

CLARIFICATIONS

ECMWF/RFI/2024/365 Request for Information for a High Performance Computing Facility (HPCF) for ECMWF

Clarifications issued 28 March 2024

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We are pleased to provide the following clarification responses to the questions received:

First issue clarifications:

1 Ref: C1_RFI 365

Q: Would it be possible to have an extension to the timetable for submission of the RFI?

A: ECMWF needs time to prepare a business case for presentation to its governing bodies and their advisory committees and it is important that we have as much information to inform that case as possible.

A long extension is unfortunately not possible, but by using the contingency time we will extend the date for submission to **12 May 2024 23:59 UK local time**. Consequently the initial timeline in section 1.3.2 becomes:

5 March 2024	Issue of this RFI
6 March – 28 April 2024	Discussions between ECMWF and vendors to clarify the RFI specification
29 April 2024	Last date for submission of clarification questions for this RFI
12 May 2024 23:59 UK local time	Close of RFI

No further extensions will be possible. However this is a Request for Information, extra results and information may be submitted after the closing date of the RFI.

Second issue clarifications:

2 Ref: C2_RFI 365

Q: When the tender is officially released in a latter phase, will only the RFI participants be invited to the tender or it will be open to everyone?

A: The RFI is not a qualification step for the future tender. The future tender will be open to all eligible suppliers and participation in this RFI will not be an evaluation criterion.