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The following (Q&A) will serve as Amendment #1 to NYSIF's Request for Proposals (RFP) for IT Subscription-Based Information Technology Research and Advisory Services, bid number 2026-41-IT. Material in this Amendment supersedes any contradictory material in the RFP.

Please note that the due date for the submission of bids **remains the same.**

All bids are due 4/16/26, by 2:00 p.m.(eastern).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "V. Ginardi", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Vincent Ginardi
Contract Management Specialist 3

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Question #	RFP Page #	RFP Section and Sub-Section Reference #/Heading	Question	NYSIF Response
1	16	Section 2.6 – Subcontracting	Is NYSIF maintaining a list of interested subcontractors that prime bidders may reference when assembling their teams? If so, how can a firm express interest in being considered as a subcontractor?	NYSIF does not maintain or provide such a list. It is the responsibility of the potential subcontractors to reach out to potential prime vendors.
2	N/A	N/A	Could you please advise whether there is a plan-holder or bidder list available for this solicitation so that we may introduce our firm to vendors intending to submit proposals	Please refer to question 1.
3	N/A	N/A	Would it be possible to know if this procurement is a Discretionary procurement or it is intended for all vendors?	This is an open, competitive procurement.
4	N/A	N/A	Would you like a baseline before we begin penetration testing.	Not applicable to this RFP.
5	15	2.3 Services to be Provided	Will NYSIF please confirm that the Bidder's published online research documents must all be completely objective and unbiased toward any specific vendor or solution? Many research providers utilize sponsored research or accept commissions to write white papers that favor or promote a specific vendor or technology. These practices introduce the risk of bias influencing NYSIF's ability to make independent decisions on cloud ERP transformation that are in the best interest of the organization.	Please refer back to section 2.3.4 of the RFP for information regarding online research. Bidders should prepare their proposals to best address how they are able to provide these services.
6	15	2.3 Services to be Provided	Will NYSIF please confirm that the Bidder's published online research documents can only be created by the Bidder's fulltime community of research subject matter experts? Some research providers use contractors or "contributors" from across industry to supplement their employees' research efforts. Like sponsored research, this practice also represents risk to NYSIF, as the presence of third parties in research authorship dilutes the objectivity of the research analysis, because these groups are incentivized to promote their own companies, solutions, technologies, or strategic business partnerships.	Please refer back to section 2.3.4 of the RFP for information regarding online research. Bidders should prepare their proposals to best address how they are able to provide these services.
7	15	2.3 Services to be Provided	Will NYSIF please clarify if NYSIF intends for the "one-on-one expert consultation" and "expert guidance" to include access to an Executive Partner who has hands-on experience as a former CIO (or equivalent) in public-sector organizations, in addition to subject matter expert analysts?	Please refer back to section 2.2.6 of the RFP for requirements regarding subject matter experts.

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8	19	3.1.2 Financial Evaluation	Will NYSIF please clarify the evaluative criteria and scoring weight for how each line item in Appendix Z will be scored?	Per Section 3.1.2 of the RFP, the financial evaluation will be based upon a review of the Grand Total Cost of the Bidders Fee Schedule proposal, which details the total cost to provide all services listed within this RFP (30% of the overall score).
9	15	2.3 Services to be Provided	Will NYSIF please confirm if the "10 seats for advisory access" can include different levels of access (all of which will include one-on-one expert consultation as required)?	Please refer to Question 7.
10	14	2.2 Technical Specifications	To demonstrate a Bidder's ability to provide a wide range of reports, guidance, and best practices, we recommend NYSIF amend the RFQ to require offerors to provide the numbers of research documents produced over the past 12 months in relevant subjects such as Cloud Strategy & Operations, Modernizing I&O Platforms, AI Governance and Adoption, Cybersecurity & Risk Management, and DevSecOp, as well as provide sample titles of this research. Will NYSIF please consider amending the RFP to add this technical standard?	No
11	15	2.3 Services to be Provided	To demonstrate a Bidder's ability to provide advisory services, we recommend NYSIF amend the RFP to require Bidders to provide the total number of IT experts that the 10 advisory access-level license holders will have access to and the number of topic areas that are covered. Will NYSIF please amend the RFP to add this technical standard?	No
12	N/A	N/A	Do any licenses require access to an executive partner (EP) for a 1-to-1 relationship, or are you only looking for access to our analyst and research team through a guidance/advisory function? If and EP is required, how many license holders will need one?	Please refer to Question 7.
13	N/A	N/A	Is there an establish budget NYSIF is willing to share?	Not applicable to this RFP.
14	N/A	N/A	Is there an incumbent? If so, who?	Not applicable to this RFP.
15	N/A	N/A	Can NYSIF please clarify the level of service needed for each seat? If possible, could NYSIF please provide the titles for those who will be using the services?	Please refer back to the section 2.3 of the RFP for details regarding the level of service for each seat. NYSIF will provide necessary information regarding titles with awardee.
16	N/A	N/A	Subscription-Based Information Technology Research and Advisory Services has never worked in the past in any city, state, or federal contracts. Why is this RFP specific to Subscription-Based ITRA?	Not applicable to this RFP.

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17	N/A	N/A	Please provide a real-live sample where it has worked? Which IT organization provided the Subscription-Based ITRA?	Not applicable to this RFP.
18	N/A	N/A	Has anyone in your organization ever review the BSA/AML? Has your senior IT Team review this RFP? I do not want to hear from your IT Mangers or Directors, but specifically your senior IT Technical team.	Not applicable to this RFP.
19	N/A	N/A	Are you aware after Subscription-Based ITRA has been implemented, [REDACTED] has been the IT Organization that has been reversing the failure of Subscription-Based ITRA?	Not applicable to this RFP.
20	N/A	N/A	If I asked for the analytics specifically to your datacenter with respect to the business processes and operation generated by your Senior IT Staff, then is this information available?	Information such as this would be shared as needed with awardee.
21	N/A	N/A	Does your team understand the importance of business assessment in reflection to Information Technology Research and Advisory Services?	Not applicable to this RFP.
22	NA	NA	Due to current workload constraints, we respectfully request an extension to the submission deadline.	NYISF will not be issuing an extension to the bid due date at this time.
23	102 & 121	APPENDIX C CONTRACT PROVISIONS	If we are unable to meet the stated requirements, should we note this in our response and refrain from completing the form?	This can be addressed in response to Section 4.2.6 Comments and Limitations of the RFP.
24	95	APPENDIX C CONTRACT PROVISIONS	Where e-signatures are permitted, please confirm whether notarization is required or if execution without notarization is acceptable.	When required, notarization is required.
25	111	APPENDIX C CONTRACT PROVISIONS	Where e-signatures are permitted, please confirm whether notarization is required or if execution without notarization is acceptable.	Please refer to question 24.
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