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ECB - call for expression of interest in providing data feeds for the Centralised Securities Database (CSDB) of the European Central Bank (D-Frankfurt-on-Main)

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- 1. **Awarding authority:** European Central Bank (ECB), Kaiserstraße 29, D-60311 Frankfurt am Main. Fax: +49-69 13 44 60 00. Telex: 411 144 ecb d. Att: Mr José Faustino, +49 69 13 44 79 42, jose.faustino@ecb.int, Mr Giuseppe Calvi, +49 69 13 44 77 50, giuseppe.calvi@ecb.int.
- 2. **Type of call:** Call for expressions of interest.

 The ECB wishes to set up a list of potential suppliers of services needed to populate the Centralised Securities Database with reference data on indivual securites; the relevant fields of work are described in section 3(a). The CSDB will also be on access to National Cental Banks of EU countries and some other institutions (e.g. National Statistical offices or the Bank for International Settlements) for statistical purposes. Those interested in having their names included in the list are invited to submit an application in accordance with the rules set out below. The ECB will draw up a list of qualified applicants according to the information requested in section 8.

 -For contracts to be concluded relating to the field of work described in section 3(a), specifications of the work to be done will be sent to all or some of the applicants on the list, selected at the discretion of the ECB on the basis of criteria specific to the contract
- 3. (a) Description of the fields covered: The ECB seeks suppliers of reference data on individual securities, with expertise in securities markets and financial instruments, and in the sources of information about such markets. These reference data on individual securities cover particularly the issuers and holders, quotation prices, income, yields, new issues and redemptions. Further information is provided in section 9.
 - (b) **Type of contracts:** Fixed term, fixed price.
- 4. **Place where services are to be provided:** Germany, Frankfurt am Main, Kaiserstraße 29 unless otherwise agreed in advance with the ECB.
- 5. **Period of validity of the list resulting from the call for interest:** The expiry date of the list resulting from the call for expressions of interest is 30 June 2005.
- 6. **Legal status of applicants:** Natural or legal persons.
- 7. **Applications:** Applications together with all the documentation referred in section 8, should be submitted by post to the address in section 1. Envelopes should be marked "CSDB Call for Expressions of Interest" and addressed to the attention of Mr Guiseppe Calvi.
- 8. Information and documents concerning the applicant's own position, and the information, formalities and documents necessary for an appraisal of the minimum economic and technical standards required: To enable the ECB to evaluate applications on a comparable basis, the following information must be provided in English:
 - (a) Name, legal status, VAT number, address, telephone and fax numbers, as well as the name of the contact person and reference number (if applicable).
 - (b) Proof of enrolment on the professional or trading register in accordance with the conditions laid down in the Member State where established.
 - (c) Proof of the applicant's ability to perform the services described in section 3(a).
 - (d) Availability of the applicant.
 - (e) Terms and conditions which would be applicable for eventual contracts.
 - (f) Any additional; documentation the applicant deems it useful to provide.
- 9. **Other information:** The ECB is presently developing a database (the CSDB) holding information about the issuers and holders of individual securites and about quotation

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prices, income, yields, new issues, events (corporate actions) affecting the securities and redemptions. The information is to be up-to-date, complete and consistent. A prototype of the CSBD system is planned to be ready in summer 2003. The CSDB will be populated by various sources, such as National Central Banks or other institutions offering information about securities markets and financial instruments. These sources may equally be supplemented by commercial data feeds. To this end an objective evaluation of strength and gaps of potential commercial sources is foreseen, comprising the followings steps.

- Delivery of data by interested vendors out of their recent data production cycles (i.e. no special "test data" can be accepted); this includes the close cooperation between interested vendors and the ECB in disclosing datailed information about the data structure and technical) framework of data transfer to the ECB; the specifications of the data to be delivered (structure of reference data with respect to markets, instruments, attributes) are still under development;
- comparative analysis of the coverage and quality of the data offered by vendors, in this step interested vendors are supposed to be ready answering questions on potential inaccuracies, inconsistencies or implausibility in their data;
- potential negociation with a selected number of vendors whether a regular data delivery would fit into the ECB's business requests for specific data and the budget for data acquisition. This step may either be carried out in bilateral contacts or in the format of small negotiated tender procedures.

Interested applicants may be provided with a questionnaire aiming at clarifing the technical framework of data transfer and the potential data delivery on a high level. All addressed applicants will be asked to sign a confidentiality undertaking and return it to the ECB before the draft is sent to them.

An initial use of the list of applicants may be made on or after 31 July 2003.

- 10. Date of dispatch of the notice: 18.6.2003.
- 11. Date of receipt by the Office for Official Publications of the European Union: 18.6.2003.