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Questions and Answers

BID GPAA 02/2025: REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL TO SUPPLY HPE INFRASTRUCTURE INCLUDING HPE HARDWARE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT.

1. In this tender listed on the subject line above, it is mentioned that that it's the 10x BL660C Gen 8 servers that should be replaced. May you kindly advise on the following:

GPAA: "the number of old BL660C Gen8 Servers to be replaced/decommissioned is 20 not 10".

- May we be allowed to propose a post-HPE warranty and support for these 10 servers as an option for another, say, 2 years?

GPAA: "Not required – all 20 servers will be decommissioned or buy-back option."

- In addition, may you please share the list, including serial numbers, of this BL660C fleet?

GPAA: "HPE can provide, alternatively we can provide the spreadsheet that HPE provided to us to them".

No.	Description	Serial Number	Location
1	HP BL660c Gen8 10Gb Fib CTO Blade	CZ34143KX1	Gallo
2	HP BL660c Gen8 10Gb Fib CTO Blade	CZ34143KWY	Gallo
3	HP BL660c Gen8 10Gb Fib CTO Blade	CZ34143KWX	Gallo
4	HP BL660c Gen8 10Gb Fib CTO Blade	CZ34143KWW	Gallo
5	HP BL660c Gen8 10Gb Fib CTO Blade	CZ34143KX2	Gallo
6	HP BL660c Gen8 10Gb Fib CTO Blade	CZ34143KX3	Gallo
7	HP BL660c Gen8 10Gb Fib CTO Blade	CZ34143KWB	Hamilton
8	HP BL660c Gen8 10Gb Fib CTO Blade	CZ34143KWC	Gallo
9	HP BL660c Gen8 10Gb Fib CTO Blade	CZ34143KWD	Hamilton
10	HP BL660c Gen8 10Gb Fib CTO Blade	CZ34143KWE	Gallo
11	HP BL660c Gen8 10Gb Fib CTO Blade	CZ34143KWF	Hamilton
12	HP BL660c Gen8 10Gb Fib CTO Blade	CZ34143KWA	Hamilton
13	HP BL660c Gen8 10Gb Fib CTO Blade	CZ34143KWK	Hamilton
14	HP BL660c Gen8 10Gb Fib CTO Blade	CZ34143KWL	Hamilton
15	HP BL660c Gen8 10Gb Fib CTO Blade	CZ34143KWM	Hamilton
16	HP BL660c Gen8 10Gb Fib CTO Blade	CZ34143KWN	Gallo
17	HP BL660c Gen8 10Gb Fib CTO Blade	CZ34143KWP	Hamilton
18	HP BL660c Gen8 10Gb Fib CTO Blade	CZ34143KWR	Gallo
19	HP BL660c Gen8 10Gb Fib CTO Blade	CZ34143KWS	Hamilton
20	HP BL660c Gen8 10Gb Fib CTO Blade	CZ34143KX0	Hamilton

- May we assume that the listed other models, i.e. BL460C models are to be retained and supported under the current HPE warranty that ends on 31 March 2028?

GPAA: “yes hence the extended maintenance and support for the 36 months from the date that the current support contract terminates.”

- May you please share the specs of these BL660c Servers that have to be replaced?

GPAA: “HPE should be able to provide the BOM/Specification using the serial numbers given in the table above.”

Project Scope:

2. **Supply, installation, configuration and integration of the new infrastructure** – to what level must these new servers be installed, will that be to green light, OS load, or Hypervisor/OS integration?

GPAA: “Installed, configured and integrated with other components such as Fibre switches, cabling of the new equipment and the current equipment on the remaining Gen10 Blades The GPAA appointed Infrastructure Service Provider will do the OS and Hypervisor installation.”

- Which hypervisor is the GPAA using?

GPAA: “Hyper-V and a few on VMware. The GPAA appointed Infrastructure Service Provider will do the OS, Hypervisor and VMware installation.”

- Are Platform conversions required?

GPAA: “No conversion but integration with the existing equipment e.g. network (data) and storage component (i.e. fibre channels).”

- Will any migrations be required, from old hardware to new hardware?

GPAA: “No on the server side and Yes on the hardware side for the management servers e.g. network (data) and storage component (i.e. fibre channels).”

- Will the decommissioning of the old equipment require asset disposal?

GPAA: “for the buyback components which the service provider must return to the OEM”

- Is a project manager required?

GPAA: “It is for the service provider to decide.”

Support (clause on the SBD 3.1 – Pricing Schedule):

3. **“The GPAA reserves the right to not extend the hardware maintenance and support beyond the 1st anniversary date of the contract.”** – Please be aware that the mandatory OEM requirement is a 60-day notice period for this.

GPAA: “Yes, we are aware, and we will comply when required.”

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