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**Uw brief (kenmerk)**

Datum           October 2022  
Betreft          Invitation to submit the business plan for Single Market  
Specialist 2023 of the Dutch State

Dear Sir/Madam,

You have indicated your interest in becoming a single market specialist (SMS) for The State of The Netherlands.

The following questions are part of the application procedure for becoming a SMS for The State of The Netherlands in 2023. Please send your reply and formal application before **Monday 24 October 2022** cob by email to [dealerselectie@minfin.nl](mailto:dealerselectie@minfin.nl). We will be finalizing the selection process in the beginning of December. In due course, we will share with you the draft documentation for your sign-off.

Should you have any questions regarding the process, please feel free to contact us.

Kind regards, on behalf of the minister of Finance of The Netherlands,

Martin Heerma

Deputy Agent of the Dutch State Treasury Agency

## 1. Legal details

Please fill in the legal entity name.

- a. For ISDA purposes:
- b. For GMRA purposes:
- c. For dealer contracts:

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## 2. Strategy and Commitment

2.1) Please provide a general description of why the Dutch State Treasury Agency (DSTA) would benefit by having your firm as a SMS.

2.2) What is the added value of being a SMS for DSTA for your firm and which elements of the SMS Dealership do you value most?

2.3) Please provide a description and a headcount figure for dedicated staff (traders, sales professionals, analysts, etc.) to DTCs and to Eurozone sovereign bills in general. Please indicate your expectations on this information for the near and medium term.

*Explanatory Note: During the calendar year, the DSTA will regularly assess the performance of each of its SMS against the ambitions indicated in its business plan.*

2.4) If applicable, for Eurozone countries, please provide information about your bill dealerships (if applicable also for sovereign bonds) for the period January 2022 until (and including) September 2022, in the format given below. What kind of ambitions do you have as a bill dealer in other countries?

Sovereign Bill Market (2022 Jan-Sep)				
	Primary Market		Secondary Market	
Country	Market share (%)	Rank	Market share (%)	Rank

Client Type	Sovereign Bond Market (%)	Sovereign Bill Market (%)
Country/Region of Clients served	Sovereign Bond Market (%)	Sovereign Bill Market (%)

### 3. Financial Position

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- 3.1) For your firm please provide the current (i) long term unsecured debt rating and the (ii) long term issuer rating of each of Moody's, S&P and Fitch as well as the current outlook of such rating. Furthermore, please include the outlook on the rating, any recent rating movements, actions or comments.

*Explanatory Note: The DSTA believes that Primary Dealers that have an investment grade credit rating are better able to provide services when acting as Primary Dealer.*

- 3.2) Please describe the most important recent changes in your firm's financial position e.g. write-offs, new capital issuance, state guarantees, acquisitions of other firms etc.
- 3.3) Please describe your firm's current status in implementing regulations; Basel III/Basel IV/CDR IV regulations (or equivalent US regulations, if applicable).
- 3.4) Please provide your firm's current (or most recently published) tier 1 & 2 capital ratios, core tier 1 capital ratio, supplemental tier 2 capital ratio, debt-to-equity ratio, loan-to-deposit ratio, leverage ratio, total risk weighted assets, capital requirements and liquidity requirements.
- 3.5) Elaborate on your firm's funding profile by providing what percentage of funding consists of (common) equity, deposits, long-term and hybrid debt and what percentage consists of other types of funding (including short-term debt, repos, and federal funds purchased). Provide the current (or most recently published) total balance sheet size of your firm.
- 3.6) Provide the following details: total revenues, net profits, total shares outstanding, market capitalization, return on assets, return on equity, and the profit margin for 2021 and for 2022 (Jan-Aug) using the most recent data.
- 3.7) Provide the geographical distribution of your firm in terms of revenues (in numbers and percentage) and number of employees using the format below.

	2021		2022 (Jan- Aug)	
Region:	Revenues	Number of employees	Revenues	Number of employees:
Continental Europe				
UK				
North America				
South America				
Asia-Pacific				
Middle East				
Africa				

#### 4. Market Performance

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- 4.1) Please describe on your firm's ambitions if you are appointed as DSTA Single Market Specialist for the upcoming calendar year in the primary market for DTCs. Cover at least participation in auctions including primary market shares, type of clients to be served, and distributional channels to be used.
- 4.2) Please comment on your firm's ambitions in the secondary market for DTCs, particularly focusing on market shares, types of clients and distributional channels.
- 4.3) Per client type, provide the percentage of total sales volume for sovereign bills. Please indicate the geographical distribution of your clients in volume for
- 2021
  - The period January 2022 until (and including) September 2022.

## 5. Research and Promotional Activities

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- 5.1) Please elaborate on what research you plan to conduct in the coming year regarding DTCs, the sovereign bond market, or the sovereign bill market.
- 5.2) Briefly describe what type of promotional activities you plan to do in the future regarding DTCs, and the DSTA. Also describe promotional activities focusing on specific geographical regions, including regular (e.g. yearly) conferences in the fixed income area.
- 5.3) Please indicate whether and how the DSTA could contribute in regards to the already scheduled promotional activities.
- 5.4) Please elaborate on your views on investor roadshows in 2023 (taking into account possible travel and meeting restrictions). In which format do you expect these will be held as to have an optimal interaction between the DSTA and possible investors? Would the addition of a non-deal-related roadshow be of added value for the DSTA? If so, could you comment on the high level modalities (e.g. timing, countries, type of investors etc.)

## 6. Practical information about your organisation

- 6.1) Please include an organizational chart of the levels of management and formal lines of authority within your organization regarding fixed income and fixed income derivatives.
- 6.2) Please provide an overview of the (public) holidays in 2023 during which you would like to be exempted from quotation obligations.
- 6.3) Please provide the full legal name, LEI and banking supervisor for the applicant. In addition, please provide the contacts details (Name, Address, Telephone number and E-mail) for each of the following contacts:
- Primary dealer contact
  - Contact for harmonized trade reports (SMTR reports)
  - ICT or electronic trading contact
  - Head back office
  - Head settlement
  - Swap desk, bond desk and bill desk
  - Compliance contact name (for the purpose of the DDA Allocation and Price Compliance Statement. Note that the compliance contact is required to include its signature in de Primary Dealer Contract)

Please use the format shown below.

LEI	
Name of banking supervisor	
Full Legal Name	
Legal Address	
PO Box	
City and Country	
Telephone	
E-Mail	

- 6.4) Please provide the invoice details for the TRS Segment Fees, contact person(s) and the details of where the invoice can be sent to.
- 6.5) Please provide at least one email address at which your organisation wants to receive:
- The SMTR-reports
  - The Quotation-reports

## 7. Corporate social responsibility & green and social bonds

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7.1) Does your firm have a corporate social responsibility (CSR) policy? If yes, please provide a link to the relevant website(s) and please give a few examples of CSR related activities.

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7.2) Does your firm have experience in executing green bond issuance and/or advising on green bond issuances? Please elaborate on the green bond expertise available at your firm and your position in the primary and secondary market for (sovereign/SSA/corporate) green bonds.

7.3) What is your view on the development of the green bond market in the coming years, specifically in relation to the development of the EU Green Bond Standard and sustainable finance disclosure obligations for financial institutions.

## 8. Additional information

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8.1) Please provide any additional information that you consider relevant in view of your application for the SMS Dealership of The State of the Netherlands

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