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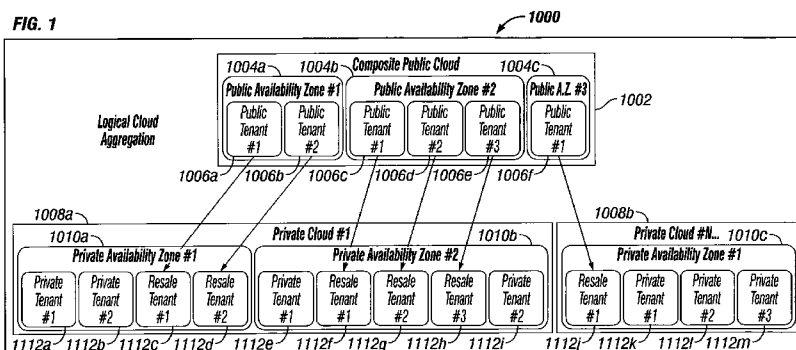
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sources available on a prospective seller's system and bids by prospective buyers for resources offered is maintained. A seller uses a
series of attributes to characterize an available resource for prospective buyers. Compute resources are presented in a form which can
be easily quantified or compartmentalized. Prospective buyers search the marketplace system based on desired resource criteria. The
marketplace continually evaluates the attributes of resources available for sale and the desired criteria of prospective buyers. The sys-
tem attempts to match buyers and sellers, optimizing for the needs of both parties. If a desirable match is found, the marketplace sys-
tem facilitates a transaction between both parties, making the purchased resource available to the buyer.