



AWS GPU Capacity Blocks Pricing: 256-GPU Deadline Costs

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Executive Summary

Amazon Web Services (AWS) GPU Capacity Blocks pricing is a prepaid graphics processing unit (GPU) capacity decision for Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud (EC2). It does not by itself establish completed-job cost. As of **October 20, 2026**, AWS's opened Ohio table lists **p5en.48xlarge at \$63.158 per eight-H200 node-hour**, displaying **\$7.895 per accelerator-hour**. It identifies **January 2027** as the next scheduled update. The price is locked at purchase even if the block starts after a subsequent update. (aws.amazon.com)

For the requested **32-node, 256-GPU** configuration, $32 \times 24 \times \$63.158 = \$48,505.344$, or **\$48,505.34** displayed to cents. This is illustrative arithmetic for **24 chargeable hours per node**, not a live offer for a one-day wall-clock reservation. AWS's financial-services whitepaper says the last **30 minutes are not charged**. The actual offering's **UpfrontFee** must replace this normalization; no customer-account capacity quote or matched On-Demand price was obtained for this report. (docs.aws.amazon.com)

Schedule assurance is valuable only when the useful run fits. P5en blocks end at **11:30 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC)**, but termination begins at **11:00 UTC**. Reserve time for staging, final checkpoint, export, and validation before the operational cutoff. (docs.aws.amazon.com) Recovery must also be measured: PyTorch distributed checkpoints can contain multiple files, and DeepSpeed checkpoint saving requires participation from all processes. A saved filename alone is not evidence that a job can resume. (docs.pytorch.org) (www.deepspeed.ai)

The worked sensitivity test is explicitly hypothetical. With a fixed workload, preparation/export overhead, and a termination buffer, lower useful utilization or one restart can make the assumed block insufficient. Compare **block total minus alternative compute cost, divided by avoided delay value per hour**, then reconcile both paths to the same all-in cost boundary. FinOps guidance supports allocating direct and shared costs explicitly. (framework.finops.org) For owned capacity, use metered energy in kilowatt-hours and the buyer's tariff. (www.eia.gov)

The recommendation is conditional: buy when the offered window fits a rehearsed workload and the buyer's avoided delay value exceeds the schedule premium. Keep capacity assurance distinct from price discounts, as Microsoft's reservation documentation does, and normalize competing billing commitments, which can differ substantially. (learn.microsoft.com) (docs.lambda.ai) No alternative provider is assumed to have an equivalent cluster available.

Introduction and Background

The procurement unit is a **completed fine-tuning job**, with an accepted model artifact delivered before a business deadline. A graphics processing unit (GPU) hour is only an input. MLPerf Training illustrates the distinction: its benchmarks measure wall-clock training time to a specified quality target. That principle is useful here, but no published benchmark substitutes for the buyer's model, dataset, optimizer, precision, and acceptance test. (mlcommons.org)

The requested configuration is **32 nodes and 256 H200 GPUs**, calculated from eight GPUs per node. AWS documents H200-equipped P5en instances; this report evaluates that configuration rather than treating every H200 rental as interchangeable. (aws.amazon.com) NVIDIA specifies **141 gigabytes (GB) of high-bandwidth**

memory (HBM3e) and 4.8 terabytes per second (TB/s) memory bandwidth for H200. Those specifications establish hardware characteristics, not the duration of this fine-tuning run. (www.nvidia.com)

The buyer should define acceptance before requesting capacity. Otherwise, a fast run that needs another evaluation or export cycle can look inexpensive while missing the actual delivery requirement. MLPerf's Closed division requires the reference model for platform comparisons, reinforcing why comparisons need a consistent workload definition. (mlcommons.org)

The initial job record should contain:

- **Workload:** model revision, dataset manifest, tokenizer, precision, and optimizer configuration.
- **Completion:** target quality, evaluation procedure, and the artifact the downstream team accepts.
- **Timing:** earliest data-ready time, latest acceptable delivery, and required validation time.
- **Recovery:** restorable training state, checkpoint destination, and tested resume procedure.
- **Ownership:** platform approver, procurement owner, and the owner of the deadline's financial value.

