



Changes in ARDC's Nectar Cloud RFP from v2 to Final Version

1. Version numbers of all documents changed from DRAFT Version 2 to FINAL Version.
2. Part A Section 3.4 and Attachment 1 now include information about Acceptance Tests specified and run by ARDC Core Services to ensure the infrastructure meets minimum requirements for federating with the Nectar Research Cloud.
3. In Part A Section 4.4, removed requirement for cost of hardware maintenance agreements to be covered by co-investment, and added requirement that hardware is covered by a maintenance agreement for the agreed period of operation of the infrastructure (at least 3 years).
4. Part A Section 6.1 makes it clearer that the practical completion report is provided after the infrastructure has been deployed and passed acceptance testing.
5. Part B sections 2.4 and 3.2 explains that local researchers (that is, researchers whose organisation has a direct arrangement with the Node partner providing resources, therefore contributing towards the total 1:1 co-investment) will get priority on the resources provided by that partner.
6. Part B section 4 clarifies that all Research Cloud Node providers will have representation on Research Cloud governance committees, not just the providers who are successful in this RFP.
7. Part B section 2.2 and Attachment 1 section 1.1 now indicate that the quote and specification of the equipment in the Proposal are indicative and can be changed in the final quote and specification that need to be approved by ARDC prior to purchasing, although any changes would need to be explained and justified and agreed by ARDC.
8. Minor revisions to the wording of Part D Section 4 question 7 to clarify the intent.
9. Revised the wording of Part D Section 4 question 18 to clarify the intent.
10. Attachment 1 section 1.2 provides has a link to the detailed Research Cloud Node specifications, which include the Acceptance Tests required by ARDC.