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Questions and Answers

RfQ for the procurement of Server and Licenses (RfQ12/00545)

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Question 1:
Item 1. The specification of the processor corresponds to the previous generation of Intel server's processors (i.e. Intel Xeon Quad Core E5620 (2.4GHz/12MB cache, 5.86GT/s QPI). The latest generation has new architecture, lower frequency, bigger cache and other new features.
In case of latest generation of Intel processors what benchmark (i.e. SPECint) is acceptable to propose similar to requested processor?

Answer 1:
The following processor will be acceptable: Intel Xeon E5649 2.53GHz, 12M Cache, 5.86 GT/s QPI, 6C.

Question 2:
Item 1. Latest generation of HP and IBM servers consists one serial port, maximum 6 (3 – standard) PCI slots, 7 and 8 USB ports respectively.
Will be acceptable to propose server with 1 serial port (2 requested), 3 or 6 PCI slots (7 requested), 7 USB ports (10 requested)?

Answer 2:
The following are the minimum requirements: 2 serial ports, 6 PCI slots, 6 or 7 USB ports.

Question 3:
Item 1. iSCSI hardware accelerated feature for standard Gigabit Ethernet cards is not standard feature for server. Several dual-port network adapters support it (i.e. from Broadcom company). But we should add at least 2 adapters in standard configuration with additional charge (in case of IBM servers at least). This feature is used to connect to iSCSI storage over public LAN.
Is it acceptable to propose network adapters without iSCSI HW Accelerated?

Answer 3: Yes.

Question 4:
Item 2. How many CALs (CALs, this means how many people will be using the server) should be included in Windows Server license?

Answer 4: We need 10 CALs for administrators and statisticians.