

ADDENDUM #1- Responses to Requests for Information

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Request for Proposals #1853-24
Server Infrastructure Project

Note: If similar questions were received by multiple parties, questions were combined to form one question representing intent and answered below. In most instances, questions retain wording verbatim, so grammatical and other errors are not on behalf of EHPS.

1. Will the repurpose of the existing hosts into a DR site be part of the project?
 - a. We'd like it to be. Right now, we are using Hyper-V and we've done enough work on reconfiguring the cluster to understand enough to build a new cluster out of old hardware. If we go to VMWare, we would need to incorporate licensing, and in converting the VMs to VMWare and setting up the DR site at one of our buildings.
2. Size of current SANs (useable space)
 - a. 45TB each
3. Size of current local storage (useable space)
 - a. 3TB each
4. Is the last paragraph of the indemnification form changeable?
 - a. No, all terms listed must be met and agreed to
5. When will the work need to be done, during the day or will there need to be times where work is done during the night and or weekends?
 - a. Some aspects of the project will be able to be done during the day, however some systems are critical to the day-to-day operations and would require off-hour times for certain tasks/systems.
6. Timeline?
 - a. The project must be completed no later than August 2024
7. Is this project e-Rate?
 - a. No
8. What brand(s) or product lines has the district used currently and/or previously?
 - a. We have Dell servers currently. Previously we have had Cisco UCS when we had VMware.

9. Is the Town of East Hartford RFP also related to this project?
 - a.** This is a separate RFP. We are two separate IT departments operating across the two organizations.
10. To what extent do we have any cloud-hosted services in our infrastructure?
 - a.** We do have some cloud-hosted services, but none of our servers or storage are cloud-hosted. Feel free to include proposals that leverage the cloud.
11. There looks to be two separate RFPs for a Server Project and SAN Solution, is the district open to a proposal that would utilize a single solution such as a hyperconverged?
 - a.** We put out an RFP for storage, but may not necessarily purchase one if the solution doesn't require a separate SAN.
12. Where did the specs on the RFP come from?
 - a.** We used the equipment we have as a basis for putting together the minimum specs.
13. Is the vendor responsible for purchasing the equipment and is then reimbursed through EHPS? Or will EHPS purchase the equipment directly?
 - a.** Yes, the vendor would be placing the order and would be reimbursed by EHPS.
14. Which OS are your hosts/hypervisors currently running and what OS do you want to run?
 - a.** Currently at Windows Server 2019 Datacenter. We are not opposed to 2022, and would probably prefer that over 2019 at this time in 2019s lifecycle.
15. How many hosts do you have currently?
 - a.** We currently have 6 (3 in each datacenter). We are not opposed to going with 4 (2 in each datacenter) if the specs are increased to balance out the reduction of hosts.
16. What is the current brand of our storage?
 - a.** Nexsan Unity 2200
17. What is the current model of the servers, in use today?
 - a.** Dell PowerEdge 740XD