These are worksheet requirements, not vendor performance claims. Training frameworks make the recovery question concrete: PyTorch Distributed Checkpoint saves and loads across multiple ranks, while DeepSpeed requires all processes to participate in checkpoint saving. A single coordinator writing a file is not sufficient evidence of a recoverable distributed job. (docs.pytorch.org) (www.deepspeed.ai)

GPU Smith's perspective is that of an independent infrastructure engineering adviser. The decision examined here is whether reserved capacity, ordinary usage-based capacity, a delayed run, or an existing owned cluster delivers the required result at an acceptable total cost. Shared platform and support costs should have an explicit allocation policy, consistent with the FinOps Foundation's allocation guidance. (framework.finops.org)

Key Changes

Use the fetched rate, not an older planning note

As of **October 20, 2026**, the opened AWS pricing table lists Ohio **p5en.48xlarge at \$63.158 per node-hour**, with a displayed accelerator rate of **\$7.895**. The same page identifies **January 2027** as the next scheduled update. Older planning figures should therefore be replaced before approval; the displayed per-accelerator number is rounded and should not be multiplied back into a purported exact node quote. (aws.amazon.com)

The contractual input is the offered upfront fee, not a spreadsheet reconstructed from a public rate. AWS's offering response defines **UpfrontFee** as the total amount payable upfront. Save the original response with the offering identifier, currency, instance count, location, start, end, and duration, then reconcile the worksheet against that response. (docs.aws.amazon.com)

Separate duration, termination, and price

Current AWS documentation permits reservations from **one through 14 days**, then in **seven-day multiples through 182 days**, booked up to **eight weeks ahead**, with up to **64 instances per block**. The requested cluster fits that documented size ceiling; this does not establish that a matching offering is available. Capacity Blocks cannot be canceled after reservation. (docs.aws.amazon.com)

For P5en instance blocks, the documented end is **11:30 UTC**, and termination begins at **11:00 UTC** on the final day. An application must finish exporting before termination begins. A displayed end timestamp is therefore not the last safe training timestamp. (docs.aws.amazon.com) Managed Amazon Elastic Kubernetes Service (EKS) node groups schedule scale-down **40 minutes before expiration**, potentially moving the effective operational cutoff earlier again. (docs.aws.amazon.com)

The financial-services whitepaper separately says the final **30 minutes are not charged**. Its older duration discussion should not override the current lifecycle guide. More importantly, this billing exclusion does not justify silently subtracting time from an already effective hourly price. The actual offer determines the amount payable; the scheduler determines the time available. (docs.aws.amazon.com)

Treat extensions as contingency capacity

An extension requires available capacity and is **not guaranteed**. Current guidance allows extension requests from **57 days before expiry until at least one hour before expiry**. A deadline plan should finish within the purchased window unless an extension has actually been obtained. (docs.aws.amazon.com)

The same separation applies to recovery automation. Kubernetes terminates running Pods when a Job reaches its active deadline; Slurm sends termination signals at a job's time limit. Neither mechanism creates more reserved time. The application needs its own completion and export budget inside the infrastructure envelope. (kubernetes.io) (slurm.schedmd.com)

Implementation Considerations and Process Changes

Build a backwards schedule from the exported artifact

Start with the required delivery time, then work backwards through evaluation, artifact validation, export, final checkpoint, training, initialization, and data staging. Record both the reservation end and the earliest scheduler shutdown. Kubernetes' deadline enforcement and Slurm's time-limit signals are useful controls, but their settings must reflect that external schedule. (kubernetes.io) (slurm.schedmd.com)

A practical sequence is:

- **Before the reservation:** validate credentials, images, datasets, quotas, and launch templates.
- **At activation:** launch the entire cluster and confirm every expected worker joins.
- **Before training:** verify data access, communication, and a small distributed checkpoint.
- **During training:** observe useful progress and persist recoverable state.
- **Before cutoff:** stop training early enough to save, consolidate, export, and validate.
- **After export:** confirm the artifact can be loaded outside the expiring cluster.

The last checks need separate timing. DeepSpeed documents consolidation of distributed checkpoints for use outside its runtime. That operation can be distinct from checkpoint creation, so an internal checkpoint timestamp should not be treated as proof that the recipient has a usable deliverable. (deepspeed.readthedocs.io)

Test restoration, not just checkpoint creation

PyTorch's distributed checkpointing produces multiple files. The recovery test should verify that all expected shards reach durable storage, that the metadata is readable, and that a replacement cluster can load the result. This is a recommended acceptance procedure, not a claim that every framework checkpoint has identical contents. (docs.pytorch.org)

