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ADDENDUM #1

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This Addendum provides responses to vendor questions for the above referenced RFQ.

Questions & Answers:

Vendor A

1. **Question:** Would there be a date available for us to visit the site and possibly review the program with someone?
 - a. **Answer:** Sinclair will evaluate all submissions, and create a short list of firms who will be invited for in-person tours and interviews. Expect the short-listed firms to be contacted by early- to mid-February, 2026.

Vendor B

2. **Question:** Would it be possible for a site walk-through sometime this week? We believe that would be helpful in gaining perspective for our team's response. Please advise.
 - a. **Answer:** Sinclair will evaluate all submissions, and create a short list of firms who will be invited for in-person tours and interviews. Expect the short-listed firms to be contacted by early- to mid-February, 2026.

Vendor C

1. **Question:** Will a pre-bid or site visit be set up for contractors?
 - a. **Answer:** Contractors bidding on construction will be invited to a Pre-Bid Meeting, to be held in June or July, 2026.

Vendor D

1. **Question:** Has Sinclair determined who will be reviewing and evaluating the submitted proposals? If yes, can you share who it will be?

- a. **Answer:** Yes, Sinclair is forming a committee to evaluate the submissions, following the structured process prescribed by OFCC (Ohio Facilities Construction Commission). The members of this committee will be disclosed to the short-listed firms.
2. **Question:** Will the selection process include multiple phases or is it expected to be a single-round evaluation?
 - a. **Answer:** The selection process will be comprised of two phases:
 - i. Rubric evaluations of all submissions, which will establish the list of firms moving on to the next phase, and
 - ii. Tours & interviews for short-listed firms
3. **Question:** Are there specific evaluation criteria or weighting categories that will be applied uniformly across proposals in addition to the Selection Rating Form? If yes, what would they be?
 - a. **Answer:** Refer to RFQ for criteria.
4. **Question:** What is the anticipated timeline for notifying proposers of selection decisions following the submission deadline?
 - a. **Answer:** Sinclair will evaluate all submissions, and create a short list of firms who will be invited for in-person tours and interviews. Expect the short-listed firms to be contacted by early- to mid-February, 2026.
5. **Question:** When does Sinclair anticipate contract execution and commencement of work relative to the award notification?
 - a. **Answer:** March, 2026

Vendor E

1. **Question:** How big is the data center?
 - a. **Answer:** This is not yet determined. The data center will be a foundational piece of the ITEC, but its exact configuration and dimensions are not yet fixed. It will be located in a central position and be prominent. Sinclair will welcome the input of the selected A&E firm to help guide us in the layout determinations.
2. **Question:** How many Lithium Ion BESS Systems and what size will be in the building?
 - a. **Answer:** Our expectation is that the data center will be of an academic nature. It will not be a production data center. Therefore, we do not expect to be utilizing Lithium Ion BESS systems. See answer to Question 1 above regarding the anticipated data center size.

3. **Question:** Will the Lithium Ion BESS Systems be located only in the data center area or are there other rooms, like a training room, that will have them?
 - a. **Answer:** Same answer as Question 2. Our expectation is that the data center will be of an academic nature. It will not be a production data center. Therefore, we do not expect to be utilizing Lithium Ion BESS systems.
4. **Question:** Is there Adequate Fire or Municipal Water available?
 - a. **Answer:** Yes, Sinclair has two 4” city water feeds and a piping loop serving the project location.
5. **Question:** Does Sinclair Community College possess a current Geotechnical Report (within the past 10 years)? If yes, can you please provide?
 - a. **Answer:** A structural study was performed regarding Building 8 near the elevator, adjacent hallway, and lobby. This study will be made available to the selected firm.
6. **Question:** Does Sinclair Community College possess a current survey for the new building area? If yes, can you please provide?
 - a. **Answer:** No.
7. **Question:** How does Sinclair envision the ITEC identity expressing innovation, technology, and cross-disciplinary learning.
 - a. **Answer:** The ITEC will support existing programs in Information Technology, Cybersecurity, Artificial Intelligence, and Computer Science, and *expand the integration of technology skills across all academic divisions*. The center will be developed in collaboration with employers across the region who rely on cybersecurity, data analytics, automation, advanced manufacturing, and AI-enabled systems. .
8. **Question:** What are the most critical existing building constraints or risks that could affect the design?
 - a. **Answer:** Dewatering measures, basement and sub-basement floor levels, drive/dock access level relative to City street, limited green space around existing building, sufficient electrical power, HVAC considerations.
9. **Question:** How much flexibility and future adaptability is required in the building design?

- a. **Answer:** Sinclair and our partners will consider this concern by placing a premium on the elements of modularity and future flexibility. The ITEC will include reconfigurable labs and shared applied learning environments, including a data center capable of supporting cybersecurity simulation, robotics, automation, and high-performance computing.
10. **Question:** How should the mezzanine integrate structurally and visually within the existing building?
- a. **Answer:** Mezzanine is being considered for offices, conference spaces, classroom & lab spaces, and other uses. Location, layout, aesthetic, size, function, and structure of a mezzanine shall be determined in the programming and design processes.
11. **Question:** What is driving the decision for a 5,000-15,000 SF mezzanine, and how flexible is the size?
- b. **Answer:** Mezzanine is being considered for offices, conference spaces, classroom & lab spaces, and other uses. Location, layout, aesthetic, size, function, and structure of a mezzanine shall be determined in the programming and design processes.
12. **Question:** Where does Sinclair see the greatest architectural risk on this project?
- a. **Answer:** Groundwater control, electrical capacity, HVAC systems/climate control, loading dock elevation from road, cost, schedule.
13. **Question:** Is Sinclair Community College open to accepting proposed revisions to the Legal Standard Agreement posted on the website?
- a. **Answer:** No
14. **Question:** What is the anticipated selection date for this project?
- a. **Answer:** Late February or early March, 2026
15. **Question:** When will firms be notified if they were shortlisted?
- a. **Answer:** February, 2026
16. **Question:** Will Interviews be held for shortlisted firms? If yes, when will those take place?
- a. **Answer:** In-person tours and interviews will be held in late February, 2026.

17. **Question:** Is there an EDGE participation goal requirement identified?

a. **Answer:** No

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