

Solicitation  
For Participation in  
Contingent Workforce Staffing Program  
for



Jacksonville, FL  
Solicitation Number 1412127849

Optional Pre-Response Meeting via Microsoft Teams or Teleconference on March 23, 2026, at 1:00 PM ET

Meeting URL:

[Meeting Link](#)

Meeting ID: 284 763 176 444 78

Meeting Passcode: Aj2bH66y

Dial In: 1-469-208-1810

Phone conference ID: 100 086 792#

Those planning to attend the meeting should send contact information to: Elaine Selders at [seldel@jea.com](mailto:seldel@jea.com), 48 hours prior to the Pre-Response Meeting to have contact information documented.

Responses are due on April 21, 2026, by 12:00 PM ET

All Responses shall be submitted through JEA's E-Procurement and Contract Management Portal which is provided by Zycus Supplier Network which can be accessed at <https://zsn.zycus.com/guest>. Instructions on how to login to Zycus is provided below in this Solicitation. **LATE RESPONSES MAY BE REJECTED.**

JEA will publicly open all Responses received from Respondents on the Due Date at 2pm, via Microsoft Teams.

For more information, please contact the JEA Buyer at:  
(Elaine Selders at [seldel@jea.com](mailto:seldel@jea.com))

### **1.1) Scope of Work**

The purpose of this solicitation for a Contingent Workforce Staffing Program (this "Solicitation") is to evaluate and select multiple Companies to provide Contingent staffing services as described in this Solicitation (the "Work") and to determine the best method for JEA to procure the Work with regard to pricing, quality, experience, design approach, and workmanship.

JEA requests responses from staffing companies to provide qualified, non-permanent Contingent workers. JEA expects to spend approximately \$8-10 million annually under this contract for its contingent workforce staffing but it should be noted that amount is an estimate and not a guarantee of work. JEA currently utilizes a Managed Service Provider (MSP) for our Contingent workforce staffing but intend to manage this process internally in the future. JEA shall execute contracts with staffing providers based on the evaluation process detailed in the Solicitation. JEA intends to award multiple contracts to the highest-ranked firms. JEA reserves the option to execute future contracts with remaining qualified companies from the shortlist as needs arise. To minimize disruption for our managers and staff, JEA may contract directly with current staffing companies to retain our existing workforce, provided it is in our best interest.

The awarded companies shall use our Vendor Management System (VMS), Beeline, for all staffing services including but not limited to requisitions, reporting, time keeping, compliance monitoring and invoicing. The cost of the VMS services will be included in the Companies bill rate, as JEA intends to implement a supplier-funded program.

A more detailed description of the Work is provided in the Technical Specifications included as an Exhibit to this Solicitation.

Capitalized terms used in this Solicitation without definition shall have the definitions given to them in Section 2 of this Solicitation.

### **1.2) Background**

JEA owns, operates and manages the electric system established by the City of Jacksonville, Florida since 1895. In June 1997, JEA also assumed operation of the water and sewer system previously managed by the City. JEA is located in Jacksonville, Florida, where we proudly serve an estimated 541,076 electric, 407,161 water and 30,460 reuse water customers. JEA is Florida's largest community owned utility and the eighth largest municipal in the United States.

In 2019 JEA contracted with Workspend to serve as our Managed Service Provider (MSP). In addition to managing our Contingent Workforce, Workspend contracts directly with Beeline to provide Vendor Management System (VMS) services to JEA. The MSP and VMS markup fees are supplier funded. The MSP contract term ends on 09/30/2026. In 2025 JEA spent approximately \$11.4 million on Contingent Workforce labor through our MSP. Current labor categories include but are not limited to, Administrative/Support, Professional, Technician, and Skilled Craft roles across the following areas: Technology, Field Operations, Professional, Engineering, and Customer Care.

### **1.3) Invitation - Submitting a Response**

Respondents that meet the Minimum Qualifications stated herein are invited to submit a Response to this Solicitation to perform the Work. A complete copy of this Solicitation, the Technical Specifications, forms and all other documents referenced in this Solicitation are on JEA's E-Procurement and Contract Management Portal which is provided by Zycus Supplier Network which can be accessed at <https://zsn.zycus.com/guest/genericRegister/JEA074>. Instructions on how to login to Zycus is provided below in this Solicitation.

All Responses are due at the time indicated on the title page of this Solicitation. Section 1 of this Solicitation are the instructions for submitting a Response for this Solicitation. Section 2 of this Solicitation contains the definitions and commercial contract terms associated with this procurement.

A Contract will be presented to the Respondent awarded this Work and the Contract will incorporate by reference this entire Solicitation and all associated Addenda. A sample of the JEA Contract can be found on jea.com.

All documentation submitted with a Response must reference the Solicitation Title and Number stated herein. All Responses must be made on the appropriate forms and formats as specified by this Solicitation and uploaded to JEA's procurement platform.

All Responses should be delivered electronically to JEA via the Zycus platform. An automated, detailed auditing system provides sealed Response integrity. Responses remain sealed on the platform until the Close Date & Time (Due Date & Time).

A Respondent shall be solely responsible for timely delivery of its Response to the Zycus Supplier Network. Respondents are strongly encouraged to acquire log in credentials as early as possible. Additionally, Respondents are encouraged to submit Responses early to ensure the uploading process goes smoothly. **If Respondent is not able to submit its Response via Zycus first contact the Buyer, if a resolution is not found then email the Response to the JEA Buyer identified on the cover page.**

Responses are due by the time and on the date stated on the cover page of this Solicitation. **LATE RESPONSES MAY BE REJECTED.**

#### **1.4) Zycus Instructions**

##### I. How to Log into Zycus

###### A. New Users – Zycus

1. New Users will need to register to login. Registration will require Company name, address, phone, contact, title, phone and email address. Also, it is recommended users use Google Chrome to access Zycus.
2. Note if the company is already doing business with JEA, you may find the company is already registered in Zycus. To find out if you are registered, try entering your email address in the New User Registration screen. If you receive a message stating "Email ID already registered", log in as an Existing User Log-in". If you don't know your password, enter your email address and click on "Forgot Password".

###### B. Existing Users or New Users with Previously Registered Emails

1. Once the user has a login on the sourcing platform select "Existing User Log-in", the user may navigate to the solicitation by selecting the icon for the applicable solicitation.

##### II. How to Submit a Response Using Zycus

1. Once logged in, users will see all JEA Sourcing Events, then select the applicable event.
2. Once in the Sourcing Event. The Sourcing Event has prompts for actions required to respond to the solicitation.
3. For the user to proceed to submit a Response to JEA using Zycus, the user will be required to provide its acceptance of the of the Zycus iSource Terms & Conditions associated with the work. Such Terms and Conditions may cover non-disclosure, safety, cyber security, Invitation for Bid contract terms, etc.
4. Once all terms are accepted, additional Solicitation information will be available for viewing and submitting a Response by selecting "Confirm Participation". JEA will then have a record indicating the company intends to submit a Response.
5. A user then can respond to each section of the Solicitation, once completed with each section, select "Save". Note each section has a red, yellow, green light code. Items will turn green once completed. Yellow and red lights mean

there is additional action required. Users may also note under each tab, there are multiple questions to respond to, scroll down the list to ensure all questions are answered.

6. In most Solicitations, JEA will provide Technical Specifications, pricing tables in Excel which the user will need to download. Additionally, Excel pricing tables may need to be uploaded once completed to as part of the Response. Users can download the required attachments by selecting the “Buyers Attachments” icon.

7. Once the required forms are uploaded and saved, the section light will turn green. Once all sections are completed and green lighted, the User may select “Submit Response”.

8. Once the user selects “Submit Response”, the user will receive a “Success” pop-up when submitted.

9. Once submitted users may recall and modify submitted documentation and submit information until the Response Due Date and Time.

