1. **Brief explanation of the CCSA^{SM} Program.**
   The Certified Cyber Security Architect^{SM} (CCSA^{SM}) is a unique program of its type in the compliance and security industry - indeed, *the first of its type in the world*. This program validates knowledge and skill sets to examine, build a practical and applicable cybersecurity program for an organization.

2. **What are the major areas CCSA^{SM} Program covers?**
   - ✓ Examine how to establish a cybersecurity program based on the NIST Cybersecurity Framework.
   - ✓ Step through key areas that must be addressed in a credible incident response plan.
   - ✓ Walk through core components, organization, and CMMC Maturity Levels. Examine CMMC domains and CMMC capabilities required for organizations.

3. **What are the credentials of the CCSA^{SM} Program?**
   The CCSA^{SM} credential is a job-role-based designation. This program is designed to enable professionals to understand, prioritize, and ultimately assist organizations in achieving compliance with information security-based regulations.

4. **What is the prerequisite for the CCSA^{SM} course?**
   It is strongly recommended that the candidate pass a major security certification exam such as CISSP, CISA or CISM, CSCS^{TM}, or have equivalent knowledge and experience.

5. **Who is the target audience for the CCSA^{SM} certification?**
   The complete one-day CCSA^{SM} program is of value to compliance professionals and managers, information security officers, security practitioners, privacy officers, and senior IT professionals.

6. **How can I study for my CCSA^{SM} certification?**
   Please visit the ecfirst Online Store. Once you purchase the online class and exam, you will have access to the training material for 6 months.

7. **My busy schedule does not allow me to attend instructor-led training for CCSA^{SM}. How can I prepare for the CCSA^{SM} exam?**
   You may purchase our online class and exam. Please visit the ecfirst Online Store.

8. **What is the cost of CCSA^{SM} exam?**
   $795.

9. **What is a CCSA^{SM} exam voucher?**
   You do not have to purchase a CCSA^{SM} exam voucher. When you purchase the online class, the exam is included.

10. **What is the exam retake policy for CCSA^{SM}?**
    If the candidate does not pass the **CCSA^{SM}** certification examination, he or she may register to retake the certification examination online for $395. Please visit the Online Store and Select "Retake". There is no limit to how many retake exams you may purchase.

11. **How long is the CCSA^{SM} certificate credential valid for?**
    The certificate credential is valid for three (3) years from the date you took the exam.

12. What are the requirements at the time of renewal?
We do not require any additional CEUs for renewal. You may renew your certificate through our website at www.ecfirst.biz. With your renewal order, you will receive an updated manual and a new certificate renewed for another 3 years.

13. After passing the exam, when will I receive the certification?
You will receive a digital copy of your exam within five (5) business days.

14. How will this CCSA^{SM} certification help me in finding a job?
Certification in CCSA^{SM} can provide a distinguishing factor for potential employees in the Information Technology industry. The exam validates knowledge, and skill sets in cyber security with particular focus and emphasis on the development of an applicable cyber security incident response and an enterprise cyber security program. The person can apply for jobs that require knowledge of key security standards and compliance mandates.

15. How will this certification benefit my employer?
Employers will realize fewer potential loss incidents from Information Security violations when employees are more thoroughly trained in the regulations.