, and at its apex it is only 7,5 cm thick with a span of 15 m by 43,5 m.

The longitudinal facades of the hall mainly consist of glazed concrete grids; the ground floor and wings feature contemporary brick facades. On the side walls of the hall, glazing replaces the brick facades of the ground floor. The wings feature steel-ribbed and stone and steel ceilings.

The works will be executed at the former wholesale market hall and on the project site.

- 2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV):**
45223200, 45223210.
- 3) **Quantity or scope:**
The hall area will accommodate, inter alia, the main entrance of the ECB including the lobby and all semi-public facilities, such as the ECB's exhibition areas, visitor centre, restaurants, conference rooms and press conference room. These semi-public facilities will be arranged as built-in components ('house-in-house' concept) in the form of reinforced-concrete and steel-composite structures within the hall.
The contract scope comprises the construction works for the steelwork of the wholesale market hall, mainly involving:
— structural steelworks.
Tonnage: approximately 1 700 t.
All aforementioned services include the relevant associated ancillary services.
- 4) **Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion:**
Duration in months: 27 (from contract award).
- 5) **Additional information about lots:**
Selection criteria:
1. experience and expertise (reference projects) (75 %).
1.1. Experience of comparable construction works (50 %).
1.1.1. Construction experience of large and complex construction projects (over 30 000 m² GFA), relating to the construction works in this lot (25 %).
1.1.2. Construction experience of projects involving the mounting of steel trusses (height > 3 m), relating to the construction works in this lot (10 %).
1.1.3. Construction experience of projects involving the mounting and coordination of steel mounting parts (15 %).
1.2. General construction experience for projects comparable with the ECB new premises project in terms of use, size, standard and complexity (25 %).
2. Resources (25 %).
2.1. Staff (15 %).
2.1.1. Total number of employees (5 %).
2.1.2. Employment structure (10 %).
2.2. Technical resources (10 %).

Lot No 6

Title: steelwork and structure ancillary buildings (AB)

- 1) **Short description:**
Lot 6 comprises the structural steelworks and structure for the incoming goods inspection north, the incoming goods inspection south, the loading yard and its underground connection to the wholesale market hall (GFA: approximately 3 600 m²).
The works will be executed outside the double high-rise building and wholesale market hall.
- 2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV):**
45223200, 45223220.
- 3) **Quantity or scope:**
The contract scope comprises the construction works for the steelwork and structure of the ancillary buildings to the double high-rise building and wholesale market hall, mainly involving:
— excavation works,

- drainage works,
- special underground works/sheeting,
- concrete works,
- steelwork,
- walling works,
- lightning-protection works.

Volumes: excavation: approximately 12 000 m³, concrete: approximately 6 650 m³, reinforcement: approximately 1 200 t, formwork: approximately 15 000 m².

All aforementioned services include the relevant associated ancillary services.

4) **Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion:**

Duration in months: 18 (from contract award).

5) **Additional information about lots:**

Selection criteria:

1. experience and expertise (reference projects) (75 %).

1.1. Experience of comparable construction works (50 %).

1.1.1. Construction experience of large and complex construction projects, relating to the construction works in this lot (25 %).

1.1.2. Construction experience of projects involving interface coordination with neighbouring construction sites (25 %).

1.2. General construction experience for projects comparable with the ECB new premises project in terms of use, size, standard and complexity (25 %).

2. Resources (25 %).

2.1. Staff (15 %).

2.1.1. Total number of employees (5 %).

2.1.2. Employment structure (10 %).

2.2. Technical resources (10 %).

Lot No 7

Title: restoration works wholesale market hall (GG)

1) **Short description:**

Lot 7 comprises the restoration works for the former wholesale market hall, which was opened in 1928 and is a listed building today.

The structure of the listed wholesale market hall comprises 3 parts: west wing (28 500 m³, L/W/H:

63,0/15,0/29,7 m), hall (gross volume: approximately 245 000 m³, L/W/H: 220/55/23,5 m), east wing (gross volume: approximately 28 500 m³, L/W/H: 63,0/15,0/29,7 m).

