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The following (Q&A) will serve as Amendment #1 to NYSIF's Request for Quotes (RFQ) for CompTIA A+ Classes, bid number 2026-100-IT. Material in this Amendment supersedes any contradictory material in the RFQ.

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

All bids are due August 21, 2026 by 2:00 p.m.(eastern).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "S. Nikiforov", is written over a horizontal line.

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| Question # | RFQ Page # | RFQ Section and Sub-Section<br>Reference #/Heading                     | Question                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | NYSIF Response                                                                  |
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| 1          | 3-4        | Sections 8 and 9 – Participation of M/WBEs and SDVOBs                  | The New York State Contract Reporter lists the MWBE Goal and the SDVOB Goal as 100%, while Sections 8 and 9 of the RFQ identify participation goals of 30% for M/WBEs and 6% for SDVOBs. Please clarify the participation goals that will apply to the resulting contract.                                        | This procurement is only open to MWBE and/or SDVOB vendors.                     |
| 2          | 3-4        | Sections 8 and 9 – Participation of M/WBEs and SDVOBs                  | If the prime contractor is itself a New York State-certified MBE and performs part or all of the contract, will the prime contractor's self-performance count toward satisfaction of the 30% MWBE participation goal?                                                                                             | Yes.                                                                            |
| 3          | 4          | Section 9 – Participation of Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Businesses | Is a New York State-certified MBE prime contractor required to subcontract at least 6% of the contract value to a certified SDVOB? If no commercially useful SDVOB subcontracting opportunity is reasonably available for this procurement, may the bidder submit Form S-200 to request a full or partial waiver? | An MBE certified vendor should complete Form S-200 for a full waiver.           |
| 4          | 5          | Section 12, Mandatory Requirement 2 – CompTIA A+ Private Onsite Course | Must the prime contractor be a CompTIA Authorized Partner or CompTIA Authorized Academy Partner, or may the prime contractor satisfy the training requirement by using a qualified or authorized CompTIA training provider or instructor as a disclosed subcontractor?                                            | Contractor or subcontractor must be a qualified or authorized Comp TIA trainer. |

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| 5          | 5          | Section 12, Mandatory Requirement 2 – Two Exam Vouchers per Student       | Please confirm whether “two Exam Vouchers per student” means one voucher for each of the two examinations required to earn the CompTIA A+ certification.                                                                                                                                           | There are two separate Certification courses that build upon each other - A+ Core 1 and A+ Core 2. Each course has a certification exam. Requesting one exam voucher and retake for each exam per student.                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 6          | 5          | Section 12, Mandatory Requirement 2 – Exam Pass Guarantee/One Free Retake | Please clarify the meaning and required terms of the “exam pass guarantee/one free retake.” If a student does not pass one or both CompTIA A+ examinations, must the contractor provide an additional retake voucher for each examination not passed?                                              | One retake per exam                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 7          | 1-2        | Sections 3 and 4 – Contract Term, Calendar and Anticipated Start Date     | Please provide the anticipated course delivery dates, number of instructional days, daily instructional hours and preferred class schedule for the 20 students. Will the course be delivered once during the one-year agreement, or may NYSIF request additional classes during the contract term? | The training provider shall deliver the required CompTIA A+ Core1 course between October 2026 and December 2026. CompTIA A+ Core 2 course between January 2027 and March 2027.<br><br>Each certification course classe shall be held onsite in Albany, NY with a class size of 20 students.<br><br>Each certification course shall be delivered over four consecutive days, Tuesday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. |
| 8          | 5-6        | Sections 12 and 14 – Mandatory Requirements; Location and Travel          | Will NYSIF provide the Albany classroom, computers, internet access, audiovisual equipment and laboratory environment for the 20 students, or must the contractor include any of these items in its all-inclusive price?                                                                           | Pricing should be all-inclusive.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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| 9          | 5          | Section 12, Mandatory<br>Requirement 2 – Private Onsite<br>Instructor-Led Course                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Please identify any minimum instructor qualifications, certifications or experience requirements and confirm whether the contractor must provide official CompTIA courseware, practice laboratories, practice examinations or other specified instructional materials. | Instructor must be certified by Comp TIA to deliver the courses. It must be CompTIA courseware, practice labs & practice exams. |
| 10         | 2          | •We are confused by the MWBE requirement. Is the organization required to be a certified MWBE? At some points in the RFQ, it states this is a requirement – and then at other points, it provides forms which can be used to apply for a waiver and/or it also states the NYSIF goal is 30% MWBE participation. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | This procurement is only open to MWBE and/or SDVOB vendors.                                                                     |