The pinned **Transformers v5.0.0** Trainer guide says optimizer state is not saved by default. The team should verify its own installed version and configuration rather than generalizing that statement to every release. Its documented resume mechanism supports the latest or a specified checkpoint; exercise the exact path intended for production recovery. (huggingface.co)

DeepSpeed documents saving model, optimizer, and learning-rate-scheduler state, plus application-specific client state. Record dataset position, counters, and any additional application state needed to resume the intended experiment. Framework support is a starting point; a successful save-and-restore rehearsal is the evidence procurement needs. (www.deepspeed.ai)

Recovery can also change reproducibility. The Trainer guide cautions that nondeterministic PyTorch settings can prevent identical random-number-generator states after resumption. Decide beforehand whether acceptance means comparable quality or exact reproducibility, then measure recovery under that requirement. (huggingface.co)

Make scheduler behavior explicit

A Kubernetes Job that has failed does not automatically restart. Suspending and resuming it also resets its active-deadline timer. Preserve an immutable reservation cutoff outside that relative timer, so an operational action cannot accidentally extend the application's assumed runway. (kubernetes.io)

Slurm requeueing starts the batch script from its beginning. The script must explicitly discover and load the checkpoint; requeueing alone does not restore training state. Advance signaling should leave enough room for checkpoint completion, and Slurm notes that its event handling can send a requested signal early. (slurm.schedmd.com)

Record recovery responsibility as carefully as the technical mechanism. A working PyTorch restore path and an application-aware DeepSpeed checkpoint are useful only if the on-call workflow invokes them before the available time expires. The purchase decision should use measured recovery time, including operator and scheduler response. (docs.pytorch.org) (www.deepspeed.ai)

Quotes and the Pre-Purchase Input Ledger

A dated quote ledger keeps three things separate: a public rate used for orientation, an actual capacity offer, and buyer-supplied workload measurements. Preserve the capture date, units, and evidence for each. Google Cloud's calendar-mode reservations, for example, charge provisioned resources and bill some supporting resources separately, demonstrating why the scope of a reservation must be read alongside its price. (docs.cloud.google.com)

Table 1 is the input ledger for this report and the buyer's replacement worksheet. Monetary units are United States dollars (USD); energy is recorded in kilowatt-hours (kWh). "High" means directly documented; "unknown" means the required account-specific evidence was not available to this research.

Input	Value or required evidence	Source and capture date	Unit and confidence
P5en public rate	Ohio: \$63.158 per node-hour; displayed \$7.895 per accelerator-hour	AWS pricing, October 20, 2026. (aws.amazon.com)	USD/hour; high for displayed table, not an offer
Purchased block	Save offering ID, count, zone, timestamps, currency, duration, UpfrontFee	Buyer account response, not captured in this report.	USD/block and UTC timestamps; unknown
Useful training	Measure elapsed time to the agreed quality target	Buyer rehearsal; completion-oriented methodology. (mlcommons.org)	Useful cluster-hours; unknown
Restart state	Verify all distributed checkpoint files restore	Buyer restore test; PyTorch documentation. (docs.pytorch.org)	Seconds and complete shard set; unknown
Export	Measure checkpoint consolidation and final artifact validation	Buyer rehearsal; DeepSpeed documentation. (deepspeed.readthedocs.io)	Seconds and output bytes; unknown
Alternative capacity	Save matching quote, region, launch conditions, and capacity evidence	Buyer/provider response; capacity and quota are separate checks. (learn.microsoft.com)	USD/job and start timestamp; unknown
Electricity	Meter whole-system energy and apply the buyer's tariff	Buyer meter and invoice; EIA measurement guidance. (www.eia.gov)	kWh and USD/kWh; unknown
Shared costs	State allocation policy and owner	Buyer policy; FinOps guidance. (framework.finops.org)	USD/job; unknown

The ledger deliberately leaves throughput and capacity assurance unfilled. Azure's documentation separates quota from capacity, while CoreWeave describes On-Demand work as able to wait for available capacity. Neither statement supplies a numerical probability of obtaining this particular cluster. Use an actual offer or measured wait, not a confidence percentage invented for the spreadsheet. (learn.microsoft.com) (www.coreweave.com)

Obtain comparable alternatives

Request an AWS On-Demand quote for the same instance type, region, operating system, and intended run window. On-Demand billing follows launched instance runtime until stop or termination, whereas prepaid block economics depend on the purchased commitment. Record preparation and export time in both cases. (aws.amazon.com)

Then ask each alternative the same questions:

- **Capacity:** is the complete cluster secured, and when can it start?
- **Scope:** which networking, storage, support, and transfer costs are included?
- **Commitment:** what remains payable if the dataset is late or the run ends early?
- **Recovery:** can a checkpoint move to another cluster without an untested conversion?