The wings are characterised by their reinforced-concrete columns and girders. The ceiling of the west wing is made of stone and that of the east wing reinforced-concrete ribs. The hall comprises a reinforced-concrete structure made of columns, box girders and cylinder shells. The facades of the wings are made of brickwork with individual reinforced-concrete parts. The facade of the hall is made of reinforced concrete and features glass and brick surfaces.

The works will be executed at the former wholesale market hall.

2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV):**

45223200, 45454100.

3) **Quantity or scope:**

The contract scope comprises the restoration works for the wholesale market hall. It chiefly comprises:
— thorough repair work,
— restoration work,
— scaffolding works.

The wholesale market hall is to be thoroughly repaired and restored. The thorough repair work comprises processes to restore the structural stability, serviceability and durability of the reinforced-concrete and walling parts. The restoration work comprises processes to protect, preserve, restore and reintegrate the reinforced-concrete and walling parts and the historically valuable surfaces of the non-load-bearing parts. The historic building preservation authorities have approved the measures in principle.

All aforementioned services include the relevant associated ancillary services.

4) **Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion:**

Duration in months: 22 (from contract award).

5) **Additional information about lots:**

Selection criteria:

1. experience and expertise (reference projects) (75 %).

1.1. Experience of comparable construction works (50 %).

1.1.1. Construction experience of large and complex construction projects, relating to the construction works in this lot (25 %).

1.1.2. Construction experience of listed buildings, relating to the construction works in this lot (25 %).

1.2. General construction experience for projects comparable with the ECB new premises project in terms of use, size, standard and complexity (25 %).

2. Resources (25 %).

2.1. Staff (15 %).

2.1.1. Total number of employees (5 %).

2.1.2. Employment structure (10 %).

2.2. Technical resources (10 %).

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) **Conditions relating to the contract**

III.1.1) **Deposits and guarantees required:**

The successful tenderer will be required to provide appropriate security in the form of a cash retention for the performance phase (10 % of the contract volume) and for the warranty phase (5 % of the contract volume), which may be disbursed periodically against a bank guarantee. Details will be provided in the invitation to tender.

III.1.2) **Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions regulating them (if applicable):**

The successful tenderer will be paid according to a payment plan. The payment plan will include appropriate security retention provisions as set out in section III.1.1.

III.1.3) **Legal form to be taken by the grouping of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded:**

Candidates may establish groupings with a view to jointly obtaining a contract. No specific legal form is required, but the grouping members will be jointly and severally liable for the performance of the contract.

The grouping must, in principle, remain unchanged from the start of the tender procedure until completion of the works. If unforeseen circumstances require a change in the composition of a grouping, the ECB may allow such a change at its own discretion provided that the change does not distort competition amongst the candidates.

III.1.4) **Other particular conditions to which the performance of the contract is subject:**

No.

III.2) **Conditions for participation**

III.2.1) **Personal situation of economic operators, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers:**

In line with Article 24 of the ECB procurement rules (see VI.3. below) the following shall apply: the ECB shall exclude candidates from participation in a tender procedure if they have been the subject of a judgment which has the force of *res judicata* for fraud, corruption, money laundering, involvement in a criminal organisation or any other illegal activity detrimental to the financial interests of the Communities, of the ECB or of the NCBs.

The ECB may exclude candidates from participation at any time if:

- (a) they are bankrupt or being wound up, are having their affairs administered by the courts, have entered into an arrangement with creditors, have suspended business activities, are the subject of proceedings concerning these matters, or are in any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure provided for in national legislation or regulations;
- (b) they have been convicted of an offence concerning their professional conduct by a judgment which has the force of *res judicata*;
- (c) they have been guilty of grave professional misconduct;
- (d) they have not fulfilled obligations relating to the payment of social security contributions or the payment of taxes in accordance with the legal provisions of the country in which they reside or with those of the country of the contracting authority or those of the country where the contract is to be performed;
- (e) they have been declared by a court or an arbitration tribunal to be in serious breach of contract for failure to comply with their contractual obligations following another tender procedure;
- (f) their management, staff or agents are subject to a conflict of interest;
- (g) they are guilty of misrepresentation in supplying the information required by the ECB;
- (h) they contact other candidates or tenderers with the purpose of restraining competition.

Candidates must certify that they are not in any of the situations listed above by signing the application form and provide the evidence specified therein. Each member of a grouping must comply with these conditions. If such circumstances arise in the course of the procedure, the candidate concerned shall inform the ECB thereof without undue delay.

