# Invitation to Negotiate (ITN) to Acquire



# New HP 3PAR Infrastructure Repair and Replace Equipment FY 20

# Jacksonville, FL

# Solicitation Number 035-20

Responses are due on March 17<sup>th</sup> 2020 by 12:00 pm

Direct delivery or mail to JEA Bid Office, Customer Center 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Room 002

21 W. Church Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202

JEA will publicly open all Responses received from qualified Respondents on March 17<sup>th</sup> 2020, at 2:00 p.m. in the JEA Bid Office Customer Center 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Room 002, 21 W. Church Street, Jacksonville, FL

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#### **Solicitation**

#### 1. SOLICITATION

#### 1.1. SCOPE, BACKGROUND AND INVITATION

# 1.1.1. SCOPE OF WORK

The purpose of this Invitation to Negotiate (the "ITN") is to evaluate and select a vendor for New Hewlett Packard 3 Par Equipment Purchase that can provide the items contained within Appendix B – Response Workbook and provide the best value to JEA (the "Work" or "Services"). "Best Value" means the highest overall value to JEA with regards to pricing, quality, design, and workmanship.

The equipment list and details are on Appendix B - Response Workbook. Bidder shall submit pricing that includes inside shipping for all items seen below to:

## **Ship To:**

Cologix – in care of JEA 4800 Spring Park Rd. | Jacksonville, FL. 32207

## 1.1.2. QUESTIONS

All questions must be submitted in writing to the JEA Buyer listed below at least five (5) business days prior to the opening date. Questions received within five (5) business days prior to the opening date will not be answered.

## For Procurement Related Questions:

Buyer: NICKOLAS DAMBROSE

E-mail: dambnc@jea.com

# For Technical Questions:

Contact: MARIA BENAVIDES E-mail: benaml@jea.com

#### 1.1.3. INVITATION TO RESPONSE

You are invited to Response on the Solicitation noted below:

**JEA Solicitation Title:** HP Infrastructure Repair and Replace Equipment FY 20

**JEA Solicitation Number:** 035-20

To obtain more information about this Solicitation:

Download a copy of the Solicitation, PDF quality drawings (if applicable) and any required forms at jea.com.

Response Due Time: 12:00 P.M. - ALL LATE RESPONSES WILL BE RETURNED UNOPENED

**Response Due Date:** March 17<sup>th</sup> 2020

All Responses must reference the JEA Solicitation title and number noted above. All Responses must be made on the appropriate Response forms as specified within this Solicitation, and placed in an envelope marked to identify the Solicitation and delivered or mailed to:

JEA Procurement, Response Office, Customer Center 1st Floor, Room 002, Jacksonville, FL 32202

The Respondent shall be solely responsible for delivery of its Response to the JEA Response Office. **Please note, JEA employs a third party courier service to deliver its mail from the local U.S. Postal Service (USPS) which could cause a delay of Response delivery if mailed through the USPS.** Therefore, JEA recommends direct delivery to the JEA Response Office. Reliance upon the USPS, the courier service employed by JEA to make pickups from the local USPS, or public carriers is at the Respondent's risk.

Responses are due by the time and on the date listed above. ALL LATE RESPONSES FOR WHATEVER REASON WILL BE RETURNED UNOPENED.

#### 1.1.4. OPENING OF RESPONSES

All Responses shall be publicly opened, read aloud and recorded at 2:00 PM on March 17<sup>th</sup> 2020 at the JEA Response Office, 21 W. Church Street, Customer Center 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Room 002, Jacksonville, FL 32202.

At the opening of Responses, a JEA Representative will publicly open and announce each Response that was received on time. Responses that have been properly withdrawn will not be opened. JEA has the right to waive any irregularities or informalities in the Response Document.

#### 1.2. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

#### 1.2.1. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR SUBMISSION

Respondent shall have the following Minimum Qualifications to be considered eligible to submit a Response to this Solicitation. It is the responsibility of the Respondent to ensure and certify that it meets the Minimum Qualifications stated below. A Respondent not meeting all of the following criteria will have their Responses rejected:

• Respondent shall be an HPE Reseller to provide original equipment manufacturer (OEM) equipment. JEA shall validate this through contacting HPE if necessary.

Please note, any Respondent whose contract with JEA was terminated for default within the last two (2) years shall have their Response will be rejected.

# 1.2.2. EVALUATION METHODOLOGY

## 1.2.3. BASIS OF AWARD - HIGHEST EVALUATED

JEA will Award a Contract to the responsive and responsible Respondent whose Response meets or exceeds the Minimum Qualifications set forth in this Solicitation, and whose Response receives the highest number of points for the Selection Criteria stated herein.

If the Contract Award is based on price only, JEA will use the Respondent's Total Bid Price stated on the Response Form/Bid Form when making price comparisons for Award purposes.

#### 1.2.4. EVALUATION AND NEGOTIATION PROCESS

JEA intends to select up to four (4) Respondents (the "Short-list") with which to commence negotiations. A selection committee (hereinafter referred to as the "Selection Committee"), will be appointed by the Chief Procurement Officer (the "CPO"), or his designee, to review and evaluate each Response submitted. The CPO's office will distribute a copy of each Response to each member of the Selection Committee, and the members of the Selection Committee will separately and independently evaluate and rank the Responses using the "Selection

Criteria" as stated below in this ITN. JEA will use this ranking to develop the Short-list of companies in which to proceed with contract negotiations.

Prior to developing the Short-list, JEA may request that the Respondents provide additional information or additional project references to clarify their Response and make an accurate assessment in developing the Short-list. JEA must be satisfied that the successful Respondent has the necessary technical expertise, experience, and resource capabilities to satisfactorily perform the Work described in this ITN.

JEA reserves the right to Award a Contract based on the Selection Committee's initial evaluation of the Responses if JEA deems the Responses demonstrate adequate competition, compliance, and responsiveness to this ITN. If JEA determines the previously stated criteria have not been met, JEA will finalize the Short-list and proceed with contract negotiations.

Respondents are cautioned to present the best possible pricing offer in their initial Responses. Failing to do so may result in a Respondent not making the Short-list, and will not be allowed to proceed with contract negotiations. Additionally, the Total Bid Price submitted with the initial Response cannot be increased during the ITN process.

Once a Short-list is developed, the CPO, or his designee, will appoint a negotiating team (the "Negotiating Team"). The Negotiation Team may be comprised of the same individuals as were members of the Selection Committee. JEA reserves the right to negotiate concurrently or separately with the Short-list Respondents. JEA reserves the right to seek clarifications, to request Response revisions, and to request any additional information deemed necessary for proper evaluation of the Responses. JEA reserves the right to incorporate value added services or industry standard innovations recommended by a Respondent into the Contract's scope of work.

A Respondent that is included on the Short-list may be required, at the sole option of JEA, to make an oral presentation, provide additional written clarifications to its Response, or JEA may require site visits to Respondent's facilities. Oral presentations, hand-outs, and written clarifications will be attached to the Respondent's Response and will become a part of the Response as if originally submitted. The CPO or his designee will initiate and schedule a time and location for any presentations which may be required.

As a part of the negotiation process, JEA may contact the references provided by the Respondent for the purpose of independently verifying the information provided in the Response, and to assess the extent of success of the projects associated with those references. JEA also reserves the right to contact references not provided by Respondents. Respondents may be requested to provide additional references. The results of the reference checking may influence the final negotiation, ranking, and Award recommendation.

After written clarifications, oral presentations, site visits, and any other negotiations deemed by JEA to be in its best interest, the Short-list Respondents will be given a deadline to submit their best and final offer (the "Best and Final Offer" or "BAFO"). The negotiation process will stop upon submission of the BAFO. Respondents will not be allowed to make further adjustments to their BAFO or communicate further with JEA, except to respond to requests for clarification from the Negotiating Team.

The JEA Negotiating Team will adjust and calculate the final rankings of the Short-list based on the BAFO submissions. JEA does not anticipate reopening negotiations after receiving the BAFOs, but reserves the right to do so if it believes doing so will be in the best interests of JEA. In the event that JEA reopens negotiations, any final rankings will be revised accordingly.

Negotiations will not be open to the public, but will be recorded. All recordings of negotiations and any records, documents, and other materials presented at negotiation sessions are public records and can be released pursuant to a

public records request after a notice of intended decision for this ITN is posted, or thirty (30) days after the opening of the Responses, whichever occurs earlier.

The Award recommendation of the Negotiating Team will be based upon the scoring of the BAFOs and the Selection Criteria described below in this ITN. The Respondent with the highest score will be submitted to the CPO for approval. Once approved, the CPO will then present an Award to the JEA Awards Committee for final approval.

In its sole discretion, JEA reserves the right to withdraw this ITN either before or after receiving Responses, to reject any and all Responses either in whole or in part, with or without cause, or to waive any ITN requirement informalities, minor irregularities, and deficiencies in any Response, and to determine such action is in the best interest of JEA. Issuance of this ITN in no way constitutes a commitment by JEA to make an Award or enter into a Contract.

All Responses submitted to JEA are subject to the JEA's terms and conditions contained in this ITN and JEA's Procurement Code. Any and all additional terms and conditions submitted by Respondents are rejected and shall have no force.

#### 1.3. SELECTION CRITERIA

# 1.3.1. SELECTION CRITERIA (ITN)

The following criteria will be used by JEA to evaluate and rank the qualified Respondents to determine which Respondents are selected for the Short-list who will then move on to the contract negotiation phase of this ITN. Details concerning how each Selection Criteria is calculated can be found in the Selection Criteria below and on the Evaluation Matrix for this ITN.

## 1.3.3. QUOTATION OF RATES

## Maximum score for criterion is: 100 Points

Respondent shall provide a firm-fixed price quote for all Work in this ITN by completing the enclosed Response Form. All equipment shall include one year standard maintenance and support. The prices shall include all profit, shipping, and all other overhead items. No additional fees shall apply. Please note, that the Respondent's total price cannot be increased during the BAFO process.

Any percent mark-up for materials, consumables, and (any) subcontractors, shall not be subject to any adjustment during the Term of the Contract.

Please note, the prices quoted by Respondent on the Response Form must be firm-fixed prices, not estimates.

## 1.3.4. NUMBER OF CONTRACTS TO BE AWARDED

JEA intends to Award One (1) Contract(s) for the Work. JEA reserves the right to Award more than one Contract based on certain groupings of the Work items, or JEA may exclude certain Work items, if JEA determines that it is in its best interest to do so.

## 1.3.5. JACKSONVILLE SMALL AND EMERGING BUSINESS (JSEB) PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

# 1.3.5.1. OPTIONAL USE OF JACKSONVILLE SMALL AND EMERGING BUSINESS (JSEB) PROGRAM

It is at the Respondent's option as to whether it chooses to subcontract to a JSEB firm. JEA encourages the use of JSEB qualified firms; however, the Respondent is not required to utilize JSEB firms to be Awarded this Contract.