### **1.5) Questions**

All Questions must be submitted in writing to the JEA Buyer listed on the cover page at least five business days prior to the opening date. Questions received within five business days prior to the opening date may not be answered.

### **1.6) Pre-Response Meeting**

There may be an optional Pre-Response meeting associated with this Solicitation at the date and time listed on the cover page of this Solicitation. All interested Respondents are invited to attend the Pre-Response meeting. Those planning to attend the Microsoft Teams or teleconference may email their name and contact information to the JEA Buyer listed herein at least 48 hours prior to the Pre-Response meeting to facilitate roll call. A Respondent must only sign in representing one company, unless otherwise agreed to by JEA in writing.

### **1.7) Opening of Responses**

All Responses received shall be publicly announced and recorded via Microsoft Teams at the date and time indicated on the cover page of this Solicitation.

The details for the Microsoft Teams will be on [jea.com](https://www.jea.com) at the following website: <https://www.jea.com> approximately 48 hours before the Response opening.

At the opening of Responses, a JEA representative will publicly open each Response that was received prior to the Date and Time, except for those Responses that have been properly withdrawn. JEA has the right to waive irregularities or informalities in the Responses to the extent allowable under applicable laws.

### **1.8) Alternate Provisions and Conditions**

Terms and conditions found in Responses that are contrary to requirements found in this Solicitation, including, but not limited to, the Contract terms and conditions contained in Section 2 of this Solicitation and any requirements found in the Technical Specifications attached as an exhibit or attachment to this Solicitation, will be rejected and are of no force and effect. However, JEA reserves the right to negotiate different terms and conditions and requirements if JEA determines that such terms and conditions and requirements are in the best interest of JEA.

### **1.9) Minimum Qualifications**

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. JEA reserves the right to ask for additional back up documentation or additional reference projects to confirm the Respondent meets the requirements stated below.

- I. Respondent must have no less than 5 years’ experience in contingent staffing that includes two similar contracts for at least one annual period within the past three years prior to the due date of this ITN.
  - a. A similar contract is defined as a minimum annual billing volume of 160,000 hours.

- b. The account references must include the reference company name, contact person, phone number, email address and a summary of the scope of work provided. JEA may contact and verify the account references.
- II. Respondents must provide a formal bank letter disclosing the amount of immediate cash available to the Company and a designated bank contact. The Respondent is responsible for stating their average monthly payroll amount from the 2025 calendar year, which JEA will verify against the submitted audited financial statements. The available cash stated on the formal bank letter must cover at least a one-month CY2025 average of the Company's total payroll obligations.
- a. JEA reserves the right to contact the bank to confirm the letter's authenticity and the available coverage. Failure to provide a verifiable bank letter or submitting a letter that shows insufficient funds to cover the monthly payroll, may result in disqualification.

Any Respondent whose contract with JEA was terminated for default within the last two years shall have its Response rejected.

**1.10) Number of Contracts to be Awarded**

JEA intends to Award multiple Contracts 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.

**1.11) Insurance Requirements**

Prior to JEA issuing a Purchase Order to the Company to begin the Work, the Company shall submit a certificate of insurance (COI) that is in compliance with amounts and requirements as indicated in this Solicitation. Note the COI shall specifically indicate JEA as additional insured on all required insurance except Worker's Compensation and Professional Liability (if applicable). Furthermore, waiver of subrogation must be provided for all required insurance in favor of JEA, including its board members, officers, employees, agents, successors, and assigns.

**1.12) Optional Use of Small and Emerging Business Program**

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

For more information regarding the JSEB program, contact Bill Hickey, JEA, Manager of Supplier Diversity Programs and Procurement Services, [hickwj@jea.com](mailto:hickwj@jea.com) or [jsebprogram@jea.com](mailto:jsebprogram@jea.com).

**1.13) Basis of Award - Highest Evaluated**

JEA will use the Selection Criteria listed below to evaluate the Responses. JEA may make its Award decision based solely upon the information submitted in the Responses. JEA may award based solely on the initial response and is not required to short-list or complete other optional ITN activities. It is always in the best interest of the Respondent to provide informative, concise, well-organized technical and business information relative to the Work, in both the initial submittal of its Response and in any subsequent submittals.

Please note, JEA may reject Responses that request material changes or take exceptions to JEA commercial terms and conditions.

Responses will be scored and ranked by a committee of evaluators. Each evaluator will individually score the Responses using the evaluation matrix attached to this Solicitation. Using these scores, each evaluator will rank the Responses using "1" for the Response receiving the highest number of points from the matrix. Responses with an equal number of points will receive the same numerical ranking. JEA will total the numerical rankings for each Response and consider the Response with the lowest total to be the most highly qualified Response. Any tie will be broken using the total of the matrix scores of all evaluators. If a tie persists, the tie will be broken in accordance with the JEA Procurement Operational Procedures.

**1.14) ITN Evaluation and Negotiation Process**

**Introduction**

JEA may make its Award decision based solely upon the information submitted in the Responses and corresponding activities found within this process. JEA may also choose to have one or more Respondents make presentations to representatives of JEA.

It is always in the best interest of the Respondent to provide informative, concise, well-organized technical and business information relative to the Work, in both the initial submittal of its Response and in any subsequent submittals prior to developing the Short-list, JEA may request that the Respondents provide additional information to clarify their Response.

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 not being allowed to proceed with contract negotiations. Additionally, the Total Bid Price submitted with the initial Response may not be increased during the Solicitation process except when either i) based on a request from JEA for material changes in the scope of Work, or ii) in partial award bids, the Respondent is increasing solely on additional work scope being quoted, or iii) as a result of a change in law occurring during the solicitation process.

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.

**Minimum Qualification and Evaluation Process Initiation**

JEA Procurement will distribute a copy of each Response to the designated Lead Evaluator or alternative for the purpose of validation of the Response meeting Minimum Qualifications.

JEA may allow Respondents to submit additional reference projects or change said reference projects that were initially submitted for the purposes of meeting the Minimum Qualifications stated in this Solicitation. JEA may also request clarification of submitted documentation so that JEA may 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 Solicitation.

Upon Minimum Qualification review, JEA Procurement with approval of the JEA Chief Procurement Officer (the "CPO"), or authorized designee, shall issue any applicable notice of disqualification to Respondents who do not meet the Minimum Qualifications defined in the solicitation.

Once a final list of Respondents meeting all requirements of the solicitation, JEA Procurement will distribute a copy of each remaining 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 Solicitation.

**Short-list Process**

JEA intends to select 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 authorized designee, to review, evaluate, and rank each Response submitted.

Responses will be scored and ranked by a committee of evaluators. Each evaluator will individually score the Responses using an evaluation matrix. Using these scores, each evaluator will rank in order the Responses starting with "1" for the Response receiving the highest number of points from the matrix and increasing in point value respective to the order of rank. JEA will total the numerical rankings for each Response and consider the Response with the lowest total to be the most highly qualified Response.

JEA will use this ranking to develop the Short-list of companies with which to proceed with contract negotiations.

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

The rank and short-list will be announced in a public meeting. The date and time of the public meeting will be posted on jea.com.

### **Negotiation, BAFO, Final Evaluation, and Award Process**

Once a Short-list is developed, the CPO, or authorized 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 (i) negotiate concurrently or separately with the Short-list Respondents and (ii) to request a Best and Final Offer from the Short-List Respondents without first engaging in contract negotiations.

Negotiations and vendor presentations will not be open to the public but will be recorded. All recordings made, any records, documents, and other materials presented at negotiation sessions are public records in accordance with Florida Statutes Chapter 286 and can be released pursuant to a public records request under Florida Public Records Law, Florida Statutes, Chapter 119, subject to applicable public records exemptions.

### **Presentations and Additional Clarifications**

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, handouts, 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 authorized designee will initiate and schedule a time and location for any presentations that may be required.

