

1. You provided a link to the Siemens Certification descriptions. Do you intend to offer both level 1 and level 2? **Level 2**
2. It is our understanding that Siemens is not pursuing or training for level 3 at this time. Will you still be needing “Desirable” options if you are not teaching level 3? Profinet and HMI are not taught referenced until level 3 in the linked document. **They are mentioned on page 2 under ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR LEVEL 2, we are also interested in this for workforce development.**
3. What do you mean by “System Labeling”? **The system components and connections should be labeled to reflect the schematic diagrams and PLC programming**
4. Variable Frequency Drives. These devices are not referenced anywhere in the Siemens Certification document. Is this a separate trainer or function which you desire? **See # 2, we will have other means to teach this but it would be nice if it was on the system.**
5. Analog in and output modules: If you intend to teach Level 2 certification, you will need to include this in required items in the RFP. The implication is that this could cause a potentially significant price differences between suppliers. If it’s not required or supplied, you could find yourselves hampered with level 2. **We have analog I/O on other trainers in the lab, so it is not essential. If you want make this an add-on option.**
6. We note that there are no robotic systems “required” or in the “desirable” section. Most of the Mechatronics/FMS systems available include robots as a key element. Was this an intentional omission from your RFP? The original concept of Mechatronics as it evolved was to focus on robotics and expend into automation in the larger sense. **With our budget constraints we didn’t think we could afford the robotic arm module. If you would like to include it as an add-on option we would carefully consider it.**
7. We see no requirement of an assembly (or precision assembly) function. Is this functionality of no interest to the college? **We would like an assembly option. I believe every system we are looking has an assembly station.**
8. We see no requirement of an inspection/ or Quality Assurance function. Is this functionality of no interest to the college? **Quality Assurance is not a requirement.**