JSEB firms that qualify for this Contract are only those shown on the current City of Jacksonville JSEB directory appearing at www.COJ.net. Certification of JSEB firms must come from the City of Jacksonville. No other agency or organization is recognized for purposes of this Contract.

In no case shall the Respondent make changes to the JSEB firms listed in its Response, revise the JSEB Scope of Work or amount of Work as stated in its Response without prior written notice to the JEA Contract Administrator, and without subsequent receipt of written approval for the JEA Contract Administrator.

Any subcontractors of Respondent Shall procure and maintain the insurance required of Respondent hereunder during the life of the subcontracts. Subcontractors' insurance may either be by separate coverage or by endorsement under insurance provided by Respondent. Note: Any JSEB forms identified by Respondents for this Solicitation are considered "Subcontractors" under the direct supervision of the Prime or General Contractor (herein referred to as Respondent in this Solicitation). Respondents should show good faith efforts in providing assistance to JSEB firms in the securing of Subcontractors' insurance requirements stated in this section. Respondent shall submit subcontractors' Certificates of Insurance to JEA prior to allowing subcontractors to perform Work on JEA's job sites.

All question and correspondence concerning the JSEB program should be addressed to the following contact:

Rita Scott JSEB Manager (904) 665-6257 scotrl@jea.com

#### 1.3.6. TIME

In computing any period of time prescribed or allowed by this solicitation, the day of the act, event, or default from which the designated period of time begins to run shall not be included. The last day of the period so computed shall be included unless it is a Saturday, Sunday, or JEA holiday, in which event the period shall run until the end of the next day which is neither a Saturday, Sunday, or JEA holiday.

# 1.3.7. REQUIRED FORMS TO SUBMIT WITH RESPONSE

To submit a Response in response to this Solicitation, all of the forms listed below must be completed and submitted as part of the Response. The Respondent must obtain the required forms, other than the Response Form and the Minimum Qualification Form which is attached, by downloading them from JEA.com. If the Respondent fails to complete or fails to submit one or more of the required forms, the Response shall be rejected.

The following forms are required to be submitted at the time of Response:

- o Response Form (including all acknowledgements of addenda) This form can be found in Appendix B
- o Response Workbook This form can be found in Appendix B
- o List of Subcontractor's Form (if applicable) This form can be found in Appendix B

If the above listed forms are not submitted with the Response by the Response Due Time on the Response Due Date, JEA shall reject the Response.

JEA also requests the following documents to be submitted prior to execution of Contract. A Response will not be rejected if these forms are not submitted at the Response Due Time and Date. However, failure to submit these documents at the time of Contract execution could result in Response rejection.

o Conflict of Interest Certificate Form

- o Insurance Certificate
- o W-9
- o Evidence of active registration with the State of Florida Division of Corporations (www.sunbiz.org)
- o List of JSEB Certified Firms (if any)
- o Any technical submittals as required by the Technical Specifications.

#### 1.4. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

#### **1.4.1. ADDENDA**

JEA may issue Addenda prior to the Response opening date to revise, in whole or in part, or clarify the intent or requirements of the Solicitation. The Respondent shall be responsible for ensuring it has received all Addenda prior to submitting its Response and shall acknowledge receipt of all Addenda by indicating where requested on the Response Form. JEA will post all Addenda when issued online at jea.com. Respondents must obtain Addenda from the JEA website. All Addenda will become part of the Solicitation and any resulting Contract Documents. It is the responsibility of each Respondent to ensure it has received and incorporated all Addenda into its Response. Failure to acknowledge receipt of Addenda may be grounds for rejection of a Response.

#### 1.4.2. COMPLETING THE RESPONSE DOCUMENTS

Respondents shall complete and submit the enclosed Response Document with responses typewritten or written in ink. ALL RESPONSES SUBMITTED LATE TO THE JEA RESPONSE OFFICE WILL BE REJECTED.

When a blank is marked "optional" on the Response form, the Respondent shall insert the words "No Response" in the space provided if the Respondent does not choose to submit a price for that item. Failure to complete each blank with either a price or the words "No Response" may disqualify the Response. The Respondent, or its authorized agent or officer of the firm, shall sign the Response Document. Failure to sign the Response Document may disqualify the Response. JEA approved erasures, interlineations or other corrections shall be authenticated by affixing in the margin, immediately opposite the correction, the handwritten signature of each person executing the Response. Failure to authenticate changes may disqualify the Response. JEA may disqualify any Responses that deviate from the requirements of this Solicitation, and those that include unapproved exceptions, amendments, or erasures.

## 1.4.3. SUBMITTING THE RESPONSE FORM

The Respondent shall submit one original Response Document and two duplicates of the original Response Document. It is encouraged that all submitters include an electronic version with their hardcopy submittal.

JEA will not accept Response Document files transmitted via email. If electronic copies of the Response Form are submitted, they must be submitted on CD with the hardcopies of the Response.

## 1.4.4. CALCULATION OF THE RESPONSE PRICE

JEA will use the Respondent's total Response Price stated on the Response Form when making price comparisons for Award purposes.

## 1.4.5. CONTRACT EXECUTION AND START OF WORK

Within thirty (30) days from the date of Award, JEA will present the successful Respondent with the Contract Documents. Unless expressly waived by JEA, the successful Respondent shall execute a Contract for the Work or Services within ten (10) days after receiving the Contract from JEA. If the Respondent fails to execute the Contract or associated documents as required, or if it fails to act on a JEA-issued Purchase Order (PO), JEA may cancel the

Award with no further liability to the Respondent, retain the Response security or bond (if applicable), and Award to the next-ranked Respondent.

Upon JEA's receipt of the executed Contract, certificate of insurance, and recorded Payment and Performance bonds (if applicable), JEA will issue a PO, in writing and signed by an authorized JEA representative as acceptance of the Proposal or Response and authorization for the Respondent to proceed with the Work, unless otherwise stated in the Contract or PO.

For Construction Services: In the event that JEA intends to authorize the successful Respondent to proceed with administrative work only, or with only a portion of the Work, then the PO shall state the specific limitations of such authorization and JEA will issue a separate written Notice to Proceed to authorize the Company to begin Field Work, when applicable, or to perform the remainder of the Work, or any portion thereof. The Company shall ensure that it is prepared to begin Field Work upon receipt of Notice to Proceed. Any Work performed outside of this partial authorization shall be at the Company's risk and JEA shall have no obligation to pay for such Work.

## 1.4.6. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

A person or company who receives a Contract which was not procured pursuant to public Bidding procedures to perform a feasibility study, or who participated in the drafting of an invitation to Response or request for proposals, or who developed a program for future implementation shall not be eligible to contract with JEA for any other contracts dealing with that specific subject matter.

Should JEA erroneously Award a Contract in violation of this policy, JEA may terminate the Contract at any time with no liability to Respondent, and Respondent shall be liable to JEA for all damages, including but not limited to the costs to Bid the Work. The purpose of this policy is to encourage Bidding and eliminate any actual or perceived advantage that one Respondent may have over another.

#### 1.4.7. DEFINED TERMS

Words and terms defined in the Section entitled "Definitions" of this document are hereby incorporated by reference into the entire document.

## 1.4.8. EX PARTE COMMUNICATION

Ex Parte Communication is strictly prohibited. Ex Parte Communication is defined as any inappropriate communication concerning a Solicitation between a firm submitting a Response or Proposal and a JEA representative during the time in which the Solicitation is being advertised through the time of Award. Examples of inappropriate communications include: private communications concerning the details of Solicitation in which a Respondent becomes privy to information not available to the other Respondents. Social contact between Respondents and JEA Representatives should be kept to an absolute minimum during the solicitation process.

Failure to adhere to this policy will disqualify the noncompliant Company's Response or Proposal. Any questions or clarifications concerning a Solicitation must be sent in writing via email to the JEA Buyer at least five (5) business days prior to the opening date. If determined by JEA, that a question should be answered or an issue clarified, JEA will issue an addendum to all Respondents.

For more information on Ex Parte communications, see JEA Procurement Code, Article 1-110, which is available at www.jea.com.

# 1.4.9. **JEA PUBLICATIONS**

Applicable JEA publications are available at jea.com.

#### 1.4.10. PROHIBITION AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES

The Company warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working for the Company, or an independent sales representative under contract to the Company, to solicit or secure a contract with JEA, and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, corporation, individual or Company, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Company, or an independent sale representative under contract to the Company, any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or any other consideration, contingent upon or resulting from the Award or making of the Contract. For a breach or violation of these provisions occurs, JEA shall have the right to terminate the Contract without liability, and at its discretion, to deduct from the Contract Price, or otherwise recover, the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage, gift or consideration.

#### 1.4.11. RESERVATIONS OF RIGHTS TO JEA

The Solicitation provides potential Companies with information to enable the submission of written offers. The Solicitation is not a contractual offer or commitment by JEA to purchase products or services.

Responses shall be good for a period of ninety (90) days following the opening of the Responses.

JEA reserves the right to reject any or all Response, or any part thereof, and/or to waive informalities if such action is in its best interest. JEA may reject any Responses that it deems incomplete, obscure or irregular including, but not limited to, Response that omit a price on any one or more items for which prices are required, Responses that omit Unit Prices if Unit Prices are required, Responses for which JEA determines that the Response is unbalanced, Responses that offer equal items when the option to do so has not been stated, Responses that fail to include a Response Bond, where one is required, and Responses from Companies who have previously failed to satisfactorily complete JEA contracts of any nature or who have been scored by JEA as "Unacceptable" and as a result, are temporarily barred from Bidding additional work.

JEA reserves the right to cancel, postpone, modify, reissue and amend this Solicitation at its discretion.

JEA reserves the right to cancel or change the date and time announced for opening of Responses at any time prior to the time announced for the opening of Responses. JEA may Award the Contract in whole or in part. In such cases whenever JEA exercises any of these reservations, JEA will make a commercially reasonable effort to notify, in writing, all parties to whom Solicitations were issued. JEA may award multiple or split Contracts if it is deemed to be in JEA's best interest.

# 1.4.12. ESTIMATED QUANTITIES

On the Response Document, JEA sets forth anticipated quantities, or estimates of anticipated purchase volumes by JEA.

After Award of the Contract, JEA will make payments upon the actual quantities of Work provided and JEA shall not be obligated, in any way, to pay any amounts for quantities other than those actually provided and authorized under this Contract, regardless of amount stated in the Solicitation. In the event that quantities or scope of work change after Award, the changes to price and/or scope shall be made in accordance with the terms and conditions stated in the Contract Document.

Any item not shown on the Response Document, but shown in the drawings or Technical Specifications section, that is required to perform the Work, or that is required as part of a complete and operable system, shall be included in the Response Price.