Candidates may rely on their registration in an official list of approved economic operators or certification by official bodies to provide evidence they have met the above conditions. Details are explained in the application form. The ECB reserves the right to request further information.

III.2.2) **Economic and financial capacity:**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating whether requirements have been met: the signed application form, which specifies the total net turnover in the past 3 financial years.

Minimum standards possibly required:

financial capacity: accumulated total net turnover in the past 3 financial years:

- lot 1: of at least EUR 8 000 000,
- lot 2: of at least EUR 155 000 000,
- lot 3: of at least EUR 75 000 000,
- lot 4: of at least EUR 25 000 000,
- lot 5: of at least EUR 30 000 000,
- lot 6: of at least EUR 75 000 000,
- lot 7: of at least EUR 20 000 000.

Groupings of economic operators may add together the turnover of their members, whereby one grouping member must have at least 2/3 of the required turnover per lot.

III.2.3) **Technical capacity:**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating whether requirements have been met: the signed application form, which specifies the evidence on minimum level(s) of standards required. Candidates may rely on their registration in an official list of approved economic operators or certification by official bodies. Details are explained in the application form. The ECB reserves the right to request further information.

Minimum standards possibly required:

details of the scoring and the selection criteria are laid down in point IV.1.2 of this document. The applicant must obtain at least 3 000 points out of a maximum of 10 000 points.

III.2.4) **Reserved contracts:**

No.

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1) **Type of procedure**

IV.1.1) **Type of procedure:**

Negotiated.

Candidates have already been selected: no.

IV.1.2) **Limitations on the number of operators who will be invited to tender or to participate:**

Envisaged number of operators:

envisaged minimum number: 5 and maximum number: 8.

Objective criteria for selecting the limited number of candidates:

1. experience and expertise (reference projects) (75 %).
2. Resources (25 %).

The sub-criteria and their weightings are specified per lot in Annex B to this document.

Scoring system:

the maximum score possible is 10 000 points (100 %). This maximum score is divided according to the weightings assigned to the different criteria and sub-criteria. The resulting 'maximum score per criterion' is divided by 4 in order to determine the base unit of the assessment for each criterion.

The scoring system for each criterion applies an assessment scale from 0 to 4 points. 'No response' receives 0 points, 'poor' (1 point), 'sufficient' (2 points), 'good' (3 points) and 'very good' (4 points). In the evaluation process, the score (0–4 points) is multiplied by the base unit for each criterion, and the resulting scores are added up to obtain the final result.

The minimum threshold is 30 %, corresponding to 3 000 points, which must be met as a minimum requirement.

The evaluation will solely be based on the submitted application documents including attachments.

IV.1.3) **Reduction of the number of operators during the negotiation or dialogue:**

Recourse to staged procedure to gradually reduce the number of solutions to be discussed or tenders to be negotiated: yes.

IV.2) **Award criteria**

IV.2.1) **Award criteria:**

The most economically advantageous tender in terms of the criteria stated below:

the same scoring methodology as laid down in point IV.1.2 in this document will be applied for the award criteria.

The sub-criteria and their weightings will be specified in the invitation to tender.

1. Financial terms. Weighting: 70 %.

- 2. Quality of the service. Weighting: 25 %.
- 3. Terms of the invitation to tender. Weighting: 5 %.

IV.2.2) **An electronic auction will be used:**

No.

IV.3) **Administrative information**

IV.3.1) **File reference number attributed by the contracting authority:**

T101 — structural works.

IV.3.2) **Previous notices published concerning the same contract:**

Prior information.

Notice number in OJ: 2009/S 16-21436 of 24.1.2009.

IV.3.3) **Conditions for obtaining specifications and additional documents or descriptive document:**

Final date for receipt of requests for documents or for accessing documents: 14.3.2009 (12:00).

Charge for documents: no.

IV.3.4) **Final date for receipt of tenders or requests to participate:**

17.3.2009 (12:00).

IV.3.5) **Date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates:**

10.6.2009.

IV.3.6) **Language(s) in which tenders or requests to participate may be drawn up:**

English, German.

Applications must be submitted in English or in German. External documents such as company registrations and certificates may be submitted in their original language. The ECB may request the candidate to provide a certified translation.