While evaluating Responses, JEA may request clarification or additional information from the Respondent about any item in its Response. Such requests will be sent consistent with the protocols outlined in this Solicitation and the Respondent must provide a response back to JEA within five (5) business days unless otherwise specified by JEA, or JEA, at its sole discretion, may deem the Respondent to be non-responsive and either suspend or terminate further evaluation of its Responses.

### **References**

As a part of the negotiation process, JEA may contact the references provided by the Respondent for 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.

### **Best and Final Offer (BAFO)**

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.

### **Scoring, Ranking, Evaluating, and Award Recommendation**

Responses will be scored and ranked by a committee of evaluators. Each evaluator will individually score the Responses using an evaluation matrix. Using these scores, each evaluator will rank in order the Responses starting with "1" for the Response receiving the highest number of points from the matrix and increasing in point value respective to the order of rank. JEA will total the numerical rankings for each Response and consider the Response with the lowest total to be the most highly qualified Response.

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.

The final rank will be announced in a public meeting. The date and time of the public meeting will be posted on jea.com.

The Award recommendation of the Negotiating Team will be based upon the ranking of the BAFOs and the Selection Criteria described below in this Solicitation. At JEA's discretion, using the selection criteria found below, JEA may elect to evaluate the BAFO proposals, re-score selection criteria as appropriate, and rank the Responses based solely on the evaluation of the BAFO proposals. The Respondent(s) with the best overall rank will be submitted to the CPO for approval. Once approved, the CPO will then present an Award(s) to the JEA Awards Committee for approval if applicable per JEA Procurement Code.

#### **1.15) Reservation of Rights and Disclaimers**

Please note, JEA may, in its sole discretion, reject Responses that request material changes or take exceptions to JEA commercial terms and conditions.

In its sole discretion, JEA reserves the right to withdraw this Solicitation 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 Solicitation requirement informalities, minor irregularities, and deficiencies in any Response, and to determine such action is in the best interest of JEA. Issuance of this Solicitation in no way constitutes a commitment by JEA to make an Award or enter into a Contract(s).

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

#### **1.16) Selection Criteria**

The following criteria will be used by JEA to evaluate and rank Responses from Respondents who meet the Minimum Qualifications specified in this Solicitation.

#### **1.17) Quotation of Rates**

##### **Maximum points for this criterion: 35 Points**

Respondent shall provide pricing for the Contract by completing the enclosed Appendix B – Response Form and Workbook. The rates provided shall be all-inclusive and shall include all profit, taxes, benefits, travel, and all other overhead items.

It should be noted, the rates or lump sums quoted by Respondent on the Response Form must be firm prices, not estimates. ANY MODIFICATIONS, EXCEPTIONS, OR OBJECTIONS CONTAINED WITHIN THE RESPONSE FORM MAY SUBJECT THE RESPONSE TO DISQUALIFICATION.

Proposed costs must be submitted as all-inclusive New Hire Bill Rates or Markup Percentages (for Payroll and 1099/IC), representing the total cost to JEA with no additional expenses permitted. Compensation for contingent workers will be based on a not-to-exceed (1) New Hire Bill Rate, (2) Payroll Markup Percentage, (3) 1099/IC Markup Percentage, or (4) Tenure Discount Rate. The New Hire Bill Rate shall apply for the initial six months of the worker's tenure. Upon completion of the sixth month, the Tenure Discount Percentage will be applied automatically for the remainder of the assignment. In some instances, contingent workers may be retained beyond two (2) years to support operational continuity, vendors may propose an additional tenure-based discount upon the completion of two years. The second discount proposed in the Design Approach and Workplan would replace the prior discounted rate and apply for the remainder of the assignment.

JEA will establish the base pay rates for all Payroll and IC/1099 contingent workers. The final Payroll and IC/1099 Bill Rate will be calculated by applying the agreed-upon markup to these JEA designated pay rates.

JEA will evaluate the New Hire Rate based on the variance between the proposed rates and JEA's established hourly wages for each position. The lowest Payroll and 1099/IC markup percentages will be awarded maximum points for that criterion. Similarly, the highest Tenure Discount will be awarded maximum points for that criterion. These individual scores will be aggregated to determine the final Quotation of Rates score.

The Response Workbook is divided into three independent categories: Industry One (Customer Care, Engineering and Professional Services), Industry Two (Field Services) and Industry Three (Technology). For their chosen industry, Respondents must enter Entry and Experienced Bill Rates for each experience level within the yellow highlighted cells. It should be noted some cells have an "NA" and an Experienced rate is not requested. **JEA will evaluate and intends to award the three Industry sections separately.** While bidding on all industry sections is optional, Respondents must provide pricing for all job industries and titles within any section they choose to submit.

For job titles not explicitly listed in the Response Workbook, JEA and the Company shall negotiate a Competitive Bill Rate at the time of need. JEA reserves the right to utilize the other awarded Industry contracts at a negotiated competitive rate if it is in our best interest.

### **1.18) Business Organization and History**

**Maximum score for criterion is: 5 Points**

The Respondent will provide a narrative describing its business organization, and relevant history and financial information, per the requirements listed below:

- Years in business.
- Changes in ownership.
- Size of company including number of employees.
- Office locations (corporate and local).
- Financial Stability and Payroll Capacity
  - Audited financial statements for the past 2 years
  - Proof of payroll funding (i.e., payroll financing arrangements, line of credit)
  - Bank letter confirming credit line available amount. Including bank reference contact information as JEA intends to complete an independent verification.
  - Current credit report from a credit agency (i.e., D&B, etc.)

### **1.19) Professional Staff Experience**

**Maximum score for criterion is: 10 Points**

Respondent shall provide two resumes of the professional staff available to work on the scope of work described in this ITN. The resumes shall designate the dedicated primary account manager and secondary account manager that will be assigned to JEA. At a minimum, each resume shall present the following:

- Employee's name, title, years of service with the company.
- Applicable professional certifications, education, and work experience.
- Identify any specialty or technical process expertise including specific industry experience.

Each resume shall be no more than two pages in length, single sided, and on 8.5" by 11" sized paper. If the resumes contain more than two pages each, only the information contained on the first two pages will be evaluated by JEA.

Points associated with the above bullets are in JEA's sole discretion.

### **1.20) Past Performance**

**Maximum score for criterion is: 10 Points**

In this section, expand on the two (2) account references provided in the Minimum Qualifications section that JEA deems to meet the requirements as written for this ITN.

The respondent shall include talent acquisition and recruitment strategies, verifications, and occupational health screenings. Each project should at a minimum list the following:

- Name of Client/Customer with contact information that should include
- Name and title of Contact
- Contact's phone number and email address.
- Project Title
- Project Cost
- Brief project description (no more than 10 lines)
- Key Performance Indicators KPI(s) utilized to evaluate project performance

More points will be awarded for projects of similar scope and complexity to JEA.

Respondents may submit their responses to this Section in their own format.

### **1.21) Design Approach and Workplan**

**Maximum score for criterion is: 35 Points**

Respondent shall provide an explanation of how it will manage the engagement with JEA to meet or exceed the requirements list in Appendix A – Technical Specifications and provide the information requested below.

The Company shall begin their response with a summary of your company and specify the areas or disciplines in which your company specializes and is able to provide qualified Contingent workers.

1. Talent Acquisition:
  - a) Describe the methodologies used to develop an effective job/candidate profile and be sure to list all steps used to formulate the end-product for a client.
  - b) Describe three (3) recruitment methods you've used to source/recruit hard to fill positions.
  - c) What current talent assessments do you employ and what processes have you used to validate assessments for occupational jobs?
  - d) What is your process for verifying, documenting, and re-verification (renewals) of credentials?
  - e) What are your requirements and process for onboarding an IC or 1099?
  - f) Describe your occupational health drug testing program (random, reasonable suspicion, new employee, etc.).
  