## 1.4.13. ETHICS (ITN)

By signing the Response Form, the Respondent certifies this Response is made without any previous understanding, agreement or connection with any other person, firm, or corporation submitting a Response for the same Work other than as a Subcontractor or supplier, and that this Response is made without outside control, collusion, fraud, or other illegal or unethical actions. The Respondent shall comply with all JEA and City of Jacksonville ordinances, policies and procedures regarding business ethics.

The Respondent shall submit only one (1) Response in response to this Solicitation. If JEA has reasonable cause to believe the Respondent has submitted more than one (1) Response for the same Work, other than as a Subcontractor or sub-supplier, JEA shall disqualify the Response and may pursue debarment actions.

The Respondent shall disclose the name(s) of any public officials who have any financial position, directly or indirectly, with this Response by completing and submitting the Conflict of Interest Certificate. Failure to fully complete and submit the Conflict of Interest Certificate will disqualify the Response. If JEA has reason to believe that collusion exists among the Respondents, JEA shall reject any and all Responses from the suspected Respondents and will proceed to debar Respondent from future JEA Awards in accordance with the JEA Purchasing Code.

JEA is prohibited by its Charter from awarding contracts to JEA officers or employees, or in which a JEA officer or employee has a financial interest. JEA shall reject any and all Responses from JEA officers or employees, as well as, any and all Responses in which a JEA officer or employee has a financial interest.

In accordance with Florida Statutes Sec. 287.133, JEA shall reject Responses from any persons or affiliates convicted of a public entity crime as listed on the Convicted Vendor list maintained by the Florida Department of Management Services. JEA shall not make an Award to any officer, director, executive, partner, shareholder, employee, member, or agent active in management of the Respondent listed on the Convicted Vendor list for any transaction exceeding \$35,000 for a period of thirty-six (36) months from the date of being placed on the Convicted Vendor list.

If the Respondent violates any requirement of this clause, the Response may be rejected and JEA may debar offending companies and persons.

#### 1.4.14. MATHEMATICAL ERRORS

In the event of a mathematical error in calculation of the prices entered on the Response Form, the Unit Prices will prevail. The corrected Response Price utilizing the Unit Prices will be used to determine if the Company is Awarded the Work or the Services. Subsequently, the Unit Prices will be used throughout the term of the Contract.

## 1.4.15. MODIFICATION OR WITHDRAWAL OF RESPONSES

The Respondent may modify or withdraw its Response at any time prior to the Response Due Date and Time by giving written notice to JEA's Chief Procurement Officer. JEA will not accept modifications submitted by telephone, telegraph, email, or facsimile, or those submitted after the Response Due Date and Time. The Respondent shall not modify or withdraw its Response from time of Response opening and for a period of ninety (90) days following the opening of Responses.

## 1.4.16. AVAILABILITY OF RESPONSES AFTER RESPONSE OPENING

In accordance with the Florida Public Records Law, Florida Statute, Chapter 119, copies of all Responses are available for public inspection thirty (30) days after the opening of Responses or on the date of Award announcement, whichever is earlier. Respondents may review opened Responses once they are available for public

inspection by contacting the designated Buyer or JEA's Public Records custodian whose contact information can be found at jea.com. JEA will post a summary of the Response results immediately after the Response opening.

#### 1.4.17. PROTEST OF BIDDING AND AWARD PROCESS

Companies shall file any protests regarding this Solicitation in writing, in accordance with the JEA Purchasing Code, as amended from time to time. The JEA Purchasing Code is available online at jea.com.

## 1.4.18. SHIPPING, FREIGHT, AND TRAVEL--F.O.B. DESTINATION

The Respondent shall include the price for travel, shipment of materials and equipment in its pricing shown on the Response Document unless otherwise stated on the Response Document. The shipment of all materials shall be F.O.B.

If the Solicitation allows for travel expenses to be billed separately, then all Company's travel expenses will be reimbursed in accordance with JEA's Contractor Travel Policy.

#### 1.4.19. SUBCONTRACTORS

The Company shall list the names of all Subcontractors and subsuppliers/shop fabricators that it plans to utilize for the performance of the Work. All subcontracts shall be listed on the Subcontractors Form which is available at jea.com. Failure to submit this form with the Response/Proposal shall result in rejection of Company's Response/Proposal. The Company shall not use Subcontractors and subsuppliers/shop fabricators other than those shown on the Subcontractor form unless it shows good cause and obtains the JEA Representative's prior written consent. In cases where the Subcontractor or subsupplier/shop fabricator is a JSEB firm, the City of Jacksonville Ombudsman will review the substitution request, and make a written recommendation prior to the JEA Representative's written consent.

If the Company plans to use Subcontractors or subsupplier/shop fabricators to perform over 50% of the Work, the Company shall obtain JEA's approval at least five (5) days prior to the Response/Proposal Due Date. Failure to obtain JEA approval will disqualify the Company and result in rejection of Company's Response/Proposal.

## 1.4.20. CERTIFICATION AND REPRESENTATIONS OF THE RESPONDENT

By signing and submitting a Response, the Respondent certifies and represents as follows:

- A. That it has carefully examined all available records and conditions, including sites if applicable, and the requirements and specifications of this Solicitation prior to submitting its Response. Where the Respondent visits sites, no Work or other disturbance is to be performed while at the site without written permission by JEA in advance of the site visit. The Respondent shall comply with all safety requirements described in the Solicitation and shall be prepared to show proof of insurance
- B. That every aspect of its submitted Response, including the Response Price and the detailed schedule for the execution of the Work, are based on its own knowledge and judgment of the conditions and hazards involved, and not upon any representation of JEA. JEA assumes no responsibility for any understanding or representation made by any of its representatives during or prior to execution of the Contract unless such understandings or representations are expressly stated in the Contract and the Contract expressly provides that JEA assumes the responsibility.
- C. That the individual signing the Response Document is a duly authorized agent or officer of the firm. Responses submitted by a corporation must be executed in the corporate name by the President or Vice President. If an individual other than the President or Vice President signs the Response,

satisfactory evidence of authority to sign may be requested by JEA. If the Response is submitted by a partnership, the Response must be signed by a partner whose title must appear under the signature. If an individual other than a partner signs the Response, satisfactory evidence of authority to sign may be requested by JEA. The corporation or partnership must be in active status at the Florida Division of Corporations at the time of contract execution.

- D. That the firm maintains an active status any and all licenses, permits, certifications, insurance, bonds and other credentials including not limited to contractor's license and occupational licenses necessary to perform the Work. The Respondent also certifies that, upon the prospect of any change in the status of applicable licenses, permits, certifications, insurances, bonds or other credentials, the Respondent shall immediately notify JEA of status change.
- E. That Respondent has read, understands these instructions and will comply with the Section titled Ethics.

#### 2. CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

#### 2.1. CONTRACT DOCUMENT AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Provided below are the Contract terms and conditions that will be incorporated by reference in the Contract Document executed by the Company and JEA. The Contract Document will incorporate by reference the terms contained in the Solicitation portion of this document provided in Section 1, the Contract Terms provided in Section 2; and the Technical Specifications provided in Section 3. An example of the Contract that the Company will be required to execute is available for review at jea.com.

## 2.2. **DEFINITIONS**

## 2.2.1. **DEFINITIONS**

Words and terms defined in this section shall have the same meaning throughout all parts of the Contract Documents. Where intended to convey the meaning consistent with that set forth in its definition, a defined word or term is marked by initial capitalization. The "Technical Specifications" part may define additional words and terms where necessary to clarify the Work. Unless otherwise stated in the Contract Documents, definitions set forth in the "Technical Specifications" shall apply only within the "Technical Specifications."

#### 2.2.2. ACCEPTANCE

JEA's written notice by the Contract Administrator to the Company that all Work as specified in the Contract has been completed to JEA's satisfaction. Approval or recognition of the Company meeting a Milestone or interim step does not constitute Acceptance of that portion of Work. Acceptance is only applicable to the entirety of Work as specified in the Contract. Acceptance does not in any way limit JEA's rights under the Contract or applicable laws, rules and regulations.

#### 2.2.3. ADDENDUM/ADDENDA

A written change or changes to the Solicitation which is issued by JEA Procurement Services and is incorporated into the Solicitation as a modification, revision and/or further clarification of the intent of the Solicitation.

#### 2.2.4. ANNIVERSARY DATE

The twelve (12) month period beginning on the effective date of the Contract, and each subsequent twelve (12) month period that the Contract is in effect.

#### 2.2.5. AWARD

The written approval of the JEA Awards Committee that the procurement process for the purchase of the Work was in accordance with the JEA Procurement Code and Florida Statutes. Once an Award is approved, JEA will either issue a Purchase Order or execute a Contract with the successful Respondent or proposer.

#### 2.2.6. RESPONSE DOCUMENT

The forms required to be submitted to JEA as the Company's offer to perform the Work or Services described herein. The Response Document can include, but is not limited to, the Response Form, Minimum Qualifications Form, certifications and/or other required submittals. The Response Document may also be referred to as the "Response Form".

## 2.2.7. RESPONSE OR PROPOSAL

The document describing the Respondent's offer submitted in response to this Solicitation. Response and Proposal shall be considered synonymous for the purpose of this Contract.

## 2.2.8. RESPONSE PRICE

The total dollar amount of the Respondent's price contained on the Response Form including, but not limited to, all labor, materials, overheads, profits, bonding and insurance premiums, other expenses, and any and all other cost items incurred by the Respondent in successfully performing the Work or Services in accordance with the Contract Documents.

# 2.2.9. RESPONDENT OR PROPOSER

The respondent to this Solicitation. Respondent and Proposer shall be considered synonymous for the purpose of this Solicitation.

## 2.2.10. CHANGE ORDER

A written order issued after execution of the Contract to the Company signed by the Contract Administrator, or his designated representative, authorizing an addition, deletion, or revision of the Work, or an adjustment in the Contract Price or the Contract Time. Change Orders do not authorize expenditures greater than the monies encumbered by JEA, which is shown on the associated Purchase Order(s). An executed Change Order resolves all issues related to price and time for the Work included in the Change Order. A Change Order that involves material changes to the Contract may result in a Contract Amendment.

# **2.2.11. COMPANY**

The legal person, firm, corporation or any other entity or business relationship with whom JEA has executed the Contract. Where the word "Company" is used it shall also include permitted assigns. Prime Contractor, Contractor, Vendor, Supplier and Company shall be considered synonymous for the purpose of the Contract.

#### 2.2.12. COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE

The individual responsible for representing the Company in all activities concerning the fulfillment and administration of the Contract.

#### 2.2.13. COMPANY SUPERVISOR

The individual, employed or contracted by the Company, to manage the Work on a day-to-day basis and ensure the Work is performed according to the Contract. The Company Supervisor may be authorized by the Company Representative to act on Contract matters. Such authorization shall be in writing and delivered to the Contract Administrator and shall clearly state the limitations of any such authorization. In the event that the Company

Supervisor and the Company Representative is the same person, the Company shall notify the Contract Administrator of such situation.

