

- **Question-01: Considering the 26 blade servers in total, is our understanding of the Windows license distribution, as outlined in the table, correct? Or what is the planned distribution for these licenses?**

<b>As RFP Requirement</b>	<b><u>License Type</u></b>	<b><u>Windows Licenses Req Qty</u></b>	<b><u>Default pCores License</u></b>	<b><u>Total pCores</u></b>	<b><u>Max Servers to be covered (PR + DR)</u></b>
	Datacenter	54	16	864	15
	Standard	50	16	800	14

It's important to determine how Datacenter and Standard licenses are applied based on virtualization load, ensuring all blades are fully covered. This will also affect the unified support licensing included in the RFP.

As an alternate; customer can opt Datacenter license for all servers, which will increase cost, but will give functionality to avail unlimited Windows Servers Virtual Machines.

<https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/windows-server/get-started/locks-limits?tabs=full-comparison&pivots=windows-server-2022>

Locks and limits	Windows Server 2022 Standard	Windows Server 2022 Datacenter	Windows Server 2022 Datacenter: Azure Edition
Can be used as virtualization guest	Yes; 2 virtual machines, plus one Hyper-V host per license	Yes; unlimited virtual machines, plus one Hyper-V host per license	Yes; unlimited virtual machines, plus one Hyper-V host per license

**Response:**

**Please comply as per the mentioned quantities in RFP.**

**Initial requirements is; (Data Center: 54 Licenses and Standard: 50 Licenses)**

- **Question-02: Will SCCM manage all Datacenter and Standard Edition servers and their VMs, considering the environment will be virtual? Should we add separate licenses for managing physical servers? Distribution of Windows Servers requirement in Question-01 is relevant to this as well.**

It's important to highlight that SCCM can manage physical servers and virtual machines, **additional SCCM Server ML licenses** would be required if there are any **physical servers** to be managed, as licensing applies to each physical device.

**Response:**

- **The entire PULSE workload will be hosted virtually on HYPER-V only. No physical servers need to be provisioned at this time.**
  - **Please comply as per the mentioned quantities in RFP.**
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- **Question-03: SCCM Qty = 1, It should be 2 since the equipment is spanned across two different data centers?**

SCCM (System Center Configuration Manager) generally needs to be deployed in multiple data centers to manage geographically dispersed environments. Having **1 SCCM instance** may result in limitations for redundancy and managing devices across the two sites.

**Response:**

**SCCM quantities will remain same as per requirements of RFP.**

- **Question-04: Should SCCM be hosted on Datacenter-licensed servers to gain full management functionality compared to Standard-licensed servers?**

Hosting SCCM on Datacenter servers could provide more flexibility and scalability.

**Response:**

Datacenter Edition.

- **Question-05: Is SCCM “Server ML” the correct licensing requirement, given that all servers will be virtual?**

Please confirm, if this assumption of selecting “Server ML” is valid. Since the entire environment is virtual, using **SCCM Server ML licenses** should be sufficient. More details on Management licenses given below;

**Response:**

**Server ML**

- **Question-06: kindly confirm that unified support is required for complete boq or adequate(critical)boq only.**

**Response:**

**Initially, unified support required only for Data Center Edition 54 License.**