2. Talent Retention and Performance:
  - a) Describe your organization's transition plan when being awarded a new contract. If your company is awarded this contract, how would you assist JEA with the transition and onboarding. To include any required notification periods, communication types, timeline information, etc.
  - b) Describe in detail the methodologies, best practices that you've employed that have mitigated retention and turnover issues.
  - c) Describe in detail the mechanisms that you employ to monitor performance and productivity.
  
3. JEA Requirements:
  - a) What is your understanding of co-employment and what strategies have you used to minimize/eliminate this risk to clients?
  - b) Describe your Beeline experience and the reporting capabilities.
  - c) How would you support JEA business continuity plan in times of disaster?
  - d) If a change to the dedicated account manager was required, describe how that would be handled and what type of contingency plan would be provided.
  - e) How would you support JEA's driving requirements and the apprenticeship program.

- f) The Company shall describe any additional tenure discount tiers and if they would offer a second tenure-based discount upon completion of two (2) years of continuous service on the same assignment.

Respondents may submit responses to this Section in its own format. Respondent 's explanation of its design approach and workplan as described in this Section should be limited to no more than ten pages, 1-sided, single-spaced, on 8.5” x 11” sized paper and JEA will not evaluate any information provided after page ten.

**1.22) Respondent’s Office Proximity to JEA**

**Maximum score for criterion is: 5 Points**

- Non-Subjective (5 points) – Full points are awarded to firms performing most of the work from an office located in Jacksonville or one of the surrounding counties. Provide the local address and details about how the work will be performed.
- Subjective (up to 5 points) - Respondents which are not located in Jacksonville or one of the surrounding counties shall demonstrate, define, and provide examples of their ability to provide the services as detailed in the technical specifications in a manner comparable to having a local office and explain why a local office is not necessary to satisfactorily perform the work. Scoring for the subjective response is determined solely at JEA’s discretion.

Respondents may submit their responses to this Section in their own format and include address on Appendix B - Response Form.

**1.23) Tie**

In the event of a tie score, the tie shall be resolved in accordance with JEA's Procurement Code and Operational Procedures.

**1.24) Required Forms to be Submitted**

The following forms must be completed and submitted to JEA at the timeframes stated below. The Respondent can obtain the required forms, other than the Minimum Qualification Form, Response Form and Response Workbook, by downloading them from JEA.com.

A. The following forms are required to be submitted with the Response:

- I. Minimum Qualifications Form - This form can be found in Appendix B of this Solicitation.
- II. Response Form - This can be found in Appendix B of this Solicitation.
- III. Response Workbook - This can be found in Appendix B of this Solicitation.
- IV. Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form - This can be found in Appendix B of this Solicitation.
- V. List of Subcontractors Form (if any) - This can be found in Appendix B of this Solicitation.
- VI. Bank Letter with contact information – More details included in the Minimum Qualifications Section.

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

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

- I. Insurance certificate
- II. W-9
- III. Evidence of active registration with the State of Florida Division of Corporations ([www.sunbiz.org](http://www.sunbiz.org))

**1.25) Addenda Issuance (ITN)**

JEA may issue Addenda prior to the opening of Responses to change or clarify the intent of this Invitation to Negotiate (ITN). 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 completing the Confirmation of Receipt of ITN Addenda. JEA will post Addenda when issued online at JEA.com. Companies must obtain Addenda from the JEA.com website. All Addenda will become part of the ITN 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 at JEA's sole discretion.

#### **1.26) Contract Execution and Start of Work**

Within 30 days from the date of Award, JEA will present the successful Respondent with the Contract. Unless expressly waived by JEA, the successful Respondent must execute a Contract for the Work within 10 days after receiving the Contract from JEA. If the Respondent fails to execute the Contract or associated documents as required, JEA may cancel the Award with no further liability to the Respondent and retain any bid security or bond. 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 Response and authorization for the company 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 Respondent to begin Field Work, when applicable, or to perform the remainder of the Work, or any portion thereof. The Respondent 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 Respondent's risk and JEA shall have no obligation to pay for such Work.

#### **1.27) Ex Parte Communication**

Ex Parte Communication is defined as any inappropriate communication concerning a Solicitation between any officers, employees or other representatives of Respondent 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 the Solicitation in which a company becomes privy to information not available to the other Respondents. Social contact between companies and JEA Representatives should be kept to an absolute minimum during the Solicitation process.

**Ex Parte Communication is strictly prohibited.** Failure to adhere to this policy will disqualify the noncompliant Respondent. Any questions or clarifications concerning this Solicitation must be sent in writing via email to the JEA Buyer at least five business days prior to the opening date. If JEA determines that a question should be answered or a requirement should be clarified, JEA will issue an Addendum to the Solicitation.

#### **1.28) Conflict of Interest**

This conflict-of-interest policy applies to all JEA construction projects ("Project"). Any company bidding the construction phase of a Project cannot at the time of Response/bid submittal, be affiliated with or have any direct or indirect ownership interest in the architect/engineer ("Designer") of record. The company will also be prohibited from bidding if the Designer has any direct or indirect ownership interest in the Contractor. Should JEA erroneously award a contract in violation of this policy, JEA may terminate the contract at any time with no liability to company, and company shall be liable to JEA for all damages, including but not limited to the costs to rebid the Project. The purpose of this policy is to encourage bidding and eliminate any actual or perceived advantage that one Respondent may have over another.

#### **1.29) Certifications and Representations of the Company**

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

A. That the individual signing the Response is duly authorized to contractually bind the Respondent to the terms and conditions of this Solicitation and the Contract. Respondent shall provide satisfactory evidence of such authority within three days of JEA's request.

B. That every aspect of the Response 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, if successful, the Respondent will be registered to conduct business in the State of Florida and in active status with the Florida Division of Corporations at the time of execution of a Contract.

D. That the Respondent maintains in active status any and all licenses, permits, certifications, insurance, bonds and other credentials including, but not limited to, all 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.

**1.30) Ethics**

By submitting a Response, the Respondent certifies that its 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 the 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 ethics.

The Respondent shall submit only one Response to this Solicitation. If JEA has reasonable cause to believe the Respondent has submitted more than one 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, in Respondent or its Response by completing and submitting the Conflict-of-Interest Certificate Form available at jea.com. 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 such Respondents and will proceed to debar the Respondents from future JEA Awards in accordance with the JEA Procurement Code.

JEA is prohibited by its Charter from awarding contracts to JEA board members, officers or employees, and is prohibited from awarding contracts in which a JEA officer or employee has a financial interest. JEA shall reject all Responses from JEA board members, officers or employees, as well as 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 36 months from the date of being placed on the Convicted Vendor list.

JEA shall also reject any Responses from any persons or affiliates that are listed on State of Florida's Suspended Vendor List, the City of Jacksonville's Disqualified Vendor List, JEA's Suspended Vendors list, or have had a contract with JEA terminated for default within the last two (2) years.

**1.31) JEA Publications**

Applicable JEA publications are available at jea.com.

**1.32) Mathematical Errors**

In the event of a mathematical error in calculation of the prices entered on the Response, the Unit Prices will prevail. The corrected price utilizing the Unit Prices quoted by Respondent will be used to determine if the Company is awarded a Contract for the Work and the corrected pricing will be used throughout the Term.

**1.33) 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 by submitting an updated Response. JEA will not accept modifications submitted by telephone, telegraph, email, or facsimile, or those submitted after the Response Due Date

and Time. The Respondent may not modify or withdraw its Response for a period of 90 days following the opening of Responses.

**1.34) Notice of Prohibition Against Considering Social, Political, or Ideological Interests**

Pursuant to Section 287.0501, Florida Statutes, JEA may not:

- (i) Request documentation of or consider a vendor's social, political, or ideological interests when determining whether a vendor is a responsible vendor; or
- (ii) Give preference to a vendor based on the vendor's social, political, or ideological interests.