#### **2.2.14. CONTRACT**

An agreement between JEA and a Company, signed by both parties. Once a Contract is executed, a Purchase Order will be issued by JEA to the Company as its Notice to Proceed with the Work. The Contract shall not be altered without an executed Contract Amendment or JEA issued Change Order.

## 2.2.15. CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR

The individual assigned by JEA to have authority over the Contract, including the authority to negotiate all elements of the Contract with the Company, authorize Change Orders within the maximum amount awarded, terminate the Contract, seek remedies for nonperformance including termination, and otherwise act on behalf of JEA in all matters regarding the Contract. The Contract Administrator may authorize JEA Representative in writing to make minor changes to the Work with the intent of preventing Work disruption.

#### 2.2.16. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

Contract Documents, also referred to as the "Contract" or "Agreement" means the executed Contract Document and any written Change Orders, amendments or Purchase Orders executed by JEA, and insurance and/or bonds as required by the Contract.

#### 2.2.17. CONTRACT PRICE

The total amount payable to the Company under the Contract, as set forth in the Contract Documents.

## **2.2.18.** CONTRACT TIME (MAINTENANCE)

The number of calendar days or the period of time from when the written Notice to Proceed is issued to the Company, to the date Company has agreed to complete the Work, as set forth in the Contract Documents.

## 2.2.19. CONTRACTOR

The legal person, firm, corporation or any other entity or business relationship with whom JEA has executed the Contract. Where the word "Contractor" is used it shall also include permitted assigns. Contractor and Company shall be considered synonymous for the purpose of the Contract.

## **2.2.20. DEFECT**

Work that fails to meet the requirements of any required test, inspection or approval, and any Work that meets the requirements of any test or approval, but nevertheless does not meet the requirements of the Contract Documents.

# 2.2.21. FINAL COMPLETION

The point in time after JEA makes the determination that the Work is completed and there is Acceptance by JEA, and the Company has fulfilled all requirements of the Contract Documents.

## **2.2.22. HOLIDAYS**

The following days: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Presidents' Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, Day after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve Day, and Christmas Day.

#### **2.2.23. INVOICE**

A document seeking payment to Company from JEA for all or a portion of the Work, in accordance with the Contract Documents, and including at a minimum the following items: the Company name and address, a description of the product(s) or service(s) rendered, a valid JEA PO number, the amount payable, the payee name and address, any associated JSEB forms and any other supporting documentation required by the Contract Documents.

#### 2.2.24. JEA

JEA on its own behalf, and when the Work involves St. Johns River Power Park (SJRPP), as agent for Florida Power and Light Company (FPL). JEA and FPL are co-owners of SJRPP.

## 2.2.25. JEA REPRESENTATIVES

The Contract Administrator, Contract Inspector, Contract Administrator's Representative, JEA Engineer, Field Engineer, Project Manager, and other persons designated by the Contract Administrator as JEA Representatives acting in a capacity related to the Work or Contract under the authority of the Contract Administrator.

#### 2.2.26. PURCHASE ORDER (PO)

A Work authorization document issued by the JEA Procurement Department with the words "Purchase Order" clearly marked across the top, a PO number used for reference shown on the front of the document, a description of the Work or a listing of the applicable Contract Documents, an authorized JEA signature and states the dollar amount of the lawfully appropriated funds. The Purchase Order is the only document that authorizes changes to the total dollar amount of the Contract.

## 2.2.27. QUALITY ASSURANCE

Actions that JEA takes to assess the Company's performance under the Contract.

#### 2.2.28. QUALITY CONTROL

Actions that the Company takes to ensure it successfully completes the Work in full accordance with the Contract Documents.

#### 2.2.29. SOLICITATION

The document (which may be electronic) issued by the JEA Procurement Department to solicit Responses or Proposals from Respondents that includes, but is not limited to, the Response Document, samples of documents and Addenda.

## 2.2.30. SUBCONTRACTOR

A provider of services performing Work under contract for the Company.

#### 2.2.31. SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION (DEFINITION)

The time when JEA determines that the Work (or a specified part thereof) is sufficiently complete, in accordance with the Contract Documents. Additionally, all work other than incidental corrective and incidental punch list work items shall be completed. Substantial Completion shall not have been achieved if all systems and parts are not functional, if utilities are not connected and operating normally, if all required occupancy permits have not been issued, or if the Work is not accessible by normal vehicular and pedestrian traffic routes. The date of Substantial Completion shall be established in writing by JEA. Recognition of the Work as Substantially Complete, as evidenced by issuance of a Certificate of Substantial Completion, does not represent JEA's Acceptance of the Work.

#### **2.2.32. TASK ORDER**

A document that describes the Work or describes a series of tasks that the Company will perform in accordance with the Contract Documents. A Task Order may be issued as an attachment to a Purchase Order, but the Task Order is neither a Purchase Order, nor a Notice to Proceed.

#### 2.2.33. TERM

The period of time during which the Contract is in force or until the Contract's Maximum Indebtedness is reached, whichever occurs first.

#### 2.2.34. UNIT PRICES

The Respondent's charges, rounded to the nearest cent, to JEA for the performance of each respective unit of Work as defined on the Response Documents for all items required for successfully performing the Work through Acceptance.

## 2.2.35. WORK LOCATION (DEFINITION)

The place or places where the Work is performed, excluding the properties of the Company and/or the Subcontractor(s).

## 2.2.36. WORK OR SCOPE OF SERVICES

Work includes as defined in the Contract Documents all actions, products, documentation, electronic programs, reports, testing, transport, administration, management, services, materials, tools, equipment, and responsibilities to be furnished or performed by the Company under the Contract, together with all other additional necessities that are not specifically recited in the Contract, but can be reasonably inferred as necessary to complete all obligations and fully satisfy the intent of the Contract.

## 2.3. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

## 2.3.1. ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

The Contract shall consist of JEA's Contract and/or Purchase Order together with the Solicitation including, but not limited to, the executed Response Document(s), which shall be collectively referred to as the Contract Documents. This Contract is the complete agreement between the parties. Parol or extrinsic evidence will not be used to vary or contradict the express terms of this Contract. The Contract Documents are complementary; what is called for by one is binding as if called for by all. The Company shall inform JEA in writing of any conflict, error or discrepancy in the Contract Documents upon discovery. Should the Company proceed with the Work prior to written resolution of the error or conflict by JEA, all Work performed is at the sole risk of the Company. JEA will generally consider this precedence of the Contract Documents in resolving any conflict, error, or discrepancy:

- o Executed Change Orders / Amendments
- o Executed Contract Document
- o Supplemental Conditions of Contract
- o General Conditions of Contract
- o Purchase Order
- o Drawings
- o Exhibits and Attachments
- o Technical Specifications
- o Addenda to JEA Solicitation
- o JEA Solicitation
- o Response Documents

#### o References

The figure dimensions on drawings shall govern over scale dimensions. Contract and detailed drawings shall govern over general drawings. The Company shall perform any Work that may reasonably be inferred from the Contract as being required whether or not it is specifically called for. Work, materials or equipment described in words that, so applied, have a well-known technical or trade meaning shall be taken as referring to such recognized standards.

#### 2.4. PRICE AND PAYMENTS

### 2.4.1. PAYMENTS

## 2.4.1.1. PAYMENT METHOD – UPON DELIVERY AND INVOICE

Company shall invoice JEA upon Delivery and Acceptance of the Work. Invoices may be submitted for each Delivery, or on a monthly basis for deliveries that occurred during the month.

## 2.4.2. INVOICING AND PAYMENT TERMS

Within sixty (60) days from completion of the Work, the Company shall submit all Invoices or Applications for Payment in accordance with the payment method agreed upon in these Contract Documents. Invoices shall be submitted to the following address:

JEA Accounts Payable P.O. Box 4910 Jacksonville, FL 32201-4310

JEA will pay the Company the amount requested within thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of an Invoice from the Company subject to the provisions stated below.

JEA may reject any Invoice or Application for Payment within twenty (20) calendar days after receipt. JEA will return the Invoice or Application for Payment to the Company stating the reasons for rejection. Upon receipt of an acceptable revised Invoice or Application for Payment, JEA will pay the Company the revised amount within ten (10) days.

JEA may withhold payment if the Company is in violation of any conditions or terms of the Contract Documents.

In the case of early termination of the Contract, all payments made by JEA against the Contract Price prior to notice of termination shall be credited to the amount, if any, due the Company. If the parties determine that the sum of all previous payments and credits exceeds the sum due the Company, the Company shall refund the excess amount to JEA within ten (10) days of determination or written notice.

## 2.4.3. JSEB - INVOICING AND PAYMENT

If the Company utilizes JSEB certified firms, regardless of whether these Contract Documents require or encourage the use of such firms, the Company shall Invoice for and report the use of JSEB certified firms according to the format and guidelines established by the City of Jacksonville.

# 2.4.4. COST SAVINGS PLAN

During the term of this Contract, JEA and Company are encouraged to identify ways to reduce the total cost to JEA related to the Work provided by the Company. JEA and Company may negotiate Amendments to this Contract that

support and allow such reductions in total costs including, but not limited to, the sharing of savings resulting from implementation of cost-reducing initiatives between JEA and Company. The decision to accept any cost savings plan shall be in the sole discretion of JEA, and JEA shall not be liable to Company for any cost that may be alleged to be related to a refusal to accept a Cost Savings Plan.

#### 2.4.5. DISCOUNT PRICING

JEA offers any or all of the following option payment terms, one of which may be executed at the request of the Company by sending an email to the JEA Buyer listed in this Solicitation:

- o 1% 20, net 30
- o 2% 10, net 30
- o 3% 5, net 30

Company may request alternate payment terms for JEA's consideration, however, alternate payment terms are not effective until acceptance by JEA in writing. Please note, all payment dates are calculated from the date of the Invoice receipt by JEA's Accounts Payable.

# 2.4.6. PROMPT PAYMENT TO SUBCONTRACTORS, SUB-SUBCONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS

When the Company receives payment from JEA for labor, services or materials furnished by Subcontractors and suppliers that are hired by the Company, the Company shall remit payment due (less proper retainage) to those Subcontractors and suppliers within ten (10) days after the Company's receipt of payment from JEA. Nothing herein shall prohibit the Company from disputing, pursuant to the terms hereof, all or any portion of a payment alleged to be due to its Subcontractors and suppliers. In the event of such dispute, the Company may withhold the disputed portion of any such payment only after the Company has provided written notice to JEA and to the Subcontractor and supplier whose payment is in dispute, stating the amount in dispute and specifically describing the actions required to cure the dispute. The Company shall deliver such notice to JEA and to the said Subcontractor or supplier within 10 days following the Company's receipt of payment from JEA. The Company shall pay all undisputed amounts due within the time frames specified herein.

