CLARIFICATION QUESTIONS

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To: Interested Service Providers
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Subject: Request for tenders (RFT): Procurement of Hyper-Converged Infrastructure (HCI) Solution

**Question 1:**
As per the RFT the switch requirements are specifically 10GBaseT, is this the only acceptable standard or could we also provide a cost effective SFP solution which may deliver same or greater capacity?

**Response:**
Vendor can provide cost effective SFP solution which can provide greater transmission capacity.

**Question 2:**
As per RFT the solutions specifically states VSAN, is this the only acceptable standard or could we also provide a solution with similar and more flexible capabilities for expansion?

**Response:**
VSAN is the preferred solution SPREP is looking for, but vendor can provide other solutions as options for SPREP to choose from.

**Question 3:**
For installation will a warehouse setup (out of Samoa) for SPREP team to rack and stack onsite with accompanying as built documentation and then remote setup completion and support be acceptable?

**Response:**
Required initialization of hardware can be done offsite at the warehouse and other installation and configuration to be done onsite working together with SPREP IT. Vendor to work remotely with SPREP IT to complete the onsite setup.

**Question 4:**
Is there any preferred hardware requirements due to after sales support challenges?

**Response:**
No there is no preferred hardware requirements in terms of brand, but preference will be given to hardware with reputable reviews in terms of performance and vendor support. Note there is requirements for the node chassis for scalability in terms of storage and ram which has been stated in the RFT.