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When selecting a training partner, ask yourself these questions in addition to all the others you already ask:

1	Is the training center a CTEC? If so, can Microsoft provide a reference for this partner?	
2	How many years has the center been in business? Are they stable?	
3	What makes this center different from all the others? What is competitive advantage?	
4	How many people successfully passed their exams often taking training in this center in the last year? How many people took training?	
5	Does the center offer more than just technical training? Is user training also available?	
6	Does the center offer certification package deals?	
7	Does the center tailor programs to reflect specific organizational environments?	
8	Does the center offer special training programs such as new technology or new software version introduction?	
9	What are its hours of operation? Are night or weekend classes available?	
10	Does the center offer a student-tracking program?	
11	Does the center offer a train-the-trainer program for internal trainers?	
12	Does the center publish trainer resumes? Are these complete?	
13	Is the trainer's work profile available in order to assess real-world experience?	
14	Are complementary programs available to cover sister technologies?	
15	Are practice exams included? What is their validity?	
16	Does the center offer practice laboratories? If yes, how many? How many students can practice at the same time?	
17	Can students retake a course for free is they don't pass the exam the first time?	
18	What do the center's post-training support programs offer?	
19	Is student financial assistance available?	
20	Are the center's training programs income-tax deductible?	