The prompt payment requirements herein shall, in no way, create any contractual relationship or obligation between JEA and any Subcontractor, supplier, JSEB, or any third-party, nor create any JEA liability for the Company's failure to make timely payments as required. The Company's failure to comply with the prompt payment requirements, however, shall constitute a material breach of its contractual obligations to JEA. As a result of such breach, JEA, without waiving any other available remedy it may have against the Company, may issue joint checks and charge the Company a 0.2% daily late payment interest charge or charges as specified within the Florida Statutes, whichever is greater.

## **2.4.7. OFFSETS**

In case the Company is in violation of any requirement of the Contract, JEA may withhold payments that may be due the Company, and may offset existing balances with any JEA incurred costs against funds due the Company under this and any other Company Contract with JEA, as a result of the violation, or other damages as allowed by the Contract Documents and applicable law.

#### **2.4.8. TAXES**

JEA is authorized to self-accrue the Florida Sales and Use Tax and is exempt from Manufacturer's Federal Excise Tax when purchasing tangible personal property for its direct consumption.

## 2.5. SCHEDULES & REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

#### 2.5.1. REPORTING

The Company shall provide the reports as defined in the Contract Documents.

Where the reporting frequency is daily, reports shall be submitted by noon of the following workday. Where the reporting frequency is weekly, reports are due by Monday at noon, covering the prior workweek. Where Monday is a Holiday, the reports are due at noon on the next workday. Where reports are due monthly, reports are due by noon on the first business day of each month. Sample forms for reports may be included in the Contract Documents. Where they are included they are to be used. Where they are not included, the Company shall provide a sample of its proposed report format for each report to the Contract Administrator at least one-week prior to its initial due date. The Contract Administrator will review and either approve or reject use of the report. Where proposed report is rejected, Company shall resubmit revised report formats, until Contract Administrator approves format. Reporting cycle shall begin upon PO date, or, if used, date of Notice to Proceed.

Where the Contract calls for reports to be submitted by Company, such reports shall be in both paper and electronic format, with the electronic version submitted electronically via email to the Contract Administrator.

#### 2.5.2. WORK SCHEDULES

The Approved Schedule is referenced in the Technical Specifications attached to this Solicitation. If no schedule is provided, then the established schedule is based on working five (5) days per week, single shift, eight (8) hours per day or four (4) days per week, single shift, ten (10) hours per day. JEA may require the Company to base its schedule on an accelerated Work schedule or multiple shifts. The Company shall not schedule work on Holidays without obtaining prior written approval from JEA.

The Company shall, at no additional cost to JEA, increase or supplement its working force and equipment and perform the Work on an overtime or multiple shift basis when directed by JEA and upon notification that the Company is behind schedule. The Company shall submit a revised schedule in writing demonstrating the Company's schedule recovery plans.

The Company understands and agrees that the rate of progress set forth in the Approved Schedule already allows for ordinary delays incident to the Work. No extension of the Contract Term will be made for ordinary delays, inclement weather, or accidents, and the occurrence of such events will not relieve the Company from requirement of meeting the approved schedule.

#### 2.6. WARRANTIES AND REPRESENTATIONS

## **2.6.1.** WARRANTY (MAINTENANCE)

The Company unconditionally warrants to JEA for a period of not less than Two (2) year(s) from the date of JEA Acceptance that all Work furnished under the Contract, including but not limited to, materials, equipment, goods, workmanship, labor, services, and intellectual property, including derivative works shall be:

- o Performed in a safe, professional and workman-like manner; and
- o Free from Defects in design, material, and workmanship; and
- o Fit for the use and purpose specified or referred to in the Contract; and
- O Suitable for any other use or purpose as represented in writing by the Company; and
- o In conformance with the Contract Documents; and
- o Merchantable, new and of first-class quality.

 Conform to all applicable standards and regulations promulgated by federal, state, local laws and regulations, standards boards, organizations of the Department of State, and adopted industry association standards.

## Labor/Services:

At JEA's option, if the Company performs labor/services that fails to conform to the above mentioned warranties, JEA may correct the Defect at the Company's expense if the Company fails to make the appropriate corrections within a reasonable time upon notice by JEA, or JEA may return the Work at the Company's expense and terminate the Contract.

## Materials, Supplies or Goods:

At JEA's option, if the Company provides materials, supplies, or goods that fail to conform to the above mentioned warranties, JEA may correct the Defect at the Company's expense if the Company fails to make the appropriate corrections within a reasonable time upon notice by JEA, or JEA may return the Work for correction or replacement at the Company's expense, or JEA may return the Work at the Company's expense and terminate the Contract. If, within the warranty period, JEA determines that any of the materials, supplies or goods are defective or exhibit signs of excess deterioration, the Company, at its own expense, shall repair, adjust, or replace the defective Work to the complete satisfaction of JEA. The Company shall pay all costs of removal, transportation, reinstallation, repair, and all other associated costs incurred in connection with correcting such Defects in the Work. The Company shall correct any Defects only at times designated by JEA. The Company shall extend the warranty period an additional twelve (12) months for any portion of the Work that has undergone warranty repair or replacement, but in no case shall the maximum warranty be extended beyond thirty-six (36) months.

If Work includes items covered under a manufacturer's or Subcontractor's warranty that exceeds the requirements stated herein, Company shall transfer such warranty to JEA. Such warranties, do not in any way limit the warranty provided by the Company to JEA.

JEA may repair or replace any defective Work at the Company's expense when the Company fails to correct the Defect within a reasonable time of receiving written notification of the Defect by JEA, when the Company is unable to respond in an emergency situation, or when necessary to prevent JEA from substantial financial loss. Where JEA makes repairs or replaces defective Work, JEA will issue the Company a written accounting and invoice of all such work to correct Defects.

Where spare parts may be needed, Company warrants that spare parts will be available to JEA for purchase for at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the stated useful life of the product.

The Company's warranty excludes remedy for damage or Defect caused by abuse, improper or insufficient maintenance, improper operation, or wear and tear under normal usage.

## 2.7. INSURANCE, INDEMNITY AND RISK OF LOSS

#### 2.7.1. INSURANCE

## INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Before starting and until acceptance of the Work by JEA, and without further limiting its liability under the Contract, Company shall procure and maintain at its sole expense, insurance of the types and in the minimum amounts stated below:

## Workers' Compensation

Florida Statutory coverage and Employer's Liability (including appropriate Federal Acts); Insurance Limits: Statutory Limits (Workers' Compensation) \$500,000 each accident (Employer's Liability).

## Commercial General Liability

Premises-Operations, Products-Completed Operations, Contractual Liability, Independent Contractors, Broad Form Property Damage, Explosion, Collapse and Underground, Hazards (XCU Coverage) as appropriate; Insurance Limits: \$1,000,000 each occurrence, \$2,000,000 annual aggregate for bodily injury and property damage, combined single limit.

#### Automobile Liability

All autos-owned, hired, or non-owned; Insurance Limits: \$1,000,000 each occurrence, combined single limit.

## Excess or Umbrella Liability

(This is additional coverage and limits above the following primary insurance: Employer's Liability, Commercial General Liability, and Automobile Liability); Insurance Limits: \$4,000,000 each occurrence and annual aggregate.

Company's Commercial General Liability, and Excess or Umbrella Liability policies shall remain in force throughout the duration of the project and until the Work is completed to JEA's satisfaction. The Indemnification provision provided herein is separate and is not limited by the type of insurance or insurance amounts stated above.

Company shall specify JEA and Florida Power and Light Company (FPL) as additional insureds for all coverage except Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability. Such insurance shall be primary to any and all other insurance or self-insurance maintained by JEA or FPL. Company shall include a Waiver of Subrogation on all required insurance in favor of JEA, FPL, their board members, officers, employees, agents, successors and assigns.

Such insurance shall be written by a company or companies licensed to do business in the State of Florida and satisfactory to JEA. Prior to commencing any Work under this Contract, certificates evidencing the maintenance of the insurance shall be furnished to JEA for approval. Company's and its subcontractors' Certificates of Insurance shall be mailed to JEA (Attn. Procurement Services), Customer Care Center, 6th Floor, 21 West Church Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202-3139.

The insurance certificates shall provide that no material alteration or cancellation, including expiration and non-renewal, shall be effective until thirty (30) days after receipt of written notice by JEA.

Any subcontractors of Company shall procure and maintain the insurance required of Company hereunder during the life of the subcontracts. Subcontractors' insurance may be either by separate coverage or by endorsement under insurance provided by Company. Note: Any JSEB firms identified by Respondents for this Solicitation are considered "Subcontractors" under the direct supervision of the Prime or General Contractor (herein referred to as "Company"). Companies should show good faith efforts in providing assistance to JSEB firms in the securing of the Subcontractors' insurance requirements stated herein. Company shall submit subcontractors' certificates of insurance to JEA prior to allowing Subcontractors to perform Work on JEA's job sites.

#### 2.7.2. INDEMNIFICATION

#### 2.7.2.1. TITLE AND RISK OF LOSS

Ownership, risks of damage to or loss of the Work shall pass to JEA upon Acceptance. The Company shall assume all risk of loss or damage to the Work while items are in transit and/or in the Company's custody until such time that JEA issues written notice of Acceptance.

JEA's receipt or delivery of any equipment or other materials will not constitute JEA's Acceptance of the Work and will not constitute a waiver by JEA of any right, claim or remedy. In the event of loss or damage to the Work, the Company shall bear all costs associated with any loss or damage until Acceptance by JEA.

For equipment and materials removed from JEA sites or the Work locations for repairs, service or duplication, JEA will retain the title to equipment and materials removed.

## 2.7.2.2. ENVIRONMENTAL INDEMNIFICATION

The Company shall hold harmless and indemnify JEA and Florida Power and Light (FPL), including without limitation, its officers, directors, members, representatives, affiliates, agents and employees, successors and assigns (the "Indemnified Parties") and will reimburse the Indemnified Parties from and against any and all claims, suits, demands, judgments, losses, costs, fines, penalties, damages, liabilities and expenses (including all costs of cleanup, containment or other remediation, and all costs for investigation and defense thereof including, but not limited to, court costs, reasonable expert witness fees and attorney fees) arising from or in connection with (a) the Company's, including, but not limited to, its agents, affiliates or assigns ("Parties"), actions or activities that result in a violation of any environmental law, ordinance, rule, or regulation or that leads to an environmental claim or citation or to damages due to the Company's or other Parties' activities, (b) any environmental, health and safety liabilities arising out of or relating to the operation or other activities performed in connection with this Contract by the Company or any Party at any time on or after the effective date of the Contract, or (c) any bodily injury (including illness, disability and death, regardless of when any such bodily injury occurred, was incurred or manifested itself), personal injury, property damage (including trespass, nuisance, wrongful eviction and deprivation of the use of real property) or other damage of or to any person in any way arising from or allegedly arising from any hazardous activity conducted by the Company or any Party. JEA and FPL will be entitled to control any remedial action, any proceeding relating to an environmental claim. This indemnification agreement is separate and apart from, and is in no way limited by, any insurance provided pursuant to this Contract or otherwise. This section relating to indemnification shall survive the Term of this Contract, and any holdover and/or Contract extensions thereto, whether such Term expires naturally by the passage of time or is terminated earlier pursuant to the provisions of this Contract.

