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SUBJECT: **Clarification No. 2**
RFP No. 2024-0188/RICKARD: Replacement of data archiving solution

Dear Bidders,

Reference is made to the Request for Proposal No. RFP No. 2024-0188/RICKARD, “Replacement of data archiving solution” (the “RFP”).

Further, please find attached **Clarifications No. 2** related to queries raised by Bidders in respect to the above-mentioned RFP.

The attached Clarifications No. 2 are an integral part of the RFP documents and shall be considered in the preparation and submission of proposals.

We are looking forward to receiving your proposal prior to the submission deadline of 19 December 2024, 17:00 hours, Vienna (Austria) local time.

Sincerely,

Sally Alvarez de Schreiner
Chief, Procurement Services Section

Attachment

- Clarifications No. 2

Clarifications

#	Bidders' Question	Answer
1	Q&A is only possible up to 10 days before submission (until today) – can it be extended	Please refer to Clarification No.1 issued on 05 November 2024 where this was amended to 7 days prior to the Closing Date.
2	In „2.3 Software“ the Hypervisor VMware ESXi 8.x is mentioned. Besides the general concerns that attaching tape resources to a ESX VM is not supported by VMware, if the proposed software can not run on a VM, is it possible to install RHEL directly on the server?	The Commission has no evidence that tape resources are not supported by VMware. Therefore, refer to the requirement in the ToR. If there is such evidence, related supporting documentation should be provided as part of the offer for evaluation of any such alternative/equivalent solution having the same result.
3	If the proposed software does not provide an S3 interface but can integrate a standard S3 software solution (e. g. MinIO), is this an acceptable solution?	It is not possible to confirm whether this is an acceptable solution at this time, this will be considered as part of the technical evaluation. Should a bidder propose such a solution the following would be required: a. Enterprise version of MinIO with maintenance and support deployed in high available fashion; and b. An architecture diagram of the MinIO installation and its integration to the solution.