**1.35) Prohibition Against Contingent Fees**

The Respondent warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working for the Respondent, or an independent sales representative under contract with the Respondent, to solicit or secure a contract with JEA, and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, corporation, or other individual, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Respondent, or an independent sale representative under contract with the Respondent, any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or any other consideration, contingent upon or resulting from the Award or the Contract. If a breach or violation of the 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.

**1.36) Protest of Solicitation and Award Process**

Any protests regarding this Solicitation must be filed in writing and in accordance with the JEA Procurement Code, as amended from time to time. The JEA Procurement Code is available online at [www.jea.com](http://www.jea.com).

**1.37) Availability Of Response After Opening**

In accordance with the Florida Public Records Law, Florida Statutes, 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 JEA Buyer or JEA's Public Records custodian whose contact information can be found at [jea.com](http://jea.com). JEA will post a summary of the Response results immediately after the Response opening.

**1.38) Reservation of Rights of JEA**

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

JEA reserves the right to reject all Responses, and to waive informalities if JEA deems such action to be in its best interest. JEA may reject any Responses that it deems incomplete or irregular including, but not limited to, Responses 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 that offer equal items when the option to do so has not been stated, and Responses that fail to include a Bid Bond, where one is required.

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. JEA may award multiple or split Contracts if it is deemed to be in JEA's best interest.

**1.39) Sunshine Law**

Article I, Section 24, Florida Constitution, guarantees every person access to all public records and Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, provides a broad definition of public records. JEA is subject to these laws and related statutes ("Florida's Public Records Laws"). All responses to this Solicitation are public record and available for public inspection unless specifically exempt by law.

If a Respondent believes that any portion of the documents, data or records submitted in response to this Solicitation are exempt from Florida's Public Records Law, Respondent must (1) clearly segregate and mark the specific sections

of the document, data or records as "Confidential," (2) cite the specific Florida Statute or other legal authority for the asserted exemption, and (3) provide JEA with a separate redacted copy of its Response (the "Redacted Copy"). The cover of the Redacted Copy shall contain JEA's title and number for this Solicitation and Respondent's name and shall be clearly labeled "Redacted Copy." Respondent should only redact those portions of records that Respondent claims are specifically exempt from the Florida Public Records Laws. If Respondent fails to submit a redacted copy of information it claims is confidential, JEA is authorized to produce all documents, data and other records submitted to JEA in answer to a public records request for such information.

In the event of a request for public records to which documents that are marked as confidential are responsive, JEA will provide the Redacted Copy to the requestor. If a requestor asserts a right to any redacted information, JEA will notify Respondent that such an assertion has been made. It is Respondent's responsibility to respond to the requestor to assert that the information in question is exempt from disclosure under applicable law. If JEA becomes subject to a demand for discovery or disclosure of Respondent's redacted information under legal process, JEA shall give Respondent prompt notice of the demand prior to releasing the information (unless otherwise prohibited by applicable law.) Respondent shall be responsible for defending its determination that the redacted portions of its response are not subject to disclosure.

By submitting a Response to this Solicitation, Respondent agrees to protect, defend, and indemnify JEA from and against all claims, demands, actions, suits, damages, losses, settlements, costs and expenses (including but not limited to reasonable attorney fees and costs) arising from it relating to Respondent's determination that the redacted portions of its response to this Solicitation are not subject to disclosure.

**IF THE COMPANY HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE COMPANY'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT:**

**JEA**

**Attn: Public Records  
225 North Pearl Street  
Jacksonville, FL 32202  
Ph: 904-665-8606  
publicrecords@jea.com**

**1.40) Scrutinized Companies**

Pursuant to Section 287.135(2), Florida Statutes, a company is ineligible to, and may not, bid on, submit a proposal for, or enter into or renew a contract with an agency or local government entity for goods or services of:

- (1) Any amount if, at the time of bidding on, submitting a proposal for, or entering into or renewing such contract, contractor is on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, created pursuant to Section 215.4725, Florida Statutes, or is engaged in a boycott of Israel; or
- (2) One million dollars or more if, at the time of bidding on, submitting a proposal for, or entering into or renewing such contract, contractor:
  - i. Is on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List created pursuant to Section 215.473, Florida Statutes; or
  - ii. Is engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria.

Pursuant to Section 287.135(3)(a)4, Florida Statutes, JEA may terminate this Contract at JEA's option if this Contract is for goods or services in an amount of one million dollars or more and the Company:

- (1) Is found to have submitted a false certification under Section 287.135(5), Florida Statutes;
- (2) Has been placed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List created pursuant to Section 215.473, Florida Statutes;

- (3) Is engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria.

Pursuant to Section 287.135(3)(b), Florida Statutes, JEA may terminate this Contract at JEA'S option if this Contract is for goods and services of any amount and Company:

- (1) Is found to have been placed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List; or
- (2) Is engaged in a boycott of Israel.

#### **1.41) Subcontractors Use for the Performance of the Work**

The Respondent must list the names of the major Subcontractors that it intends to use for this Work, unless the Work will be self-performed by the Respondent. The Subcontractors must be listed on the Subcontractors Form which is available at [jea.com](http://jea.com). Failure to submit this form with the Response may result in rejection of Respondent's Response. The Respondent shall not use Subcontractors other than those shown on the Subcontractor Form unless it shows good cause and obtains the JEA Representative's prior written consent.

If the Respondent plans to use Subcontractors to perform over 50% of the Work, the Respondent shall obtain JEA's approval at least five days prior to the Response Due Date. Failure to obtain JEA approval may result in rejection of the Respondent's Response.

#### **1.42) Defined Terms**

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

### **2) Contract Terms and Conditions**

#### **2.1) Contract Document Terms and Conditions**

Section 2 of this Solicitation contains JEA's general terms and conditions that will govern the Contract awarded under this Solicitation. The Contract Documents will incorporate by reference all of the terms and conditions of this Solicitation, including all Technical Specifications, Appendices, Exhibits, Schedules and Forms included with this Solicitation. An example of the Contract that the Company will be required to execute is available for review at [jea.com](http://jea.com).

#### **2.2) Definitions**

Capitalized words and terms used in this Solicitation shall have the meaning given to them in this Section 2. The Technical Specifications to this Solicitation may define additional words and terms where necessary to clarify the Work. Unless otherwise stated in this Solicitation or the Contract Documents, definitions set forth in Technical Specifications shall apply only within the Technical Specifications.

#### **2.3) Acceptance**

JEA's written notice by the Project Manager to the Company that all Work as specified in the Contract, or a portion of the Work as specified in a Task or Work Order, 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 does not in any way limit JEA's rights under the Contract or applicable laws, rules and regulations.

#### **2.4) Addendum/Addenda**

An amendment to the Solicitation which is issued by JEA before the Response Due Date and Time.

#### **2.5) Anniversary Date**

The date which is twelve (12) months after the effective date of the Contract, and each date which is twelve (12) months after an Anniversary Date that occurs while the Contract is in effect.

#### **2.6) Award**

The written approval of the Contract by JEA's Awards Committee and Chief Executive Officer.

#### **2.7) Company**

The legal person, firm, corporation or any other entity with whom JEA executes the Contract.

**2.8) Company Representative**

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

**2.9) Contract**

The written agreement executed by JEA and the Company which describes the rights and obligations of JEA and the Company with respect to the Work and incorporates all of the Contract Documents.

**2.10) Contract Amendment**

A written document signed by JEA and the Company issued after the execution of the Contract which authorizes an addition, deletion or revision of the Scope of Work, or the Contract Price, the Term or any other provision of the Contract.

**2.11) Contract Documents**

Contract Documents means the executed Contract, this Solicitation, all documents required by or submitted in connection with this Solicitation or the Contract, and any written Change Orders, contract amendments and Purchase Orders executed by JEA.