#### 2.7.2.3. INDEMNIFICATION

For ten dollars (\$10.00) acknowledged to be included and paid for in the contract price and other good and valuable considerations, the Company shall hold harmless and indemnify JEA and Florida Power & Light Company (hereinafter referred to as FPL), against any claim, action, loss, damage, injury, liability, cost and expense of whatsoever kind or nature (including, but not by way of limitation, reasonable attorney's fees and court costs) arising out of injury (whether mental or corporeal) to persons, including death, or damage to property, arising out of or incidental to the negligence, recklessness or intentional wrongful misconduct of the Company and any person or entity used by Company in the performance of this Contract or Work performed thereunder. For purposes of this Indemnification, the term "JEA" shall mean JEA as a body politic and corporate and shall include its governing board, officers, employees, agents, successors and assigns. For purposes of this Indemnification, FPL has been included with JEA, as co-owner for their St. Johns River Power Park facility (hereinafter referred to SJRPP). The term "FPL" shall include its governing board, officers, employees, agents, successors and assigns. This indemnification shall survive the term of a Contract entered into pursuant to this solicitation, for events that occurred

during the Contract term. This indemnification shall be separate and apart from, and in addition to, any other indemnification provisions set forth elsewhere in this Contract.

## 2.7.3. NOTIFICATION OF SURETY

The Company shall notify its surety of any changes affecting the general scope of the Work or altering the Contract Price. The amount of the applicable bonds shall be adjusted accordingly and the Company shall furnish proof of such adjustment to JEA within ten (10) days of date of Purchase Order.

## 2.8. SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION & ACCEPTANCE

#### 2.8.1. SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION

The Company shall notify JEA in writing when a portion of the Work is ready for Acceptance and can be utilized for the purposes for which it was intended. The Company shall identify any deficiencies in the Work. JEA will inspect the Work and will give the Company written notice of either Acceptance of that portion of the Work or provide a list of additional deficiencies. The Company shall correct all deficiencies prior to Acceptance of the Work by JEA.

Whenever any portion of the Work is Substantially Complete, JEA may use it. Such use shall not be held in any way as an Acceptance of the Work or as a waiver of any provisions of the Contract.

## 2.8.2. DELAY IN ACCEPTANCE OR DELIVERY

JEA may delay delivery or acceptance of goods in the event of any unforeseen event. The Company shall hold the goods pending JEA's direction, and JEA will be liable only for direct increased costs incurred by the Company by reason of JEA's instructions.

# 2.8.3. ACCEPTANCE OF WORK - RECEIPT, INSPECTION, USAGE AND TESTING

The Contract Administrator will make the determination when Work is completed and there is Acceptance by JEA. Acceptance will be made by JEA only in writing and after adequate time to ensure Work is performed in accordance with Contract Documents. JEA will reject any items delivered by Company that are not in accordance with the Contract, and shall not be deemed to have accepted any items until JEA has had reasonable time to inspect them following delivery or, if later, within a reasonable time after any latent defect in the items has become apparent. JEA may partially accept the Work items. If JEA elects to accept nonconforming items, it may in addition to other remedies, be entitled to deduct a reasonable amount from the price as compensation for the nonconformity. Any Acceptance by JEA, even if nonconditional, shall not be deemed a waiver, or settlement or acceptance of any Defect.

## 2.9. TERM AND TERMINATION

# 2.9.1. TERM

# 2.9.1.1. TERM OF CONTRACT-THROUGH COMPLETION OF WORK

The Contract shall be in force through completion of all Work, Acceptance and final payment, including resolution of all disputes, claims, or suits, if any. Certain provisions of this Contract may extend past termination including, but not limited to, Warranty and Indemnification provisions.

This Contract, after the initial year shall be contingent upon the existence of lawfully appropriated funds for each subsequent year of the Contract.

#### 2.9.2. TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE

JEA shall have the absolute right to terminate in whole or part the Contract, with or without cause, at any time after Award upon written notification of such termination.

In the event of termination for convenience, JEA will pay the Company for all disbursements and expenses that the Company has incurred, or those for which it becomes obligated prior to receiving JEA's notice of termination. Upon receipt of such notice of termination, the Company shall stop the performance of the Work hereunder except as may be necessary to carry out such termination and take any other action toward termination of the Work that JEA may reasonably request, including all reasonable efforts to provide for a prompt and efficient transition as directed by JEA.

JEA will have no liability to the Company for any cause whatsoever arising out of, or in connection with, termination including, but not limited to, lost profits, lost opportunities, resulting change in business condition, except as expressly stated within these Contract Documents.

#### 2.9.3. TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT

JEA may give the Company written notice to discontinue all Work under the Contract in the event that:

The Company assigns or subcontracts the Work without prior written permission;

- Any petition is filed or any proceeding is commenced by or against the Company for relief under any bankruptcy or insolvency laws;
- A receiver is appointed for the Company's properties or the Company commits any act of insolvency (however evidenced);
- The Company makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors;
- The Company suspends the operation of a substantial portion of its business;
- The Company suspends the whole or any part of the Work to the extent that it impacts the Company's ability to meet the Work schedule, or the Company abandons the whole or any part of the Work:
- The Company, at any time, violates any of the conditions or provisions of the Contract Documents, or the Company fails to perform as specified in the Contract Documents, or the Company is not complying with the Contract Documents.
- The Company attempts to willfully impose upon JEA items or workmanship that are, in JEA's sole opinion, defective or of unacceptable quality.
- The Company breaches any of the representations or warranties;
- The Company is determined, in JEA's sole opinion, to have misrepresented the utilization of funds or misappropriate property belonging to JEA;
- Any material change in the financial or business condition of the Company.

If within five (5) days after service of such notice upon the Company, an arrangement satisfactory to JEA has not been made by the Company for continuance of the Work, then JEA may declare Company to be in default of the Contract.

Once Company is declared to be in default, JEA will charge the expense of completing the Work to the Company and will deduct such expenses from monies due, or which at any time thereafter may become due, to the Company. If such expenses are more than the sum that would otherwise have been payable under the Contract, then the Company shall pay the amount of such excess to JEA upon notice of the expenses from JEA. JEA shall not be required to obtain the lowest price for completing the Work under the Contract, but may make such expenditures

that, in its sole judgment, shall best accomplish such completion. JEA will, however, make reasonable efforts to mitigate the excess costs of completing the Work.

The Contract Documents shall in no way limit JEA's right to all remedies for nonperformance provided under law or in equity, except as specifically set forth herein. In the event of termination for nonperformance, the Company shall immediately surrender all Work records to JEA. In such a case, JEA may set off any money owed to the Company against any liabilities resulting from the Company's nonperformance.

JEA has no responsibility whatsoever to issue notices of any kind, including but not limited to deficient performance letters and scorecards, to the Company regarding its performance prior to default by Company for performance related issues.

JEA shall have no liability to the Company for termination costs arising out of the Contract, or any of the Company's subcontracts, as a result of termination for default.

#### 2.10. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

#### **2.10.1. LICENSES**

The Company shall comply with all licensing, registration and/or certification requirements pursuant to applicable laws, rules and regulations. The Company shall secure all licenses, registrations and certifications as required for the performance of the Work and shall pay all fees associated with securing them. The Company shall produce written evidence of licenses and other certifications immediately upon request from JEA.

#### 2.10.2. PRE-WORK MEETING AND PROGRESS MEETINGS

The Contract Administrator may, at his or her discretion, request Pre-Work Meetings to be held prior to start of any Field Work. Such meeting(s) shall be attended by, but not limited to, the Company Representative and Company Supervisor. The Contract Administrator will notify the Company in writing of the meeting time and location at least two days prior to the meeting date. In addition, construction progress meetings will be held at a frequency as determined by JEA, but shall not be more often than once per week. Such meeting(s) shall be attended by, but not limited to, the Company's project manager and Company's Supervisor.

# 2.10.3. UNFORESEEN CONDITIONS

The Company understands and agrees that it is its responsibility to conduct due diligence prior to the Work. Such due diligence includes, but is not limited to, verifying all Work conditions, measurements, dimensions and latent and patent obstructions, the accuracy of drawings, test results, inspections and other informational materials provided in the Contract Documents, and any other causes for existing or potential changes to the Work prior to initiating the Work. In the event that the Work must be changed due to the Company's failure to fulfill the above requirements, the Company understands and agrees that it will be responsible for all costs associated with the changed condition.

In the event, however, that the Company exercises the requisite due diligence and a change to the Work becomes necessary resulting from conditions that are clearly unforeseen and that could not have been discovered, the costs for adjusting the Work in response to such unforeseen conditions shall be addressed in a Contract Amendment. Any Work the Company performs prior to receipt of approved Contract Amendment will be at the Company's sole risk.

## 2.11. CONFIDENTIALITY AND OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTATION

#### 2.11.1. CONFIDENTIALITY AND PUBLIC RECORD LAWS

The parties acknowledge that JEA is a body politic and corporate that is subject to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, and related statutes known as the "Public Records Laws". If a request is made to view Company's Confidential Information, JEA will notify Company of such request and the date that such records will be released to the requester unless Company obtains a court order enjoining such disclosure. If the Company fails to obtain that court order enjoining disclosure, JEA will release the requested information on the date specified. Such release shall be deemed to be made with the Company's consent and will not be deemed to be a violation of law, including but not limited to laws concerning trade secrets, copyright or other intellectual property. In the event the Company breaches this Contract, then the Company hereby grants JEA a limited license to use the Confidential Information in any reasonable way in order to mitigate JEA's damages.

## 2.11.2. PROPRIETARY INFORMATION

The Company shall not copy, reproduce, or disclose to third parties, except in connection with the Work, any information that JEA furnishes to the Company. The Company shall insert in any subcontract a restriction on the use of all information furnished by JEA. The Company shall not use this information on another project. All information furnished by JEA will be returned to JEA upon completion of the Work.

## 2.11.3. PUBLICITY AND ADVERTISING

The Company shall not take any photographs, make any announcements or release any information concerning the Contract or the Work to any member of the public, press or official body unless prior written consent is obtained from JEA. JEA is governed by the Florida Public Records Laws so all Contract Documents are available for public inspection. In addition, JEA is governed by Florida Sunshine Laws and as such, certain meetings are required to be open to the public.

## **2.12. LABOR**

## 2.12.1. NONDISCRIMINATION

The Company represents that it has adopted and will maintain a policy of nondiscrimination against employees or applicants for employment on account of race, religion, sex, color, national origin, age or handicap, in all areas of employee relations, throughout the Term of this Contract. The Company agrees that on written request, it will allow JEA reasonable access to the Company's records of employment, employment advertisement, application forms and other pertinent data and records for the purpose of investigation to ascertain compliance with the nondiscrimination provisions of this Contract; provided however, the Company shall not be required to produce, for inspection, records covering periods of time more than one year from the effective date of this Contract.

