

# Procurement @Oxford

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- Tender: Specify as much as you can, even down to cable colours, labels and blanking plates. (More difficult if you have to go to EU Tender)
- Talk to the vendors to see what is available, don't limit yourselves to what you had last time.
- Evaluate what's best for you, Spec/£, TB/£, but also other factors.
  - (Watch out for misc costs installation and testing etc)
  - Service levels, speed of delivery, compatibility with existing kit, on site spares, acceptance tests.
  - Balance of storage vs CPU and not just CPU but number of cores.
- Useful to have vendor run HEPSPEC06 as part of the acceptance tests.

# What we got

- AMD 8 core dual CPU servers in twin squared chassis. 2GB/core, dual sata systems disks (RAID 0)
- 36 slot (\*2TB) disk servers. 10GigE too expensive for us so compromise with 6 channel bonded gigabit Ethernet channels.
- Extra 3com 5500G to integrate with our existing setup.