**2.12) Contract Price**

The total amount payable by JEA to the Company during the Term in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Contract.

**2.13) Contract Time**

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

**2.14) Defect**

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

**2.15) Holidays**

The following days: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Presidents' Day, Memorial Day, Juneteenth, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, Day after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve Day, and Christmas Day. If a Holidays falls on a weekend, the Holiday is the day that JEA observes the Holiday.

**2.16) Invoice**

A document seeking payment to the Company from JEA for all or a portion of the Work, in accordance with the Contract Documents.

**2.17) JEA**

JEA, a body politic and corporate, which is authorized to own, manage and operate for the benefit of the City of Jacksonville a utilities system within and without the City of Jacksonville.

**2.18) JEA Project Manager**

The individual assigned by JEA to have authority to administer the Contract, including the authority to issue Change Orders.

**2.19) JSEB**

The City of Jacksonville Small and Emerging Business Enterprises as defined in Chapter 126, Part 6 of the City of Jacksonville, Ordinance Code, as may be amended from time to time.

**2.20) Milestone**

A point in time representing a key or important intermediate event in the Work. A Milestone is to be capable of validation by meeting all of the items prescribed in a defining checklist as agreed to in writing by JEA.

**2.21) Performance - Meets Expectations**

The Company averages more than 2.9 and less than 4.0 across all performance scorecard evaluation metrics.

**2.22) Performance - Below Expectations**

The Company averages less than 2.80 across all scorecard evaluation metrics or scores a 2 or less on an individual evaluation metric.

**2.23) Performance - Exceeds Expectation**

The Company averages 4.0 or more across all scorecard evaluation metrics.

**2.24) Purchase Order**

A commercial document issued by JEA, authorizing work, indicating types, quantities, and agreed prices for products or services the Company will provide to JEA. Sending a PO to a Company constitutes a legal offer to buy products or services. The words "Purchase Order" are clearly marked across the top, a PO number is used for reference and invoicing purposes, includes an authorized JEA signature, and states the dollar amount of the lawfully appropriated funds.

**2.25) Response**

The document describing the Company's offer submitted in response to this Solicitation.

**2.26) Respondent**

The respondent to this Solicitation.

**2.27) Solicitation**

All documents issued by JEA to solicit Responses from Respondents including, but not limited to, all documents required to be submitted by a Respondent in connection with this Solicitation, the Technical Specifications, and any Addenda to the Solicitation issued by JEA.

**2.28) Subcontractor**

A legal person, firm, corporation or any other entity that provides a portion of the Work to JEA on behalf of the Company or provides supplies or materials in connection with the Work.

**2.29) 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.

**2.30) Term**

The period of time during which the Contract is in force.

**2.31) Unit Price**

The Company charges, rounded to the nearest cent, to JEA for the performance of each respective unit of Work or Services as defined on this Solicitation.

**2.32) Work**

Any and all actions, products, documentation, electronic programs, reports, testing, transport, administration, management, services, materials, tools, equipment, and other deliverables to be furnished or performed by the Company under the Contract, together with any and all additional such deliverables that are not specifically provided in the Contract, but can be reasonably inferred as necessary to complete the Company's obligations under the Contract.

**2.33) Order of Precedence**

The Contract shall consist of all of the following documents which, to the extent of any conflict, shall have priority in the order listed below:

- I. Contract Amendments
- II. Executed Contract Documents
- III. Addenda
- IV. This Solicitation, including all Appendices, Exhibits and Attachments to this Solicitation
- V. Company's Response
- VI. JEA's Purchase Order

#### **2.34) Payment Method**

Utilizing the Vendor Management System the Company shall electronically invoice JEA for the services provided under the Contract on a weekly basis. Invoice amounts shall be supported by the JEA manager approved timesheets submitted through the VMS. JEA reserves the right to reject part of an invoice if it disputes a portion of that invoice.

#### **2.35) Invoicing and Payment Terms**

Invoices shall be submitted electronically utilizing the Vendor Management System.

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 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.

#### **2.36) JEA Contractor Travel Policy**

To the extent the Company's fees include reimbursement for travel and travel related expenses, only the authorized expenses described here in will be reimbursed. The Company must request approval in writing from the JEA Project Manager for all travel for a specific person on official JEA business prior to commencement of travel. JEA will only reimburse the Company for actual cost of travel expenses that are documented with receipts submitted with the expense statement (the "Traveler"). The Traveler shall choose the most economical means of transportation, considering the nature of the business, the Traveler's time, cost of transportation, meals, lodging and incidental expenses required. Reimbursement shall be made only for travel performed over usually regularly traveled routes to the destination. When travel is by indirect route for the Traveler's own convenience, reimbursement for expenses shall be based only on such charges as would have been incurred over the usually traveled route.

##### **Authorized Expenses:**

##### **Airplane**

Travel by common carrier will only be reimbursed at the coach/economy fare rate purchased.

A copy of the Traveler's air itinerary showing the cost of the coach/economy fare must be submitted along with the expense statements. The Traveler is encouraged to select the most economical published fare. A round-trip coach/economy fare greater than \$1,500 must be pre-approved by the Traveler's Chief.

##### **Private Automobiles**

If the total miles from point of origin to destination exceeds 400 miles one way, the mileage reimbursement for use of a private motor vehicle shall be limited to the lesser of:

- I. IRS rate per mile (current mileage rate can be found on the IRS website) or

- II. the lowest airline common carrier coach/economy fare to the nearest airport plus the cost of other means of transportation from the airport to the destination.

If travel is by private automobile, reimbursement shall be based on the IRS authorized mileage rate in existence at the time of travel. All mileage shall be completed from the constructive point of origin to the point of destination. Vicinity mileage incurred while driving on official business may also be reimbursed. No other reimbursement for expenses related to the operation, maintenance and ownership of a vehicle shall be allowed when a private motor vehicle is used on public business.

### **Car Rental**

Rental cars may be used only if taxis or other means of transportation are less economical or otherwise impractical.

JEA has contracts with AVIS, Budget and Enterprise/National for car rentals and must be used where available. For reservations:

- I. AVIS
  - A. <https://www.carrental.com/abgPartners/sof/>
  - B. 800-652-7900
  - C. Discount Code: B113410
- II. Budget
  - A. <https://www.carrental.com/abgPartners/sof/>
  - B. 800-214-6094
  - C. Discount Code: B113410
- III. Enterprise/National
  - A. <https://elink.enterprise.com/en/23/08/jea.html>
  - B. Account Number: XZ78612

Every effort shall be made to coordinate travel so that Travelers share a rental car and thereby eliminate multiple cars at the same location. Travelers must use the intermediate or standard class (or subordinate) of vehicles unless the number of passengers or the volume of equipment makes the intermediate/standard class impractical or if health or physical need requires a larger vehicle. A business justification for upgrades noting such must be included in the travel pre-approval. Personal accident insurance purchased by the traveler will not be reimbursed by JEA.

A receipt of itemized rental car charges must be obtained and submitted with the travel reimbursement claim.

### **Lodging**

Reimbursement will be made for the cost of reasonably required overnight lodging when a Traveler is required to be away from his/her place of residence on behalf of JEA business. Travelers shall select lodging that is the most economical available, consistent with the duties being performed. Travelers will be reimbursed for a single room rate; double occupancy rates may be obtained if two Travelers share a room.

Travelers must document all lodging expenses with itemized statement and paid receipt from lodging facility. A receipt of itemized lodging expenses must be obtained and submitted with your travel reimbursement claim. Personal expenses such as entertainment, in-room movies, in-room concessions (i.e., mini-bar charges) and other personal charges will not be reimbursed.

