1. I have a VMware ELA. Do I need to buy additional licenses from HDS for Hitachi Unified Compute Platform?
   No. You can apply your existing licenses to the UCP solution. However, for VMware support you will use your existing support model.

2. My storage team doesn’t give administrative access to the VMware team. Do we have to change this to use UCP?
   No. UCP allows you to assign roles to vCenter users. The storage team can either continue to administer the storage as they do today, or they can use Hitachi Unified Compute Platform Director to simplify storage administration.

3. Can I leverage the storage from UCP for other solutions?
   Yes, we simply add the resources required, such as Fibre Channel ports, RAID groups, etc., for the other solutions.

4. How easy is it to create an image?
   Very simple. UCP supplies a default image. UCP Director allows you to clone this image and modify it, or upload your own image. Hitachi recommends modifying the default image.

5. How flexible is the UCP configuration? Does it use set configurations or can they be customized?
   The UCP configuration can be built around any of the HDS storage systems, using any media available. The servers can be from 6 core to 12 core, and memory can be from 96GB to 768GB. UCP can scale from a minimum of 2 servers to a maximum of 128.

6. UCP is a total Hitachi solution, correct? If so, does HDS also have reference architectures that can be followed as well?
   Yes. Hitachi solutions labs have created many reference architectures around common applications including VDI, SAP, SQL, SharePoint, and many more. Go to http://www.hds.com/go/vmware to download the information.