- **Completion:** will the proposed configuration reach the same acceptance target?
- **Evidence:** which quote, contract term, or measured rehearsal supports each answer?

A discount instrument and a capacity instrument can differ. Microsoft explicitly describes Reserved Instances as a billing discount rather than a capacity guarantee; that distinction should appear in procurement terminology even if Azure is not a candidate for this job. No equivalent Azure H200 configuration is established here. (learn.microsoft.com)

Provider billing units also need normalization. Lambda documents minute-increment On-Demand billing and weekly billing increments for its reserved 1-Click Clusters. Those are procurement distinctions, not evidence that Lambda can supply the requested configuration or that either product is cheaper for this deadline. (docs.lambda.ai)

For another contract example, CoreWeave's description of Flex Reservations separates a holding fee from a usage rate and labels the offering preview. Compare both components and confirm eligibility; do not put a usage-only number beside an all-in prepaid block fee. (www.coreweave.com)

Completed-Job Economics and Alternatives

Calculate both cash outlay and attributable cost

Define **block total** as the actual upfront fee plus operating-system charges, staging, storage, transfers, engineering, checkpoint/export work, and any recovery or migration cost. AWS separates the reservation and operating-system fee, and Savings Plans or Reserved Instance discounts do not apply to the Capacity Block. (docs.aws.amazon.com)

For organizational costs, use an explicit allocation rule. FinOps describes allocation across direct and shared components, including support and centralized services. A platform team can report both incremental cash and fully allocated cost, provided both alternatives use the same boundary and neither silently omits shared work. (framework.finops.org)

The recommended calculation is:

- **Block completed-job cost:** all attributable block-path costs through acceptance.
- **Alternative completed-job cost:** all attributable alternative-path costs through the same acceptance.
- **Idle reservation allocation:** upfront fee multiplied by the chosen non-useful share.
- **Useful GPU-hour cost:** attributable compute fee divided by useful accelerator-hours.
- **Schedule premium:** block total minus alternative compute cost, or minus alternative total when fully reconciled.
- **Delay threshold:** schedule premium divided by buyer-supplied avoided delay cost per hour.

“Idle reservation allocation” explains the commitment; it is not an additional invoice line to add to the fee. Similarly, Lambda documents that running On-Demand instances are billable even when inactive. Switching billing models does not eliminate staging, waiting, or poor workload utilization. (docs.lambda.ai)

The requested break-even formula is $H = (B - A_{\text{compute}}) / V^*$. Here B is block total, A_{compute} is alternative compute cost, and V is the buyer's avoided delay value per hour. It is a screening measure because its numerator mixes total block cost with compute-only alternative cost. The fair reconciled version replaces A_{compute} with **A_total**, using the same allocation policy. (framework.finops.org)

For a **Hypothetical Example**, assume an all-in block cost of **\$52,000**, an all-in alternative cost of **\$40,000**, and delay value of **\$1,000 per hour**. The reconciled threshold is **12 avoided hours**. These are invented worksheet inputs, not quotes or business-impact estimates. If delay value is zero, this formula cannot justify a premium; if the premium is negative, cost already favors the block under the stated assumptions.

Compare delay and owned capacity

An existing cluster needs two views. The incremental view includes additional energy, operating work, storage, and displaced jobs. The allocated view also follows the organization's capital and shared-cost policy. FinOps permits fixed, proportional, and proxy-based shared allocation; the report does not prescribe a universal overhead percentage. (framework.finops.org)

Estimate **energy (kWh) = measured average whole-system power (kW) × elapsed hours**, then calculate **electricity cost (USD) = energy (kWh) × the buyer's tariff (USD/kWh)**. ([Virginia Cooperative Extension](https://www.eia.gov)) The Energy Information Administration (EIA) distinguishes power from energy and defines a kilowatt-hour as a kilowatt sustained for an hour. GPU nameplate power alone is not a measured cluster energy bill. (www.eia.gov)

Meter the relevant boundary, including host and network equipment where applicable, and document how facility overhead is allocated. Use actual consumption data rather than an unsupported constant. EIA describes electricity metering as the way consumption is measured; FinOps supplies the separate discipline for distributing shared expenses. (www.eia.gov) (framework.finops.org)

Delay can be the rational choice when inputs are unfinished or the owned cluster will soon be free. It can also be expensive when a downstream delivery is blocked. Put that value in the buyer's own ledger and show a range. Do not infer the value of a missed deadline from a GPU rental price.

