

## Questions and Answers Regarding

### RFP #23-017 - Tuition Rate Setting Methodology Redesign Consulting Services

1. We need to find a prime contract partner. Will there be a bidder's conference? If so, will you share the list of firms who attend? If not, is there another way to find interested firms to partner with?

**Answer:** No bidder's conference is scheduled for this project. However, we will share your contact information with any prime contractors that contact us looking for partners.

Along with this Q&A, we are posting a list of certified M/WBE vendors from the Empire State Development Directory for possible subcontracting opportunities. However, MWBE-certified firms interested in serving as partners can also reach out to [MWBE@nysed.gov](mailto:MWBE@nysed.gov) to provide your contact information.

2. Does NYSED recognize NYC MWBE certification? If not, how do we get certified as a NY State Women-owned firm?

**Answer:** Only New York State certified firms count toward the 30% utilization goal. For information on obtaining state certification, please see: <https://esd.ny.gov/doing-business-ny/mwbe>.