IV.3.8) **Conditions for opening tenders:**

Place: at the address given in point I.1.

Persons authorised to be present at the opening of tenders: no.

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1) **This is a recurrent procurement:**

No.

VI.2) **Contract related to a project and/or programme financed by EU funds:**

No.

VI.3) **Additional information:**

Applicable rules:

the tender procedure is conducted in accordance with the ECB procurement rules (Decision ECB/2007/5 of 3.7.2007 laying down the Rules on Procurement), published in the Official Journal of the European Communities under OJ L 184, 14.7.2007, p. 34 and on the ECB's website at: <http://www.ecb.europa.eu/ecb/jobsproc/proc/tenders/html/index.en.html>

Required format of applications:

(a) applications must be submitted as hard copies and on CD using the application form and complementing forms published in the tender forum, following the details outlined in the application form.

(b) Applications submitted via e-mail are inadmissible and will not be considered.

Questions:

any questions to the ECB should be submitted exclusively via the tender forum (see section I.1) and may be submitted in English or German. The answers will be provided in the language in which the questions were submitted.

Inspection of documentation:

interested candidates may, on request, review excerpts from the former general contractor tender (planning status April 2008). Further information will be provided in the tender forum.

Subcontracting:

candidates may rely on the capacities of other entities as subcontractors, in particular with regard to their technical capacity (see section III.2.3), regardless of the legal nature of the links which they have with them. The candidate must prove that he will have at his disposal the resources necessary, for example, by providing an undertaking to that effect from such entities.

The use of subcontractors does not limit the candidate's responsibility and liability for due performance of all the contractual obligations. The ECB reserves the right to refuse any subcontractor taking into account the principles of transparency, equal access, publicity and equal treatment. The replacement of a major subcontractor and the subcontracting of additional major works will require the ECB's prior approval.

Companies that submit sole applications and, at the same time, appear as subcontractors for another candidate, or companies that appear as a subcontractor for several candidates, will in principle not be excluded from the tender procedure. In either case, the ECB will request all the companies concerned to provide evidence that their participation in 2 or more applications does not have a detrimental effect on competition. In particular, they must explain in detail what measures they have taken in order to prevent an exchange of critical information between the competing candidates. The ECB will decide on whether to exclude applications from the tender procedure, taking into account the information provided and the principles of transparency, equal access, publicity and equal treatment.

Exclusion from the tender procedure:

the ECB may, at its own discretion, exclude applicants from the tender procedure who do not comply with the requirements and conditions set out in the application form and contract notice, or do not provide the information requested.

Cancellation of the tender procedure:

the ECB reserves the right to cancel all or part of the tender procedure. This decision will take into account the principles of transparency, equal access, publicity and equal treatment. Cancellation may be necessary if the offers in the first 8 construction tenders for the new ECB premises project in total exceed the ECB's available budget.

Liability and compensation:

the ECB is not liable for any costs, nor will it reimburse any expenses or losses which candidates incur or suffer in connection with the tender procedure, including in the event of a cancellation.

VI.4) **Procedures for appeal**

VI.4.1) **Body responsible for appeal procedures:**

Procurement Review Body of the European Central Bank, Kaiserstraße 29 c/o Central Procurement Office, D-60311 Frankfurt am Main. Tel. (49-69) 13 44-0 (central switchboard). Fax (49-69) 13 44-6000 (central fax number). E-mail: procurement@ecb.europa.eu. URL: www.ecb.europa.eu.

VI.4.2) **Lodging of appeals:**

Precise information on deadline(s) for lodging appeals:

15 days from the receipt of the information specified in Article 28(3) of the ECB procurement rules (see section VI.3) or, if no information is requested, 15 days from the receipt of the notification to unsuccessful tenderers. Further requirements are outlined in Article 33 of the ECB procurement rules (see section VI.3).

- VI.4.3) **Body from which information about the lodging of appeals may be obtained:**
European Central Bank — Central Procurement Office, Kaiserstraße 29, D-60311 Frankfurt am Main.
Tel. (49-69) 13 44-0 (central switchboard). Fax (49-69) 13 44-6000 (central fax number). E-mail:
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- VI.5) **Date of dispatch of this notice:**
4.2.2009.