

Press release

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Invitation to bid

Treasury discount paper (Unverzinsliche Schatzanweisungen “Bubills”) of the Federal Republic of Germany

For the account of the Federal Government, the German Finance Agency, through Deutsche Bundesbank, offers for sale by auction:

**Treasury discount paper of the Federal Republic of Germany
(Unverzinsliche Schatzanweisungen – “Bubills”)**

January 2012 issue / maturity 6 months

due on 11 July 2012

ISIN DE0001115996 // SIN 111 599

envisaged issue volume (auction allotment and amount
set aside for secondary market operations): € 4 billion

Time schedule of the auction procedure:

Bidding period: Monday, 9 January 2012, from 8.00 a. m. until **11.30 a. m. Frankfurt time**

**Please note: Starting from 2012 bids may be submitted
until 11.30 a.m. Frankfurt time (formerly: 11.00 a.m. Frankfurt time)**

Value date: Wednesday, 11 January 2012

Settlement: delivery versus payment-settlement in the night-time processing of
Clearstream Banking AG Frankfurt, beginning on the eve of the value date

Change from yield to price bid submission in the case of Bubills:

Starting with the auction on 9 January 2012 there will be an alteration of the bidding rules in the Bund Bidding System (BBS) from yield to price bid submission in the case of Bubills. It is allowed to submit price bids with prices below 100, at par or above 100. **Through the submission of price bids with prices above 100 it is possible to submit price bids reflecting negative yields.** The price bids must be expressed as full 0.00005 percentage

points. Bids must be for a par value of not less than € 1 million or an integral multiple thereof. It is possible to make non-competitive bids and to submit several bids at different prices. **Yield bids will no longer be considered.** Members of the Bund Issues Auction Group are entitled to bid. The bids accepted by the issuer will be allotted at the price specified in the bid. Non-competitive bids are filled at the weighted average price of the price bids accepted. The right to scale down bids is reserved.

In addition, the Auction rules, the Special terms and conditions of the Deutsche Bundesbank for auctions of Federal securities using the Bund Bidding System (BBS) and the Issue terms for Federal securities shall apply.