A delayed start must also remain operationally feasible. Google calendar-mode future reservations have defined provisioning and end times; CoreWeave distinguishes waiting-tolerant On-Demand work from reserved baseline capacity. Such product descriptions support asking for an explicit start commitment, not assuming every quoted hourly rate includes one. (docs.cloud.google.com) (www.coreweave.com)

Data Analysis and Evidence

Rate arithmetic is not a reservation quote

Table 2 provides reproducible **32-node arithmetic** using the fetched AWS node rate. All outputs are analyst calculations, rounded only for display. The first row is a normalization to **24 chargeable hours per node**, not a verified price for a 24-hour wall-clock offering. (aws.amazon.com)

Calculation	Expression	Illustrative result
Accelerator count	$32 \text{ nodes} \times 8 \text{ GPUs}$	256 GPUs
Chargeable node-hours	32×24	768 node-hours
Reservation-fee normalization	$768 \times \$63.158$	\$48,505.34
Accelerator-hour denominator	256×24	6,144 GPU-hours
Unrounded rate equivalent	$\$63.158 \div 8$	\$7.89475/GPU-hour
Rounded-accelerator reconstruction	$768 \times (8 \times \$7.895)$	\$48,506.88, or \$1.536 higher before cent rounding

The small rounding difference matters because a spreadsheet should reproduce the actual price rather than invent precision. More materially, AWS's whitepaper excludes the final shutdown period from charging. Do not turn the first row into a one-day offer by assuming every wall-clock hour is billable, or reduce an effective quote a second time. **Replace the normalization with the actual UpfrontFee.** (docs.aws.amazon.com)

Utilization, start delay, and one restart

The following **Hypothetical Example** assumes a **24-hour wall-clock block**, a fee **Q = \$48,505.344**, **one hour staging**, **one hour checkpoint/export**, and a **0.5-hour termination buffer**. The fee is an assumed input numerically matching Table 2, not an AWS offer. The application needs **16 productive full-cluster hours**. Utilization u means useful progress per training-phase wall-clock hour, after staging and export are separately budgeted.

Without a restart, required reserved span is **$T = 16/u + 2.5$ hours**. With one restart, assume **two productive hours of repeated work** and **0.5 hour of reload overhead**, making **$T = 18/u + 3$ hours**. No probability is assigned. This models lost progress and time, not automatic recovery; Slurm and Kubernetes documentation both require attention to restart behavior. (slurm.schedmd.com) (kubernetes.io)

Table 3 varies utilization and restart count, then tests start delays against a buyer-defined deadline **36 hours after the nominal start**. "Pass" requires both fitting the assumed block and meeting the deadline. Costs are fee-only capacity metrics, excluding other expenses.

Useful utilization	Restarts	Required span	Fits 24 hours?	0-hour delay	12-hour delay	24-hour delay	Fee per useful GPU-hour available without restart
70%	0	25.36 h	No	Fail	Fail	Fail	\$12.59
70%	1	28.71 h	No	Fail	Fail	Fail	\$12.59
85%	0	21.32 h	Yes	Pass	Pass	Fail	\$10.37
85%	1	24.18 h	No	Fail	Fail	Fail	\$10.37
95%	0	19.34 h	Yes	Pass	Pass	Fail	\$9.28
95%	1	21.95 h	Yes	Pass	Pass	Fail	\$9.28

The capacity metric is $Q / [256 \times (24 - 0.5 - 1 - 1) \times u]$. It describes useful capacity if the available training phase is filled. It is not the completed-job price when the job fails to fit. For a successful single job needing the assumed **16 productive hours**, the prepaid fee per productive GPU-hour is $Q / (256 \times 16) = \$11.84$, regardless of unused capacity.

At the assumed intermediate utilization, adding a restart pushes the job outside the block even though the business deadline may still leave time. A later start can separately defeat an otherwise feasible run. These are distinct constraints: extra hours on a calendar do not create reserved hours, and a recoverable checkpoint does not guarantee another cluster.

