

**Denmark-Copenhagen: Wide area network services**

**OJ S 169/2023 04/09/2023**

**Contract notice**

**Services**

**Legal Basis:**

Directive 2014/24/EU

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**Section I: Contracting authority**

**I.1. Name and addresses**

Official name: Danmarks Nationalbank  
National registration number: 61092919  
Postal address: Langelinie Allé 47  
Town: Copenhagen Ø  
NUTS code: DK01 Hovedstaden  
Postal code: 2100  
Country: Denmark  
Contact person: Astrid Malki Jepsen  
E-mail: [amje@nationalbanken.dk](mailto:amje@nationalbanken.dk)  
Telephone: +45 33636035  
**Internet address(es):**  
Main address: [www.nationalbanken.dk](http://www.nationalbanken.dk)

**I.3. Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: [http://eu.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlenrance\\_s.asp?PID=370329&B=KA](http://eu.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlenrance_s.asp?PID=370329&B=KA)  
Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address  
Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via: [http://eu.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlenrance\\_s.asp?PID=370329&B=KA](http://eu.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlenrance_s.asp?PID=370329&B=KA)  
Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the abovementioned address

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

Body governed by public law

**I.5. Main activity**

Economic and financial affairs

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1. Title**

Tender for ESMIG Connectivity Services  
Reference number: 213708

**II.1.2. Main CPV code**

72720000 Wide area network services

**II.1.3. Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4. Short description**

Danmarks Nationalbank's payment system Kronos2 plays a central role in the infrastructure for handling payments in Denmark. From 2025, the settlement of Danish kroner will relocate to the new European consolidated payment and securities settlement platform, Target Services, which is operated by the European Central Bank, ECB. The migration to Target Services will bring several benefits for both Danmarks Nationalbank and payment system participants. The project for the migration of the Danish payments infrastructure to the Target Services platform is called TargetDKK.

The Eurosystem Single Market Infrastructure Gateway (ESMIG) is the technical component delivered as part of the Target Services platform. Via the ESMIG, Danmarks Nationalbank can access the market infrastructures that the Eurosystem provides.

#### **II.1.5. Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: 1 996 600,00 EUR

#### **II.1.6. Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 1

### **II.2. Description**

#### **II.2.1. Title**

ESMIG Connectivity Services Agreement

Lot No: 1

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

72700000 Computer network services

#### **II.2.3. Place of performance**

NUTS code: DK01 Hovedstaden

Main site or place of performance: København Ø

#### **II.2.4. Description of the procurement**

This procurement aims at entering into a principal ESMIG Connectivity Services Agreement and a secondary DUAL Connectivity Services Agreement.

Lot no 1, ESMIG Connectivity Service Agreement, is Danmarks Nationalbank's primary connectivity agreement. The agreement aims at ensuring access to Target Services in A2A mode with the exchange of messages and files in XML format using the ISO20022 standard and in U2A mode via a browser using the HTTPs protocol. The agreement also aims at ensuring access to Value Added Services within the scope of the agreement.

#### **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**

Value excluding VAT: 1 955 000,00 EUR

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

Start: 28/06/2024 End: 20/11/2031

This contract is subject to renewal: no

#### **II.2.9.**

## **Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited**

Envisaged number of candidates: 2  
Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:

It is a prerequisite for participation, that the tenderer has entered into a Contract regarding a concession for the provision of connectivity services to access the Eurosystem Single Market Infrastructure Gateway with Banca d'Italia, acting on behalf of the Eurosystem.

### **II.2.10. Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: no

### **II.2.11. Information about options**

Options: no

### **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**

#### **II.2. Description**

##### **II.2.1. Title**

DUAL Connectivity Services Agreement  
Lot No: 2

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

72700000 Computer network services

##### **II.2.3. Place of performance**

NUTS code: DK01 Hovedstaden

##### **II.2.4. Description of the procurement**

This procurement aims at securing a principal ESMIG Connectivity Services Agreement and a secondary DUAL Connectivity Services Agreement.

Lot no 2, Dual Connection Service Agreement, is Denmark's Nationalbank's secondary connectivity agreement. This agreement aims at ensuring access to Target Services in U2A mode (low volume) via a browser using the HTTPs protocol. This agreement will function as a contingency connection.

##### **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**

Value excluding VAT: 41 600,00 EUR

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

Start: 28/06/2024 End: 20/11/2031

This contract is subject to renewal: no

##### **II.2.9. Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited**

Envisaged number of candidates: 2  
Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:

It is a prerequisite for participation, that the tenderer has entered into a Contract regarding a concession for the provision of connectivity services to access the Eurosystem Single Market Infrastructure Gateway with Banca d'Italia, acting on behalf of the Eurosystem.

**II.2.10. Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: no

**II.2.11. Information about options**

Options: no

**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**

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

**III.2.2. Contract performance conditions**

The contracting entity has assessed that the conclusion of the contract may be subject to the authorisation requirement pursuant to the Danish Investment Screening Act. See further in the tender specifications.

The contract lays down requirements on compliance with the law on processing of personal data.

**Section IV: Procedure**

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**IV.1. Description**

**IV.1.1. Type of procedure**

Competitive procedure with negotiation

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

**IV.1.5. Information about negotiation**

The contracting authority reserves the right to award the contract on the basis of the initial tenders without conducting negotiations

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes

**IV.2. Administrative information**

**IV.2.2. Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date: 02/10/2023 Local time: 12:00

**IV.2.3. Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**

Date: 06/10/2023

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

English

#### **IV.2.6. Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

### **Section VI: Complementary information**

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#### **VI.1. Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published:

2030

#### **VI.3. Additional information**

Participation in the tendering procedure may only take place by electronic means via the electronic tendering system used by the contracting entity, see the address set out in section I.3).

