

Responses to Clarifications

No. 1

Reference No: CCS/KOR/2022/11/001-DC

Contract Title:

Supply and Delivery of Servers and Network Switches and Other Computer Related Equipment for the CARICOM Secretariat
Guyana and Barbados Offices

No.	Questions	Responses
1.	Do you allow equivalent items (Brand: HP) to be quoted?	Based on existing policy and for practical purposes, no equivalent brands (such as HP) can be accommodated at this time.
2.	Could you please describe the number of servers for which the licenses will be applied (breakdown of the 228 cores)?	<p>The requested server operating system is Microsoft Windows Server Data Center 2022 (288 cores). The breakdown of the servers and licenses are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Servers for Guyana office: 4 servers x 2 processors x 24 cores = 192 cores2. Servers for Barbados office: 3 servers x 2 processors x 16 cores = 96 cores
3.	I. We observe the request for the following line item and which to see clarity on what the 288 represents. Is that the total number of cores? Is this the total number of Windows Server Data Center 2022 licenses? Please clarify.	I. This is the total number of cores.

	<p>II. Can you double check with the customer why they are downgrading the application from Availability Suite to backup and replication? They should be adding more licenses from the same product that they have installed.</p> <p>III. Will the supplier be responsible for delivering the equipment to the Barbados office?</p>	<p>II. The Veeam Backup and Replication is required for the Secretariat's Barbados office and is a separate installation from the Veeam package use at the Guyana office.</p> <p>III. The supplier is responsible for delivering the equipment specified in the distribution list to the Barbados office.</p>
4.	<p>Veeam no longer prices licenses via the number of sockets now they have adopted a model where they price by the number of instances. Could you please confirm if the client is requesting for example Veeam Essentials for x amount of instances, perpetual Universal license for 1 year</p>	<p>Please note 30 Veeam Universal Licenses (VULs) for one year based on the new licensing model that Veeam has adopted is required.</p>