

There are the questions of participant of purchase „THE COMPUTER NETWORK MODERNIZATION 2019“and response of Contract Award Committee (CAC):

Question:

According to the tender materials, you are asking for the compatibility of purchased servers and storage equipment with the existing HW and SW equipment, but tender materials provided does not include:

- *the existing hardware configurations,*
- *operating systems and their versions,*
- *Virtualization software and it's versions,*
- *iSCSI or CNA adaptors models and their FW versions,*
- *LAN (SAN) hardware models and their FW versions.*

For example, even if the current equipment is from one/the same manufacturer, compatibility is checked only knowing it's configuration key elements such as the x86 architecture, the LAN/CNA/HBA Adapter model and the FW version, the operating system and it's version, the LAN/SAN switch models and their FW versions.

If compatibility with existing equipment is required, please specify the storage models and OS versions currently in use. Even the same manufacturer may have a storage that is not compatible. For example, The Dell EMC PowerVault MD is not compatible with the Dell EMC Unity storage, or the Dell EMC SC storage is not compatible either with the Dell's EMC Unity storage nor with the Dell EMC PowerVault MD storage.

Answer:

The contracting authority based on the security policies can not disclose this information. Furthermore it is not needed, because of the system compatibility was already checked and all information what is necessary is written in to the technical specification.

Question:

One more important question is regarding servers configuration. Some not important technical requirements (like number of "other ports" – 6xUSB and 2xVGA -, Video controller (for server?) – 16 MB RAM, disk controller – 8 GB cash memory or number of supported disks 28 in 2U housing) limiting vendor choice and increasing project spending. Basically we would like to recommend/ask to change:

- *Height of the housing – 4U, or number of supported disks - 24*
 - *Disk controller – controller must have not less 4 GB of cache memory*
- Waiting for the comment or changes.*

Answer:

To the knowledge of the contracting authority, there are more than one manufacturer on the market capable of providing the required amount of disk drives in 2U space. Requirements will not be changed.

The contracting authority has assessed the performance needs of its systems and cannot afford to purchase lower performance systems. To protect investments and ensure the future performance of the systems, the requirements will not be changed.