

## Questions RFP-2025-036 - Dell or Lenovo Servers

1. Would it be acceptable to propose servers equipped with single-socket AMD CPUs, meeting the same per-server specifications (32 cores, 1.5 TB of RAM)?

Yes, an AMD proposal could be interesting from a price perspective, but in our Intel-based VMware environment it will complicate the migration of VMs to the new servers. Only cold migration will be possible. However, we are interested in seeing the pricing to determine whether it is worth the migration effort.

2. The requirement is for 1 Xeon processor per server. Could you please confirm if this is correct?

The servers can be adapted in order to fulfill any stocks problems on memory or others components. The importance is to not exceed the requested cores and to keep minimum 6 servers and to keep the expected delivery time

3. The Xeon 6 6731P processor is very specific and currently has an extended lead time. Would it be acceptable to offer a different processor if it matches the number of cores and the specifications requested?

Yes this is possible only to keep the expected delivery time, but it should have the same performance of the requested processor

4. Could you clarify the purpose of the PERC H965i controller? Is it intended solely for creating a RAID1 for the 480GB SSD disks? If so, could we offer an alternate configuration that offers RAID1 for the boot drives?

Not mandatory, the Lenovo configuration is accepted

5. Lenovo can directly install ESXi in factory? Would you be interested in this option?

No necessary

6. Should we include the SFP+ transceivers for the servers or would you prefer DAC cables?

DAC cables compatible with arista network switches 6 \* 5 meters cables and 6 \* 3 meters cables

7. Can we provide alternative scenario in respect of the overall CPU, memory, NICS specifications?

Yes you can

8. We have noted in your configuration that you would like 96GB RAM DIMMs. In the current market situation, 128GB and 96GB RAM DIMMs are in high demand and may lead to availability bottlenecks at manufacturers. Does UPU offer an alternative option?

The proposed server configuration can be adapted to address potential supply constraints affecting memory or other components. The primary objectives are to ensure that the total number of CPU cores does not exceed the requested maximum of 192 cores, that a minimum of six servers is maintained, and that the expected delivery timeline is preserved.

To mitigate current market constraints related to the availability of 96 GB and 128 GB RAM DIMMs, alternative configurations may be proposed. These alternatives must comply with the overall CPU, memory, and NIC specifications defined in the RFP. Any alternative scenario must strictly respect the maximum total core count of 192 cores, as this limit is directly linked to the Broadcom licensing requirements.

To avoid Intel memory limitations on single-processor systems, dual-processor server configurations may be proposed. In all cases, the total memory capacity must not be lower than the memory capacity requested in the RFP.

If required, the proposal may include up to two additional servers; however, the aggregate number of CPU cores across all servers must not exceed 192 cores.

9. Are there any other documents besides the PDF that need to be reviewed or filled out?

No but the UPU GTT needs to be agreed in the offer

10. Are we correct in understanding that the documents will be submitted exclusively in digital Form, meaning that digital signatures are also permitted?

yes