

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST



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Subject: EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR PURCHASING AND FURTHER IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW OS LICENSES AND PLATFORMS FOR RESPA DATA CENTER

This is a call to potential providers of goods to register interest in providing them.

Description of the requirements and specific:

Regional School of Public Administration (ReSPA) is a regional organization established in 2010 as a joint initiative financed by European Commission and Western Balkans administrations. It is managed and governed by five ReSPA Members: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Republic of North Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia, while Kosovo* is beneficiary.

Our mission is to support creation of transparent, accountable and professional public administration institutions which provide efficient services to the benefit of citizens and businesses.

To support this mission, we have a datacenter with multiple internal servers and services which are critical for our operations. Most of these servers are installed when ReSPA was established and were not upgraded since. Considering that some of them have reached their *End of Support* and *End of Life* lifecycle phases, which means they are no longer supported or maintained by their manufacturer and pose a significant security risk for our organization, ReSPA is looking for an experienced and reliable partner who will perform upgrade of our Microsoft Active Directory Domain Controller and Microsoft Exchange servers. In order to perform this upgrade, RESPA is looking for procurement of the following software and licences:

Software and licences

- Windows Server 2019 Standard (16 Cores)-Quantity: 1
 - License for the Active Directory Server's operating system
- Windows Server 2016 Standard (16 Cores) - Quantity: 1
 - License for the Exchange server's operating system
- Microsoft Exchange 2016 Standard - Quantity: 1

- License for the Microsoft Exchange itself.
- Microsoft Exchange 2016 Standard CAL Quantity: 40
 - Client Access Licenses (CAL) for individual users who will be accessing the Exchange server

To ensure that the selected partner has adequate expertise and experience working with the systems involved in this project, they must employ at least two (2) persons with the following qualifications/certificates:

- Microsoft Certified Solutions Expert
- Fortinet Network Security Expert (at least one at NSE7 level and one at NSE4 level)
- Kaspersky Certified Professional - Kaspersky Endpoint Security and Management
- Veeam Certified Engineer

We look forward to receiving your positive response to this Expression of Interest if meeting all listed requirements/qualifications.

If you decide to participate in this tender, we would be grateful if you could inform us by responding to this e mail not later 1 October 2021. ReSPA Secretariat will contact potential candidates, who responded by the deadline, regarding further steps in the procurement procedure.

Yours sincerely,

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