The Company shall comply with the following executive orders, acts, and all rules and regulations implementing said orders or acts, which are by this reference incorporated herein as if set out in their entirety:

- The provisions of Presidential Order 11246, as amended, and the portions of Executive Orders 11701 and 11758 as applicable to Equal Employment Opportunity;
- o The provisions of section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); and
- o The provisions of the Employment and Training of Veterans Act, 38 U.S.C. 4212 (formerly 2012).

The Company agrees that if any of the Work of this Contract will be performed by a Subcontractor, then the provisions of this subsection shall be incorporated into and become a part of the subcontract.

#### 2.12.2. LEGAL WORKFORCE

JEA shall consider the employment, by Company, of unauthorized aliens a violation of section 274A(e) of the Immigration and Nationalization Act. Such violation shall be cause for unilateral cancellation of the Contract upon thirty (30) days' prior written notice of such cancellation, notwithstanding any other provisions to the contrary in the Specifications and other Contract Documents.

## 2.12.3. PROHIBITED FUTURE EMPLOYMENT

It shall be unlawful and a class C offense for any person, who was an officer or employee of JEA, after his or her employment has ceased, to be employed by or enter into any contract for personal services, with a person or company who contracted with, or had a contractual relationship with JEA, while the contract is active or being completed, or within two years of the cessation, completion, or termination of the person's or company's contractual relationship with JEA, where (1) the contract with JEA had a value that exceeded \$250,000, and (2) the officer or employee had a substantial and decision-making role in securing or negotiating the contract or contractual relationship, or in the approval of financial submissions or draws in accordance with the terms of the contract; except that this prohibition shall not apply to an employee whose role is merely as a review signatory, or to contracts entered into prior to January 1, 2008, or to contracts that have been competitively procured. With respect to this subsection a contract is competitively procured if it has been obtained through a sealed low Response award. A "substantial and decision-making role" shall include duties and/or responsibilities that are collectively associated with: (i) approving solicitation or payment documents; (ii) evaluating formal Responses and proposals; and (iii) approving and/or issuing award recommendations for JEA Awards Committee approval. The contract of any person or business entity that hires or contracts for services with any officer or employee prohibited from entering into said relationship shall be voidable at the pleasure of JEA. This prohibition shall not apply to any former officer or employee after two years from cessation from JEA employment.

## 2.12.4. HIRING OF OTHER PARTY'S EMPLOYEES

Each party recognizes that the other party has incurred or will incur significant expenses in training its own employees and agrees that it will not pursue or hire, without the other party's consent, the other party's employees or the employees of its subsidiaries for a period of two (2) years from the termination date of this Agreement.

# 2.12.5. COMPANY'S LABOR RELATIONS

The Company shall negotiate and resolve any disputes between the Company and its employees, or anyone representing its employees. The Company shall immediately notify JEA of any actual or potential labor dispute that may affect the Work and shall inform JEA of all actions it is taking to resolve the dispute.

# 2.12.6. JEA WORKPLACE TOBACCO USE POLICY

It is JEA's policy to maintain a healthy work environment and JEA's goal is to become a tobacco-free workplace. Therefore, JEA prohibits Company employees from using tobacco products while on JEA property or during the performance of JEA Work. JEA reserves the right to require Company to remove an employee who violates this policy from JEA property or JEA Work site upon notice from the JEA Representative.

#### 2.13. COMPANY'S RESPONSIBILITIES AND PERFORMANCE OF THE CONTRACT

## 2.13.1. COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES

The Company shall provide JEA with the name and responsibilities of the Company Representative, in writing after Award of the Contract and before starting the Work under the Contract. Should the Company need to change the Company Representative, the Company shall promptly notify JEA in writing of the change.

# 2.13.2. COMPANY REVIEW OF PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

The Company shall review the Work requirements and specifications prior to commencing Work. The Company shall immediately notify the Contract Administrator in writing of any conflict with applicable law, or any error, inconsistency or omission it may discover. JEA will promptly review the alleged conflicts, errors, inconsistencies or omissions, and issue a Change Order or Purchase Order as appropriate if JEA is in agreement with the alleged conflict, and issue revised specifications. Any Work the Company performs prior to receipt of approved Change Order will be at the Company's sole risk.

#### 2.13.3. EMERGENCY EVENTS

In the event that a system-wide emergency arises during the Term of this Contract for which JEA requires assistance from the Company including, but not limited to, severe storms, large-scale fires, floods, and terrorist attacks, the Company acknowledges the importance of JEA infrastructure and agrees to support, with all its resources, skills and capabilities, and the maximum extent possible, all restoration efforts of JEA. The Contract Administrator shall notify the Company when an emergency event occurs and the Company agrees to mobilize its full resources immediately. In the event conditions are such that an emergency event is likely in progress, but the Company has not been notified by the Contract Administrator, the Company shall make all efforts to contact a JEA Representative to determine if and how it should respond. JEA agrees to reimburse the Company for its actual costs incurred, plus overhead and profit, the total not exceeding twelve percent (12%), and any one-time expended cost incurred as a result of supporting JEA during the emergency event.

#### 2.13.4. DELIVERY LOCATION

The delivery address for items provided under this Contract is: Multiple.

#### 2.13.5. RETURNED OR UNUSED MATERIALS

To the extent that items can be resold by the Company, the Company agrees to take back for full credit or monetary refund to JEA all excess items purchased pursuant to this Contract or items that may be added to this Contract in the future.

## 2.13.6. SAFETY AND PROTECTION PRECAUTIONS (CONSTRUCTION)

The Company shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, all JEA procedures and policies including, but not limited to, JEA's Contractor Safety Management Process (available at JEA.com), and orders of any public body having jurisdiction for the safety of persons or protection of property. The Company understands and agrees that a violation of any provision of this clause is grounds for an immediate Termination for Default, with no required to provide Company with a notice to cure. Additionally, the Company shall be responsible for all JEA damages associated with such termination.

The Company shall only use those Subcontractors who have met JEA Safety Prequalification requirements per the JEA Contractor Safety Management Process. The Company shall ensure that Subcontractors and their personnel have all the necessary personal protective equipment and training needed to perform the Work safely.

The Company understands and agrees that JEA Representatives may stop Work at any time that JEA, at its sole discretion, considers the Company's Work to be unsafe or a risk to property, and to direct the Company to, at a minimum, perform as directed in such a way as to render the Work environment safe. The Company understands and agrees that it is responsible for paying all costs associated with providing a safe work environment including, but not limited to, any costs associated with any JEA directed safety improvements. The Company also understands and agrees that it is solely responsible for the safety of personnel and property associated with the Work, and that any actions taken by JEA to prevent harm to persons or damage to equipment does not, in any way, relieve the Company of this responsibility.

The Company Representative, or alternatively, the Company Supervisor, shall be designated as the Company's individual responsible for the prevention of accidents.

If the nature of the Work requires, the Company shall notify the police and fire departments as to its Work Location in order to ensure prompt response in an emergency.

#### 2.13.7. STORM PREPAREDNESS

In the event of a Hurricane Warning, Tropical Storm Warning, or other large storm affecting the Work Location, the Company shall secure, or shall remove and store all equipment and materials at the Work Location including, but not limited to, cones, barricades, lights and signs. The Company shall begin taking such precautions as necessary to secure the Work Location upon official issuance of mandatory evacuation of the area of the Work Location and no later than twenty-four (24) hours prior to predicted arrival of tropical storm or hurricane force winds, or when notified by a JEA Representative to do so. These activities are considered a regular part of the Work; regardless of the frequency they are required.

## 2.13.8. WORKMANSHIP

The Company shall perform all Work in a safe and professional manner, so as to render a neat and uniform appearance. The Company shall handle all material in such a way as to preserve its finish and protective coatings from damage. General arrangement shall be in accordance with JEA Distribution Construction Standards and shall be satisfactory to the Contract Administrator.

## 2.14. VENDOR PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

# 2.14.1. VENDOR PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

## **Use of Vendor Performance Evaluation Scorecards**

JEA may evaluate the Company's performance using the evaluation criteria shown on the vendor scorecard available online at JEA.com.

Scores for all metrics shown on the evaluation range from a low of 1, meaning significantly deficient performance, to a high of 5, meaning exceptionally good performance. The Company's performance shall be classified as Top Performance, Acceptable Performance, or Unacceptable Performance, as defined herein. The evaluator will be a designated JEA employee. The evaluator's supervisor and the Chief Purchasing Officer will review deficient performance letters and Unacceptable Performance scorecards, as described below, prior to issuance. When evaluating the Company's performance, JEA will consider the performance of the Company's Subcontractors and suppliers, as part of the Company's performance.

# **Frequency of Evaluations**

JEA may conduct performance evaluations and prepare scorecards in accordance with the procedures described herein at any time during performance of the Work or soon after the completion of the Work. JEA may conduct one or more evaluations determined solely at the discretion of JEA.

# **Unacceptable Performance**

- o If at any time, JEA determines, using the criteria described on the scorecard, that the performance of the Company is Unacceptable, the Contract Administrator and Chief Procurement Officer or his designated alternate will notify the Company of such in a letter. The Company shall have ten (10) days to respond to the Contract Administrator. Such response shall include, and preferably be delivered in-person by an officer of the Company, the specific actions that the Company will take to bring the Company's performance up to at least Acceptable Performance.
- o Within thirty (30) days from date of the first Unacceptable Performance letter, the Contract Administrator and Chief Purchasing Officer or his designated alternate will notify the Company by letter as to whether its performance, as determined solely by JEA, is meeting expectations, or is continuing to be Unacceptable. If the Company's performance is described in the letter as meeting expectations, no further remedial action is required by the Company, as long as Company's performance continues to be Acceptable.
- o If the Company's performance as described in the letter continues to be Unacceptable, or is inconsistently Acceptable, then the Company shall have fifteen (15) days from date of second letter to demonstrate solely through its performance of the Work, that it has achieved Acceptable Performance. At the end of the fifteen (15) day period, JEA will prepare a scorecard documenting the Company's performance from the start of Work, or date of most recent scorecard, whichever is latest, and giving due consideration to improvements the Company has made in its performance, or has failed to make. If the scorecard shows Company's performance is Acceptable, then no further remedial action is required by Company as long as Company's performance remains Acceptable. If the scorecard shows the Company's performance is Unacceptable, JEA will take such actions as it deems appropriate including, but not limited to, terminating the Contract for breach, suspending the Company from Bidding on any JEA related solicitations, and other remedies available in the JEA Purchasing Code and in law. Such action does not relieve the Company of its obligations under the Contract, nor does it preclude an earlier termination.
- o In the event that the Contract Term or the remaining Term of the Contract does not allow for the completion of the deficient performance notification cycles described above for those in danger of receiving an Unacceptable Performance scorecard, JEA may choose to accelerate these cycles at its sole discretion.
- o If the Company receives five or more letters of deficiency within any twelve (12) month period, then JEA will prepare a scorecard describing the deficiencies and the Company's performance will be scored as Unacceptable.

