1. Can one organization submit more than one proposal? Specifically, we’re looking at whether or not we could submit a proposal to train educators to teach IT/CS and one to train adult students on these concepts.

Answer: If the two programs operated by the vendor are merged into a seamless singular product (i.e., one billing entity, one administrator) we feel that a singular proposal would be best. Please note, "adult students" aren't the target of this RFP. It is secondary school students and their teachers.

2. Re: 3.1.2.6 and the certification of skills: what sort of certifications count for this? Are you looking for industry certifications, or would having students meet 21st Century Skills and Core Curriculum standards be appropriate?

Answer: Workplace-recognized certifications and/or stackable credentials toward workplace-recognized certification is the purpose.

3. Does "secondary students" include middle and high school students or does it strictly mean high school students? Some of the educators that we work with teach both, and we want to know if that would be allowed with this program or not.

Answer: Middle and high school students would be acceptable, though the intent (and emphasis) is on high school.

4. Should we submit a one-year or a three-year proposal? I saw a newsletter about this RFP that said "The STEM Council is opening a Request for Proposals (RFP) to provide the IT certification for the next three years with an emphasis on computer science."

Answer: Plan to propose a one year service with the possibility of renewal for up to three years.