The candidate must as its application submit an ESPD as preliminary documentation of the circumstances set out in section 148(1), paras 1-3 of the Danish Public Procurement Act (udbudsløven).

The candidate will be excluded from participation in the tender procedure if the candidate is subject to the compulsory grounds for exclusion set out in sections 134 a, 135 and 136 of the Danish Public Procurement Act, unless the candidate has submitted sufficient documentation of its reliability in accordance with section 138 of the Danish Public Procurement Act.

Before the award decision is made, the tenderer to whom the contracting entity intends to award the contract must provide documentation of the information submitted in the ESPD pursuant to sections 151-152, cf. section 153 of the Danish Public Procurement Act. As an alternative to the documentation mentioned in sections 153-155, 157 and 158 of the Danish Public Procurement Act, the applicant and tenderer may submit to the contracting entity a certificate of registration in an official list of approved economic operators, see section 156 of the Danish Public Procurement Act, issued by the competent authority. The contracting entity only accepts certificates of registration in an official list from applicants and tenderers established in the country holding the official list.

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Further information:

If the tenderer, on the basis of the established evaluation model, stands to be awarded more lots than the maximum number allowed, the award of lots will be based on the combination of all tenders which, overall, offer the best price-quality ratio.

As regards sections II.1.5) and II.2.6), it should be noted that section II.1.5) is an estimate of the expected total contract price for all lots in the entire term of the agreement, including the price of all value added services. In section II.2.6), an estimate is indicated of the expected total maximum contract price for the individual lot in the entire term of the lot. The estimate for the individual lots is based on an assessment of expected future needs.

As regards section II.2.9) it should be noted that each candidate may only submit one application for prequalification.

The contracting entity may use the procedure of section 159(5) of the Danish Public Procurement Act in the event that applications or tenders do not comply with the formal requirements of the procurement documents.

An information meeting will be held at TEAMS, on Friday 15 September 2023, at 10.00-11.00 CET. Please provide names and e-mail address beforehand.

The negotiation procedure is expected to be conducted as follows:

If the contracting entity does not award the contract on the basis of the initial tender, then negotiation meetings are held with both tenderers on location in Copenhagen, supplemented by Teams on 12 December 2023 (tenderer 1) and 13 December 2023 (enderer 2). For further information on the process of the negotiations, reference is made to the tender specifications and the related Annexes B and C.

The Contracting Entity will pay no remuneration for participating.

See also the document "Additional information about the contract notice" which contains additional information regarding this section. The document is accessible via the electronic tendering system at the address set out in section I.3).

#### **VI.4. Procedures for review**

##### **VI.4.1. Review body**

Official name: Klagenævnet for Udbud

Postal address: Nævnenes Hus, Toldboden 2

Town: Viborg

Postal code: 8800

Country: Denmark

E-mail: [klfu@naevneneshus.dk](mailto:klfu@naevneneshus.dk)

Telephone: +45 72405600

Internet address: <https://klfu.naevneneshus.dk/>

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

Official name: There is no such body

Town: Copenhagen

Country: Denmark

##### **VI.4.3. Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures:

Pursuant to the Danish Act on the Complaints Board for Public Procurement, etc. (lov om Klagenævnet for Udbud m.v.) (the Act is available (in Danish) at [www.retsinformation.dk](http://www.retsinformation.dk)), the following deadlines apply to the lodging of complaints:

Complaints for not having been selected must be submitted to the Danish Complaints Board for Public Procurement before the expiry of 20 calendar days, see section 7(1) of the Act, from the day after submission of notification to the candidates concerned of the identity of the successful tenderer where the notification is accompanied by an explanation of the grounds for the decision in accordance with section 2(1), para (1) of the Act and section 171(2) of the Danish Public Procurement Act.

In other situations, complaints of award procedures, see section 7(2) of the Act, must be lodged with the Danish Complaints Board for Public Procurement before the expiry of:

1) 45 calendar days after the contracting entity has published a notice in the Official Journal of the European Union that the contracting entity has entered into a contract. The deadline is calculated from the day after the day when the notice was published.

2) 30 calendar days calculated from the day after the day when the contracting entity has notified the candidates concerned that a contract based on a framework agreement with reopening of competition or a dynamic purchasing system has been entered into where the notification has included an explanation of the relevant grounds for the decision.

3) 6 months after the contracting entity entered into a framework agreement calculated from the day after the day when the contracting entity notified the candidates and tenderers concerned, see section 2(2) of the Act and section 171(4) of the Danish Public Procurement Act.

4) 20 calendar days calculated from the day after the contracting entity has submitted notification of its decision, see section 185(2) of the Danish Public Procurement Act. Not later than at the time of lodging a complaint with the Danish Complaints Board for Public Procurement, the complainant must notify the contracting entity in writing that a complaint has been lodged with the Danish Complaints Board for Public Procurement and whether the appeal was lodged during the standstill period, see section 6(4) of the Act. In cases where the complaint was not lodged within the standstill period, the complainant must furthermore indicate whether a suspensory effect of the complaint has been requested, see section 12(1) of the Act.

The e-mail address of the Complaints Board for Public Procurement is set out in section VI.4.1. The Complaints Board's own complaints procedure is available at <https://naevneshus.dk/start-din-klage/klagenaevnet-for-udbud/vejledning/>

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

Official name: Konkurrence- og Forbrugerstyrelsen

Postal address: Carl Jacobsens Vej 35

Town: Valby

Postal code: 2500

Country: Denmark

E-mail: [kfst@kfst.dk](mailto:kfst@kfst.dk)

Telephone: +45 41715000

Internet address: <http://www.kfst.dk>

#### **VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice**

30/08/2023