### **Meals**

Reimbursement is authorized for meals for all travelers while in a business travel status at the following fixed subsistence / per diem rates, or, at the traveler's option, at the amount submitted, not to exceed the following fixed maximum subsistence rates, but in any case, only when travel begins before and extends beyond the times specified:

- I. Breakfast - when Travel Time begins before 6:00 a.m. and extends beyond 8:00 a.m. The JEA breakfast per diem maximum is \$20.
- II. Lunch - when Travel Time begins before 12:00 noon and extends beyond 2:00 p.m. The JEA lunch per diem maximum is \$25.
- III. Dinner - when Travel Time begins before 6:00 p.m. and extends beyond 8:00 p.m. The JEA dinner per diem maximum is \$35.

- IV. International Travel - for travel outside of the United States, the per diem rate is doubled to \$100 per day.

### **Incidental Transportation Expenses**

The following expenses incidental to transportation of the Traveler may be reimbursed:

- I. Taxi fare
- II. Ferry fares, bridge, road and tunnel tolls
- III. Storage and parking fees
  - A. Valet parking may be selected when there is not a more economical means of parking or where less economical options present a safety concern. A business justification for the use of valet parking must be provided in the reimbursement claim.
  - B. One of the long-term (non-valet) airport parking options (vs. hourly parking) must be utilized for approved travel greater than 24 hours.
- IV. Communication expenses such as business telephone expenses and daily internet/wireless access to conduct JEA business or to inform family members or caretakers of travel delays.
- V. Reasonable gratuities for services incurred at a cost (not to exceed 20% of the cost of the service or to exceed the total subsistence allowance in the case of meals).
- VI. Reasonable gratuities for services incurred without a cost (limited to \$10 per day) (receipt not required, but service justification must be indicated).

### **2.37) Cost Savings Plan**

During the Term, 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 Contract Amendments that 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 initiative 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 initiative proposed by Company.

### **2.38) Price Adjustments**

Contract prices (also referred to as "Unit Prices") for the Work will remain firm fixed through the first year of the Contract. Thereafter, the Company may request a Consumer Price Index ("CPI") adjustment annually thereafter. Only the Unit Prices for labor and equipment will be subject to price adjustment.

Thirty (30) days prior to the Anniversary Date, the Company may request an increase or decrease of the Unit Prices by a percentage equal to the then applicable annual percentage change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

If the Company fails to request a CPI price adjustment within thirty (30) days in advance of the Anniversary Date, the Company or JEA will be denied the increase or decrease, and the Company will have to request the CPI adjustment again the following year in accordance with this clause.

When a timely CPI adjustment request is received or provided, JEA will adjust the Unit Prices based on the applicable annual percentage change in the CPI. Each annual price adjustment will be recognized no later than thirty (30) days after the Anniversary Date. No retroactive price adjustments will be allowed.

Price Adjustment shall be capped at 3% annually.

All requested price adjustments for the Contract shall be in accordance with the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers: All Items (CPIAUCNS) - Not Seasonally Adjusted. The index used will be the unadjusted average mean percent change for the prior twelve (12) months beginning with the last published index month closest to the Anniversary Date compared to the previous 12 month mean average using the published index. This index can be found at <https://fred.stlouisfed.org/series/CPIAUCNS> or <https://data.bls.gov/timeseries/CUUR0000SA0>.

JEA requests the Company to supply JEA with updated Unit Prices for its review and approval based upon the price adjustment methodology described herein.

In the event the applicable price index publication ceases, the Company and JEA shall mutually agree on a replacement price adjustment index. If the Company and JEA fail to agree on a replacement index, the Contract shall terminate for convenience on the next Anniversary Date. Additionally, should the applicable index deviate from market for the services or goods that are being provided, JEA in its sole discretion, may approve a request to change the applicable index and determine the method for the application of the price adjustment change.

It should be noted that in instances a monthly CPI level is not recorded, only the levels recorded during calendar twelve (12) month period is used; an average will be based on the monthly index levels recorded during the period of time. All Pricing will be truncated at the nearest cent, percentages are truncated at the hundredth of a percent, all other numbers shall be truncated at the thousandth.

JEA also reserves the right to decrease the Unit Prices on the Anniversary Date if justified by the CPI.

Price Increase/Decrease Formula = ((Most recent 12-month BLS Index Average – Prior 12-month BLS Index Average)/ Prior 12 month BLS Index Average)) X 100 = Percent Change (%) (Truncated at the hundredth of a percent)

### **2.39) Discount Pricing**

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

- I. -1% 20, net 30
- II. -2% 10, net 30

The Company may request alternate payment terms for JEA's consideration; however, alternate payment terms are not effective until acceptance by JEA in writing. All payment dates are calculated from the date of receipt of a proper Invoice by JEA's Accounts Payable department.

### **2.40) 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 payment terms for participating JSEB firms shall be the same or better than the payment terms the Company receives from JEA, except that in all cases JSEB firms shall be allowed to submit invoices to the Company at least bimonthly, and the Company shall pay proper invoices no later than 3 days after its receipt of JEA payment. The Company shall obtain written approval from the JEA Project Manager and JEA Manager Supplier Diversity Programs prior to withholding any payment from JSEB firm.

The Company will be required to self-report all payments made to the JSEB certified firms. The payment data will be entered into the B2Gnow JSEB Compliance & Diversity Outreach System (JCDOS) located at the following website: <https://jea.gob2g.com/>. This system tracks contract payments made by the Company to any subcontractor (i.e. JSEB or Diverse Business), the timeliness of those payments and the payments JEA makes to the Company.

The Company is required to submit the monthly payments made to the JSEB certified firms by the audit date of the 30<sup>th</sup> of each month, for the life of the contract and respond to any requests for information within the B2Gnow JSEB Compliance & Diversity Outreach System (JCDOS). The JCDOS must be checked frequently.

The Company and JSEB certified firms will be provided with access information for the JCDOS post the contract award. B2Gnow provides vendor training, and additional information can be obtained by contacting JEA's Manager Supplier Diversity Programs.

### **2.41) Offsets**

If the Company is in violation of any requirement of the Contract, JEA may withhold payments that may otherwise 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.

### **2.42) Taxes**

JEA is municipally owned utility and is exempt from paying Florida Sales and Use Tax and is exempt from Manufacturer's Federal Excise Tax when purchasing tangible personal property for its direct consumption. Additionally, pursuant to Florida Statute 212.08(5) (c) 3, if Company or Subcontractor is buying materials for JEA's electric generating stations, other than Northside Unit 3, JEA can issue the Company or Subcontractor an affidavit that will allow Company or Subcontractor to purchase materials tax free on behalf of JEA.

#### 2.43) Tariffs and Duties

**Existing Tariffs:** Unless otherwise expressly stated in this Contract, the Company represents that all prices, rates, and charges set forth in this Contract are inclusive of all import/export duties, tariffs, and other similar taxes or levies ("Tariffs") applicable to the goods, materials, equipment, or services to be provided hereunder, which are known and in effect as of the Effective Date of this Contract. The Company shall be responsible for the payment of all such existing Tariffs.

**New or Changed Tariffs:** In the event that subsequent to the Effective Date of this Contract, any new Tariffs are imposed, or existing Tariffs are changed (including increases, decreases, or eliminations), by any governmental authority, which directly and demonstrably impact the Company's costs for goods, materials, or equipment essential for the performance of this Contract, the following provisions shall apply:

(a) **Notification:** The Company seeking a price adjustment due to new or changed Tariffs (the "Requesting Party") shall promptly notify JEA in writing (the "Responding Party") of such new or changed Tariff and its anticipated impact on costs. Such notification shall be provided no later than 30 days after the Requesting Party becomes aware of the new or changed Tariff.

(b) **Documentation and Verification:** The Requesting Party shall provide the Responding Party with verifiable documentation demonstrating the direct impact of the new or changed Tariff on its costs under this Agreement. This may include, but is not limited to, supplier invoices, official government notices of Tariff changes, and calculations showing the cost differential. The Responding Party shall have the right to reasonably audit such documentation.

