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Addendum 3 for RFP 26-26

This responds to questions submitted by potential respondents. The University's answers are shown in

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1. Item 8 states that the vendor must be a Microsoft aligned Managed Security Services Provider (MSSP) "or equivalent. Could you please clarify what criteria or certifications a vendor would need to demonstrate in order to qualify as an equivalent to a Microsoft-aligned MSSP?
 - a. For vendors to be considered equivalent to a Microsoft-aligned Managed Security Services Provider (MSSP), they must be a Microsoft Verified Managed Extended Detection and Response (MXDR) provider and also a member of the Microsoft Intelligent Security Association (MISA).