

Procurement Department Bid Section

ADDENDUM NUMBER: ONE (1)	 ,
TITLE: 1412007648 (IFB) Vegetation Management Services	
PROPOSAL DUE DATE: September 30, 2025	

THIS ADDENDUM IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING THE FOLLOWING CHANGES OR CLARIFICATIONS:

TIME OF RECEIPT: 12:00 PM EST

1) Addition: JEA adds a second pre-response meeting on Thursday, August 21, 2025 at 9:00AM EST. This meeting is mandatory for vendors who did not attend the original pre-response meeting and optional for vendors who were in attendance for the first pre-response meeting. Meeting details below:

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2) Revision: Section 1.10 Minimum Qualifications has been revised as seen below:

Respondent must meet the following Minimum Qualifications to be considered eligible to have its Response evaluated by JEA. Respondent must complete and submit the Minimum Qualification Form provided in this Solicitation. Respondents that are working or have worked for JEA in the past 2 years involving similar work must submit JEA as a reference. JEA reserves the right to ask for additional back up documentation or additional reference projects to confirm the Respondent meets the requirements stated above.

JEA may reject Responses from Respondents not meeting all of the following Minimum Qualifications:

- I. The Respondent is not on the State of Florida Convicted Vendor List, State of Florida's Suspended Vendor List, The City of Jacksonville's Disqualified Vendor List, have not had their bidding privileges actively suspended by JEA, been debarred by JEA, or have had a contract with JEA terminated for default within the last two (2) years.
- II. Primary bidders must have a minimum of 10 years Utility Vegetation Management experience. Primary bidders must also currently have a minimum of 50 utility bucket tree crews within 500 miles of Jacksonville, that could be moved onto JEA's System within 3 business days if needed. These required quick response crews may be "sister" companies, but they will operate under the Primary or Secondary bidder's contract.

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- i. Additionally, primary bidders shall successfully performed two (2) similar projects in the past five (5) years of the Bid Due Date.
- ii. Primary bidders must also have a similar vegetation management project including Transmission and Distribution line clearance maintenance for a utility in the Southeast U.S, at least two (2) years in length with an annual value of \$3,000,000.00 per year.
- III. Secondary bidders must have a minimum of 10 years Utility Vegetation Management experience. Secondary bidders must also currently have a minimum of 25 utility bucket tree crews within 500 miles of Jacksonville, that could be moved onto JEA's System within 3 business days if needed. These required quick response crews may be "sister" companies, but they will operate under the Primary or Secondary bidder's contract.
 - Additionally, secondary bidders shall successfully performed two (2) similar projects in the past five (5) years of the Bid Due Date.
 - ii. Secondary bidders must also have a similar vegetation management project including Transmission and Distribution line clearance maintenance for a utility in the Southeast U.S, at least two (2) years in length with an annual value of \$3,000,000.00 per year.
- IV. Storm bidders must have a similar continuing services contract with at least two (2) years in length, with tree trimming and vegetation clearing in transmission and distribution right-of-ways by energized power lines.
 - i. Company shall be qualified electric line clearance contractors to work around energized transmission and distribution power lines.
- V. Bidders shall also comply with the technical and commercial specifications for this solicitation. JEA may request and the bidders shall provide within 48 hours additional information regarding the company's ability to provide the scope of services in this solicitation. Failure to provide additional information may result in Bid rejection.
- 2) Addition: JEA adds "1412007648 Addendum 1 Appendix B Revised Response Form" to incorporate the revised minimum qualifications. Please use this form when submitting a response.
- 3) Question: At this time, we are interested in submitting storm rates only for this solicitation, as we currently maintain several active storm contracts across the state of Florida. Could you please confirm whether we should follow the same guidelines outlined below to submit our storm rates?

Answer: Respondent would still need to complete the "1412007648 Addendum 1 - Appendix B - Revised Response Form" and "1412007648 Appendix C - Storm Agreement – 2026" and upload to the appropriate section in Zycus.

4) Question: Reviewing the solicitation document I didn't see any local qualification requirements to participate. Often there may be requirements such as having a local Municiple, county, or city issued contractor certification, a state registration, or other specific requirement. Being an out of state LLC I wanted to verify if there were any local requirements not listed within the bid documents; we should be aware of in preparation for bidding.

Answer: Per Section 1.21 of the solicitation, company would need to provide "IV.Evidence of active registration with the State of Florida Division of Corporations (www.sunbiz.org)" prior to contract execution.

5) Question: Additionally, it is listed as a minimum qualification that the contractor has at least 10 years of experience. Is this timeline based on the company's founding date or based on the experience of the leadership team?

Answer: The 10 years' experience will be as a tree service company performing utility vegetation management. We are more concerned if a company has been in business primarily working non-utility work for several years but have recently decided to move into utility work. This 10-year minimum only applies to the Primary and Secondary bidders. The Storm Agreement does not have this 10-year minimum experience.

6) Question: Would you be able to share a list of substation addresses for the upcoming bid?

Answer: JEA adds "1412007648 Addendum 1 - Appendix C - Substation Address List" to the solicitation.

7) Question: Are you able to confirm if mechanical trimmers are allowed on the distribution lines?

Answer: Yes, mechanical trimmers can be used, but at JEA's discretion. Most of our system will need to be worked by traditional bucket crews due to the need for quality cuts and removal of debris daily. The total estimated amount of possible mechanical trimmers is less than 5%.
ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THIS ADDENDUM ON THE PROPOSAL FORM.