

**ECMWF/ItpQ/2020/307**

**Invitation to pre-qualify for "European Weather Cloud – Delivery and Operation of a Production On-Prem OpenStack Cloud"**

**Clarifications V1**

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ECMWF/ItPQ/2020/307 Questions and Answers

Number	Question	Answer
1	<p>Could you provide more detail on what content is expected on the Standards&amp;Procedures section? We read in the ItPQ "Responders are encouraged to give any supporting Standards &amp; Procedures information that they feel lends weight to the views expressed in their submissions." however it is not fully clear to me if the ECWMF expects international standards or best practices, GMV methodologies, standards and/or procedures in this kind of services, specific technical procedures for the solution or something else.</p>	<p>Responders are, of course, invited to offer any and all Standards &amp; Procedures that they feel lend weight to the views that they express in their submissions. The S&amp;Ps that are most likely to attract positive attention from ECMWF are those that are directed at the technology and operational environment that they propose in their submission. Perhaps, to this end, for instance, responders may like to describe in brief the relevance of those S&amp;Ps that they offer.</p>
2	<p>Is there any possibility to participate in the ItPQ as a consortium of two or more companies, that would jointly prove their competence? If not is there a possibility to use subcontractors and prove the competence using such subcontractors.</p>	<p>ECMWF will only enter into a contract with a single legal entity. We recognise that some responders may wish to involve and work together with a number of organisations to deliver the requirements. In such cases, these organisations must identify a lead contractor who will sign the contract with ECMWF and who will be responsible for putting in place legal arrangements to ensure that it can guarantee that all other organisations will also meet the contract obligations. This can be in the form of a subcontracting. ECMWF will not enter into multiple contracts with individual members of consortia or groups of service providers.</p> <p>In this regard, suppliers should note that partial responses, by suppliers who are interested in or only capable of offering complementary services or solutions, will not be considered.</p>
3	<p>In order to have a better understanding of the context, please indicate where ECMWF intends to deploy the new OpenStack solution: if in Bologna at the new Data Center as seems to be evident from the documentation, or in Reading at the current Data Center or in distributed mode among the two Data Centers.</p>	<p>ECMWF plans to make all deployments under the eventual (prospective) contract in its new data centre in Bologna. There are no plans to make any such deployments in the existing data centre in Reading</p>