

Annual Cost of Maintaining Lenin's Body in Red Square Mausoleum Is \$197,000

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Vladimir Lenin, founder of the Soviet Union, lays embalmed in his tomb in Moscow's Red Square.

The cost of maintaining the body of former Soviet leader Vladimir Lenin in the mausoleum on Moscow's Red Square is estimated at 13 million rubles (\$197,000) for 2016, the Interfax news agency reported Tuesday.

The cost estimate was published on the Russian government's state procurement website. It is seeking tenders for “medical and biological works to maintain Lenin's body.”

Lenin, the leader of Russia's 1917 October Revolution, died in 1924. His body was placed in a mausoleum near the Kremlin wall on Red Square in Moscow.

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