Addendum 1 to Clemson University's
RFP #217041194-1
Managed Secure Research Enclave
and Compliance Services
October 27, 2026

Please incorporate answers to offerors questions for clarification purposes as indicated below.

1. Section III, A-03 (CMMC Assessment Experience). Section II.6 provides that failure to provide required information may result in a reduced evaluation score or, where expressly identified as mandatory, a determination of non-responsiveness. Is A-03 a pass/fail eligibility requirement, or is it evaluated and scored under Award Criterion A (Experience, Qualifications and Reputation)?

   ANSWER: *"must have supported at least three (3) customer environments that have achieved Final CMMC Level 2 certification following a third-party CMMC assessment, with the Offeror providing material implementation, managed security, compliance/GRC, or assessment-readiness services for the assessed environment" is Pass/Fail*

2. Section III, A-03 and A-06. The Standard Bidding Terms define the Offeror as the single legal entity submitting the offer. May the Offeror satisfy A-03 and the A-06 references in whole or in part through the certified-environment experience of a named subcontractor that will perform the corresponding work under the contract?

   ANSWER: No. The Offeror must meet A-03's minimum experience requirement through its own work and must provide at least three A-06 customer references for engagements in which it performed the services described. A reference may involve a subcontractor, but the Offeror must identify its own responsibilities; work performed solely by the subcontractor does not count as the Offeror's experience. The Offeror may describe a named subcontractor's relevant experience separately to explain the proposed team, but that experience does not substitute for A-03 or the three required A-06 references.

3. Section II.3 and Attachment 1. The 320-objective Assessment Objective Responsibility Matrix (Excel) is described as provided with this solicitation, but it does not appear under the Attachments tab of the online bidding system. Will Clemson post it, or provide it with the current-state diagrams after the NDA?

   ANSWER: The Excel Responsibility Matrix will be posted under Attachments and may be accessed without an NDA. The current-state diagrams will be provided after completion of the NDA process.

4. Section VI (Bidding Schedule). Section II refers to completing "the spreadsheets embedded in Section VI." Will editable versions of the Phase 1A and Phase 1B pricing schedules be provided, or should Offerors reproduce the tables in their Financial Proposal?

   ANSWER: The Bidding Schedule is embedded in the Scope of Work in Section VI. There is one for Phase 1A, Phase 1B, and for any Optional Prices. Offerors may reproduce the pricing tables in Section VI in their Financial Proposal. They must reproduce each table exactly as provided, including all headings, rows, columns, and requested prices for Phase 1A, Phase 1B, and optional items. Do not add, remove, combine, or rearrange entries.

5. Attachment 2 and the Mutual NDA. If an Offeror returns the signed NDA by the 12:00 PM, October 22, 2026 deadline, when should it expect to receive the current-state architecture and data-flow diagrams?

   ANSWER: As soon as the fully-executed NDA is returned to the Procurement Manager Kevin Finan at kfinan@clemson.edu. Potential bidders will not receive the diagrams without a fully-executed NDA.