



City of Vicksburg
Board of Mayor and Alderman
1401 Walnut St
Vicksburg, MS 39180

Dear Sirs/Maam:

I am proud to join Rust College and Cisco in the execution of our Cybersecurity Training project.

One of the initial activities under this project (which the City manages through a subgrant from Accelerate MS) is the procurement of curriculum and pre-certification testing / examination materials for our trainees. This material is key to the kickoff of our training. Payment for these materials is required by Rust at the time of the order. As such, we are requesting payment in the amount of \$83,880.00 to cover the costs for these materials.

The requested amount covers the required curriculum (\$62,280) and testing/exam (\$21,600) materials. Each cost represents coverage of 24 trainees (12 online, 12 in-class through 30 June 2026) x 3 certifications required by the project (72 total units). The unit cost of the curriculum as quoted by the vendor is \$865/unit. The testing/exam unit cost is \$300/unit. The totals follow accordingly.

Once these procurements have been executed, we will submit appropriate paperwork so that reimbursement can be obtained by the City from CMPDD.

Thank you so much for your consideration of this matter and your support for this project. If there are any questions please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 601-631-4478 or mcitydirector@mcity.tech.

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Board of Mayor and Aldermen
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Dear Sirs/Madam,

Rust College is proud to partner with MCITY and Cisco on the Cybersecurity Training Project. This initiative represents an exciting opportunity to expand access to high-quality workforce training and strengthen the cybersecurity talent pipeline across our region.

As part of the initial phase of this project—which the City manages through a subgrant from Accelerate MS—we are moving forward with the purchase of curriculum and pre-certification testing materials for our trainees. These resources are essential for launching the program and ensuring that each participant is fully prepared to complete all required certifications.

Payment for these materials is due at the time of order. Therefore, with MCITY's full concurrence, Rust College respectfully requests payment in the amount of **\$83,880.00** to cover these costs. This total includes:

- **Curriculum materials:** \$62,280 (72 units @ \$865/unit)
- **Testing/exam materials:** \$21,600 (72 units @ \$300/unit)

These materials support 24 trainees (12 online and 12 in-person) through **June 30, 2026**, each completing three required certifications.

Once the procurements are finalized, we will submit all necessary documentation for reimbursement by the City through CMPDD.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support of this important workforce development effort.

Sincerely,

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