The table uses the P5en termination buffer, not the earlier managed-EKS cutoff. Buyers using managed draining should substitute that cutoff and rerun the arithmetic. Define completion consistently with the quality target; MLPerf's methodology is a useful model for that discipline, not evidence for the assumed job duration. (mlcommons.org)

Implications and Future Directions

The principal value of a Capacity Block is a bounded capacity commitment aligned to a ready workload. The principal economic exposure is paying for a commitment whose useful output falls short of the plan. These should be assessed jointly through the quote, completion test, and restore rehearsal.

Treat checkpoint portability as a procurement input. PyTorch can load distributed checkpoints across changing topologies, and DeepSpeed documents checkpoint consolidation. Neither capability establishes that a different provider's cluster will run the buyer's model at the same speed. Validate the destination before assigning it a recovery value. (docs.pytorch.org) (deepspeed.readthedocs.io)

The workload also constrains vendor choice. NVIDIA's H200 memory specification explains a hardware characteristic, while MLPerf's reference-model rules explain why performance comparisons need workload control. A different accelerator count or model configuration should be a separately measured alternative, not an assumed equivalent substituted into the original cost sheet. (www.nvidia.com) (mlcommons.org)

Contract flexibility deserves its own comparison. Google documents conditional cancellation windows for approved calendar-mode requests; Microsoft distinguishes reservation capacity from billing discounts. Read those conditions for the actual service and configuration rather than using "reservation" as a universal promise. (docs.cloud.google.com) (learn.microsoft.com)

Before purchase, require a completed preflight:

- **Quote saved:** offering response, currency, fee, and region are retained.
- **Schedule reconciled:** staging, useful work, export, validation, and shutdown all fit.
- **Inputs ready:** dataset and images are accessible before reserved training begins.
- **Recovery tested:** distributed state restores and the intended resume path runs.
- **Alternatives dated:** cloud quotes and owned-cluster availability use the same decision window.
- **Cost boundary fixed:** storage, engineering, energy, and shared allocations are explicit.
- **Deadline valued:** the business owner supplies the delay-value range.
- **Overrun addressed:** checkpoint handoff or an independently secured continuation path exists.

Checkpoint acceptance should include the complete shard set, the intended resume option, and application state. PyTorch, the pinned Trainer guide, and DeepSpeed document those different pieces; procurement should ask for their tested combination rather than a generic “checkpointing enabled” checkbox.

(docs.pytorch.org) (huggingface.co) (www.deepspeed.ai)

Do not reserve when the required completion target is unsettled, data readiness is doubtful, or the necessary training-plus-export span exceeds the offered window. A longer reservation can be considered as a separate priced option, but a hoped-for extension is not a completion plan.

For an owned cluster, retain metered energy and an allocation policy alongside the cloud quotes. EIA's energy units make the physical cost reproducible; FinOps allocation guidance makes the organizational boundary reviewable. Either way, record enough evidence that finance and platform engineering can reconstruct the decision after the run. (www.eia.gov) (framework.finops.org)

Conclusion

AWS GPU Capacity Blocks pricing should be evaluated as the cost of a completed, accepted job inside a purchased time window. A public hourly rate provides a useful orientation, but it does not establish an offered cluster, a specific upfront fee, or sufficient time to deliver the final artifact.

The pre-purchase worksheet should preserve the actual offer, work backwards from the required delivery, and compare the same workload across reserved capacity, On-Demand capacity, delay, and the owned cluster. Completion-based measurement is more useful than a peak hardware figure; MLPerf's quality-target approach provides a relevant methodological reference. (mlcommons.org)

A restart path needs its own evidence. Saving distributed files, invoking the intended Trainer resume option, and preserving application state are related tasks that should be exercised together before procurement relies on them. The framework documentation supports those mechanisms; only a buyer rehearsal supplies the workload-specific duration. (docs.pytorch.org) (huggingface.co) (www.deepspeed.ai)

Finance should review both incremental cash and consistently allocated job cost, using the same shared-cost policy for every alternative. An owned-cluster calculation should likewise use measured energy rather than a presumed power figure. These principles follow the separate allocation and energy-measurement disciplines documented by FinOps and EIA. (framework.finops.org) (www.eia.gov)

Purchase when the verified window fits the workload and its schedule premium is justified by the buyer's deadline value. Choose an alternative when its credible completion plan is better. If the offer, rehearsal, or deadline valuation is missing, keep that input visibly unknown rather than turning an assumed number into a claim of savings.

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