## **Acceptable Performance**

JEA expects the Company's performance to be at a minimum Acceptable.

#### Disputes

In the event that the Company wants to dispute the results of its scorecard performance evaluation, the Company must submit a letter to the Chief Procurement Officer supplying supplemental information that it believes JEA failed to take into account when preparing the scorecard. Such letter, along with supplemental information, must be submitted no later than ten (10) days following the Company's receipt of the scorecard. If the Chief Procurement Officer decides to change the scorecard, the Company will be notified and a revised scorecard will be prepared, with a copy issued to the Company. If the Chief Procurement Officer decides that no change is warranted, the decision of the Chief Procurement Officer is final. If the Company is to be suspended from consideration for future Award of any contracts, the Company may appeal to the Procurement Appeals Board as per JEA Procurement Code.

## **Public Records**

There can be no expectation of confidentiality of performance-related data in that all performance-related data is subject to disclosure pursuant to Florida Public Records Laws. All scorecards are the property of JEA.

## 2.15. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

## 2.15.1. AMBIGUOUS CONTRACT PROVISIONS

The parties agree that this Contract has been the subject of meaningful analysis and/or discussions of the specifications, terms and conditions contained in this Contract. Therefore, doubtful or ambiguous provisions, if any, contained in this Contract will not be construed against the party who physically prepared this Contract.

#### 2.15.2. AMENDMENTS

This Contract may not be altered or amended except in writing, signed by JEA Procurement and the Company Representative, or each of their duly authorized representatives.

## 2.15.3. APPLICABLE STATE LAW; VENUE; SEVERABILITY

The rights, obligations and remedies of the Parties as specified under the Agreement will be interpreted and governed in all respects exclusively by the laws of the State of Florida without giving effect to the principles of conflicts of laws thereof. Should any provision of the Agreement be determined by the courts to be illegal or in conflict with any law of the State of Florida, the validity of the remaining provisions will not be impaired. Litigation involving this Agreement or any provision thereof shall take place in the State or Federal Courts located exclusively in Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida.

## 2.15.4. CUMULATIVE REMEDIES

Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Contract, all remedies provided for in this Contract shall be cumulative and in addition to and not in lieu of any other remedies available to either party at law, in equity or otherwise.

## 2.15.5. **DELAYS**

Neither party shall be considered in default in the performance of its obligations hereunder to the extent that the performance of such obligation is prevented or delayed by any cause beyond the reasonable control of the affected party, and the time for performance of either party hereunder shall in such event be extended for a period equal to any time lost due to such prevention or delay.

## 2.15.6. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Contract constitutes the entire agreement between the parties. No statement, representation, writing, understanding, or agreement made by either party, or any representative of either party, which are not expressed herein shall be binding. All changes to, additions to, modifications of, or amendment to this Contract, or any of the terms, provisions and conditions hereof, shall be binding only when in writing and signed by the authorized officer, agent or representative of each of the parties hereto.

#### 2.15.7. EXPANDED DEFINITIONS

Unless otherwise specified, words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa and words importing gender include all genders. The term "including" means "including without limitation", and the terms "include", "includes" and "included" have similar meanings. Any reference in this Contract to any other agreement is deemed to include a reference to that other agreement, as amended, supplemented or restated from time to time. Any

reference in the Contract to "all applicable laws, rules and regulations" means all federal, state and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, statutes, codes and practices.

## **2.15.8. HEADINGS**

Headings appearing herein are inserted for convenience or reference only and shall in no way be construed to be interpretations of text.

#### 2.15.9. LANGUAGE AND MEASUREMENTS

All communication between the Company and JEA, including all documents, notes on drawings, and submissions required under the Contract, will be in the English language. Unless otherwise specified in the Contract, the US System of Measurements shall be used for quantity measurement. All instrumentation and equipment will be calibrated in US System of Measures.

#### 2.15.10. MEETINGS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Company will, upon request by JEA, attend all meetings and public hearings as required, in any capacity, as directed by JEA.

#### 2.15.11. NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT

Except as otherwise expressly provided, all provisions of this Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties, their legal representatives, successors and assigns. The parties agree that they have had meaningful discussion and negotiation of the provisions, terms and conditions contained in this Agreement. Therefore, doubtful or ambiguous provisions, if any, contained in the Agreement shall not be construed against the party who physically prepared this Agreement.

## 2.15.12. NONEXCLUSIVE

Notwithstanding anything contained herein that may appear to be the contrary, this Contract is "non-exclusive" and JEA reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to retain other companies to perform the Work, and/or JEA may self-perform the Work itself.

# 2.15.13. PUBLIC RECORDS AND SUNSHINE LAW

The parties acknowledge that JEA is a body politic and corporate that is subject to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, and related statutes known as the "Public Records Laws". Respondents and Proposers should be aware that all submittals provided to JEA are subject to public disclosure and will not be afforded confidentiality unless clearly exempt by law.

# **2.15.14. REFERENCES**

Unless otherwise specified, each reference to a statute, ordinance, law, policy, procedure, process, document, drawing, or other informational material is deemed to be a reference to that item, as amended or supplemented from time to time. All referenced items shall have the enforcement ability as if they are fully incorporated herein.

## 2.15.15. SEVERABILITY

In the event that any provision of this Contract is found to be unenforceable under applicable law, the parties agree to replace such provision with a substitute provision that most nearly reflects the original intentions of the parties and is enforceable under applicable law, and the remainder of this Contract shall continue in full force and effect. With regard to any provision in this agreement pertaining to damages, equitable or otherwise, it is the intent of the Parties that under no circumstances shall there be recovery for home office overhead. Any damages claimed shall be

proven by discreet accounting of direct project costs and no theoretical formula or industry estimating reference manuals shall be permissible.

## 2.15.16. RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES

The Company agrees that it shall perform the Work as an independent contractor and that it does not (a) have the power or authority to bind JEA or to assume or create any obligation or responsibility, express or implied, on JEA's part or in JEA's name, except as may be authorized by JEA under a separate written document, or (b) represent to any person or entity that it has such power or authority except as may be authorized by JEA under a separate written document.

# 2.15.17. SUBCONTRACTING OR ASSIGNING OF CONTRACT

Each party agrees that it shall not subcontract, assign, delegate, or otherwise dispose of the Contract, the duties to be performed under the Contract, or the monies to become due under the Contract without the other party's prior written consent.

The assignment of the Contract will not relieve either of the parties of any of its obligations until such obligations have been assumed in writing by the assignee. If the Contract is assigned by either of the parties, it will be binding upon and will inure to the benefit of the permitted assignee. The Company shall be liable for all acts and omissions of its assignee or its Subcontractor.

In the event the Company obtains JEA approval to use Subcontractors, the Company is obligated to provide Subcontractors possessing the skills, certifications, registrations, licenses, training, tools, demeanor, motivation and attitude to successfully perform the work for which they are subcontracted. The Company is obligated to remove Subcontractors from performing Work under this Contract when the Company recognizes that a Subcontractor is failing to work in a manner consistent with the requirements of this Contract, or when JEA notifies the Company that JEA has determined a Subcontractor is failing to work in a manner consistent with the requirements of this Contract.

#### 2.15.18. SURVIVAL

The obligations of JEA and the Company under this Contract that are not, by the express terms of this Contract, to be performed fully during the Term, shall survive the termination of this Contract.

#### **2.15.19. TIME AND DATE**

Unless otherwise specified, references to time of day or date mean the local time or date in Jacksonville, FL. If under this Contract any payment or calculation is to be made, or any other action is to be taken, on or as of a day that is not a regular business day for JEA, that payment or calculation is to be made, and that other action is to be taken, as applicable, on or as of the next day that is a regular business day. Where reference is made to day or days, it means calendar days. Where reference is made to workday, workdays, business day, or business days, it means regular working days for JEA Procurement.

#### 2.15.20. TIME OF ESSENCE

For every material requirement of this Contract, time is of the essence.

## 2.15.21. TITLE TO MATERIALS FOUND

JEA shall retain the title to water, mineral matter, timber and any other materials that the Company, or its Subcontractors, encounters during the excavation or other operations of the Work. The Company shall use or dispose of this material in accordance with the Contract or written instructions from the Contract Administrator. Any materials found in the excavation, or other operations of the Company, that are of archaeological or historical value

shall be left in place. The Company shall immediately notify JEA of the find and shall take no further action until directed by JEA.

# 2.15.22. USE OF JEA CONTRACTS BY THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE

Where City of Jacksonville agencies' procurement codes allow use of JEA contracts, the Company agrees to extend any pricing and other contractual terms to such agencies.

#### 2.15.23. WAIVER OF CLAIMS

A delay or omission by JEA hereto to exercise any right or power under this Contract shall not be construed to be a waiver thereof. A waiver by JEA under this Contract shall not be effective unless it is in writing and signed by the party granting the waiver. A waiver by a party of a right under or breach of, this Contract shall not be construed to operate as a waiver of any other or successive rights under, or breaches of, this Contract.

The Company's obligations to perform and complete the Work in accordance with the Contract shall be absolute. None of the following will constitute a waiver of any of JEA's rights under the Contract: approval of payments, including final payment; Certificate of Contract Completion; any use of the Work by JEA; nor any correction of faulty or defective work by JEA.

#### 2.15.24. FORCE MAJEURE

No party shall be liable for any default or delay in the performance of its obligations under this Contract due to an act of God or other event to the extent that: (a) the non-performing party is without fault in causing such default or delay; (b) such default or delay could not have been prevented by reasonable precautions; and (c) such default or delay could not have been reasonably circumvented by the non-performing party through the use of alternate sources, work-around plans or other means. Such causes include, but are not limited to: act of civil or military authority (including but not limited to courts or administrative agencies); acts of God; war; terrorist attacks; riot; insurrection; inability of JEA to secure approval, validation or sale of bonds; inability of JEA or the Company to obtain any required permits, licenses or zoning; blockades; embargoes; sabotage; epidemics; fires; hurricanes, tornados, floods; or strikes.

In the event of any delay resulting from such causes, the time for performance of each of the parties hereunder (including the payment of monies if such event actually prevents payment) shall be extended for a period of time reasonably necessary to overcome the effect of such delay, except as provided for elsewhere in the Contract Documents.

In the event of any delay or nonperformance resulting from such causes, the party affected shall promptly notify the other in writing of the nature, cause, date of commencement and the anticipated impact of such delay or nonperformance. Such written notice, including Change Orders, shall indicate the extent, if any, to which it is anticipated that any delivery or completion dates will be thereby affected within seven (7) calendar days.

## 3. FORMS

## 3.1. FORMS (APPENDIX B)

Forms required to be submitted with this solicitation are provided in Appendix B or can be obtained on the JEA website at www.jea.com.