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The following (Q&A) will serve as Amendment #1 to NYSIF's procurement for Passive Index Manager Services, bid number 2020-90-INV. Material in this Amendment supersedes any contradictory material in the procurement.

Please note that the due date for the submission of bid **has not changed.**

All bids are due 1/8/21, by 2:00 p.m.(eastern).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alexandria Romano".

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Contract Management Specialist 2

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1	General	page #2 of the questionnaire	Product Offerings and Performance. Is NYSIF interested in any aspects of customization to any of the indices listed? For example; customization in areas like ESG/SRI positive tilts or negative screens, or tilts or screens to minimize or accentuate factor exposures, or interest in any features of tax loss harvesting in order to maximize after tax return if NYSIF potentially has any pools of capital subject to taxes?	Not at this time, but feel free to include information on customization.
2			Has the New York State Insurance Fund (NYSIF) invested in collective trust funds in the past?	No.
3			Can NYSIF provide an IRS Determination Letter for purposes of determining collective trust fund eligibility?	This contract can be provided to any firms awarded a contract from the results of this procurement.
4			Does NYSIF intend to award potential mandates to one or multiple managers?	Per the procurement, NYSIF reserves the right to contract with one or multiple managers ("Managers") for the mandate or none.

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5	N/A	N/A	Several different forms are required as part of the response to the RFP. Some of these forms look like they need to be notarized. With the pandemic, a majority of our staff, including authorized signers are working from home, which makes it difficult to get documents notarized. Can the documents be submitted without being notarized? After the pandemic is over and should we win this mandate, we can provide notarized documents then.	For bid submission, Exhibit 1 (NYSIF Certifications) and Appendix E (Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire) must be notarized. As New York State still requires notarization, please refer to Governor Cuomo's Executive Order EO 202.7 which authorizes notary public's to officiate documents remotely.
6		Minimum Requirements #6	In the 20201204-2020-90-INV-Passive_Index_Manager_Services file, on page 1, minimum requirements #6 says that we must have our data in eVestment by MM/DD/YYYY (last line on page). What date should this be?	The procurement submission date of 1/8/21.