(c) **Negotiation and Equitable Adjustment:** Upon receipt and verification of the documentation, JEA and Company shall negotiate in good faith to reach a mutually agreeable equitable adjustment to the relevant prices, rates, or charges set forth in this Contract to account for the demonstrated direct impact of the new or changed Tariff. Any such adjustment shall be limited to the actual, direct, and unavoidable cost increase or decrease incurred by the Company

(d) **Limitations:** Any price adjustment under this Section shall not exceed the published tariff contained in the US Government's Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) assigned to the affected item. or a total contract price cap, unless otherwise mutually agreed in writing. Adjustments shall only apply to Tariffs directly impacting goods, materials, or equipment incorporated into the Work or services provided after the effective date of the new or changed Tariff.

(e) **Benefit of Reductions:** Should any Tariffs existing at the Effective Date, or imposed thereafter, be reduced or eliminated, resulting in a demonstrable decrease in the Contractor's costs for goods, materials, or equipment essential for the performance of this Agreement, the benefit of such reduction shall be passed through to JEA via an equitable downward adjustment to the relevant prices, rates, or charges, following a similar notification and verification process as outlined above.

(f) **Separate Line Item for Tariffs:** Unless otherwise negotiated, notwithstanding the inclusion of existing Tariffs in the agreed-upon prices as per Section title "Existing Tariffs", any Tariffs applicable to an invoice shall be listed as a separate line item on that invoice. This separate listing will clearly indicate the amount of the Tariff, allowing for its easy identification and potential removal or adjustment as agreed upon by the Parties pursuant to the Section titled "New or Changed Tariffs". The cost of the goods, materials, equipment, or services shall be listed separately from the Tariff amount.

#### 2.44) Warranty (Professional Services)

The Company warrants that all items provided under the Contract shall be in accordance with the requirements of the Contract and all services shall be performed in a professional manner and with professional diligence and skill, consistent with the prevailing standards of the industry. The Company warrants that the Work will meet the service levels, functional and performance requirements defined in the Contract.

The Company warrants all Work for a period of one year following Acceptance of the Work. If any failure to meet the foregoing warranty appears during the Term or within one year after Acceptance, the Company shall again perform the Work directly affected by such failure at the Company's sole expense.

The Company represents and warrants that it has the full right, power and authority to enter into the Contract and to perform the Work, and that the performance of its obligations and duties hereunder does not and will not violate any Contract to which the Company is a party or by which it is otherwise bound.

The Company represents and warrants that it will conduct the Work in a manner and with sufficient labor, materials and equipment necessary to affect a diligent pursuance of the Work.

The Company represents and warrants that it has the responsibility and capacity to train and supervise its employees, Subcontractors and suppliers to ensure the Work complies with all safety requirements of the Contract Documents.

The Company represents and warrants that its employees and Subcontractors shall exercise the degree of skill and care required by customarily accepted good practices and procedures.

#### **2.45) Insurance (Professional Services)**

Before starting the Work, and without further limiting its liability under the Contract, Company shall procure and maintain throughout the Term 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) \$1,000,000 each accident (Employer's Liability).

##### Commercial General Liability

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.

##### Professional Services/Errors and Omissions:

\$1,000,000 each claim; \$2,000,000 annual aggregate Liability

Excess or Umbrella Liability - (This is additional coverage and limits above the following primary insurance: Employer's Liability, Commercial General Liability, and Automobile Liability)  
\$2,000,000 each occurrence and annual aggregate.

Company's Commercial General Liability and Excess or Umbrella Liability policies shall be effective for two years after Work is complete. 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 as an additional insured for all coverage except Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability and Professional Liability. Such insurance shall be primary to any and all other insurance or self-insurance maintained by JEA. Company shall include a Waiver of Subrogation on all required insurance in favor of JEA, its 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 the Contract, certificates evidencing the maintenance of the insurance shall be uploaded to JEA's ISupplier Portal which can be found at [iSupplier Procurement and Accounts Payable Portal | JEA](#)

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

It shall be the sole responsibility of Company to ensure that any Subcontractors performing work for Company are properly insured against any claim, action, loss, damage, injury, liability, cost and expense (including, but not by way of limitation, reasonable attorney's fees and court costs) to the extent caused by the negligence, recklessness or intentional wrongful misconduct of the Subcontractors.

**2.46) Indemnification**

The Company shall hold harmless and indemnify JEA 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 the 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. 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 the Contract.

**2.47) Indemnification - Release of JEA Customer Information**

The Company shall hold harmless and indemnify JEA against any and all claims actions, losses, damages, injuries, liability, costs and expenses of whatsoever kind or nature (including, but not by way of limitation, reasonable attorney's fees and court costs) arising out of the unwarranted disclosure of any JEA customer information that is in the possession of Company or any of its employees, agents or Subcontractors either in paper or electronic format, including disclosure caused by theft, electronic system malfunction, negligence, or any other cause for the information to become public or otherwise used for any purpose whatsoever.

**2.48) Indemnification for Release of JEA Employees' Personal Identifiable Information (PII) Data**

The Company indemnifies, defends, and holds JEA harmless from any and all claim associated with the unwarranted disclosure of any JEA PII data that is in its possession either in paper or electronic format, including disclosure caused by theft, electronic system malfunction, negligence, or any other cause for the information to become public or otherwise used for malicious intents.

**2.49) Title and Risk of Loss**

Ownership, risks of damage to or loss shall pass to JEA only upon Acceptance. The Company shall retain the sole risk of loss to the Work up to and including the time of Acceptance. In the event of loss or damage to the Work, the Company shall bear all costs associated with any loss or damage.

**2.50) 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 be extended for a period of equal to any time lost due to such prevention or delay.

**2.51) Force Majeure**

No party shall be liable for any default or delay in the performance of its obligations under the 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; pandemics; outbreaks of communicable disease; quarantines; fires; hurricanes, tornados, floods; other natural disasters; 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 shall indicate the extent to which it is anticipated that any delivery or completion dates will be thereby affected within seven calendar days.

#### **2.52) Term of Contract**

The Contract shall commence on the effective date of the Contract and continue and remain in full force and effect as to all its terms, conditions and provisions as set forth herein for three years.

JEA may renew the Contract in its sole discretion for five additional one-year periods.

The Contract shall be contingent upon the existence of lawfully appropriated funds for the Contract. Certain provisions of the Contract may extend past termination including, but not limited to, Warranty and Indemnification provisions.

#### **2.53) Termination for Convenience**

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

In the event of termination for convenience, JEA will pay the Company for all Work performed by the Company prior to the termination date.

Upon receipt of such notice of termination, the Company shall stop the performance of the Work except as may be necessary to carry out a 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 shall 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, or any resulting change in business condition.

#### **2.54) Termination for Default (No Bonds)**

JEA may terminate the Contract for default upon written notice to the Company if any of the following occurs (each, an "Event of Default"):

1. The Company assigns or subcontracts the Work without JEA's prior written consent;
2. Any petition is filed, or any proceeding is commenced by or against the Company for relief under any bankruptcy or insolvency laws;
3. A receiver is appointed for the Company's properties, or the Company commits any act of insolvency (however evidenced);
4. The Company makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors;
5. The Company suspends the operation of a substantial portion of its business;
6. The Company suspends the whole or any part of the Work to the extent that it impacts the Company's ability to meet the schedule for the Work, or the Company abandons the whole or any part of the Work;
7. The Company breaches or fails to comply with any of the conditions or provisions of the Contract Documents, and, if such breach or failure is capable of cure, Company does not cure the breach or failure within 15 days after receipt of written notice from JEA;
8. The Company attempts to willfully impose upon JEA items or workmanship that are, in JEA's sole opinion, defective or of unacceptable quality;
9. The Company has been placed on the list maintained under Section 287.135, Florida Statutes, of companies with activities in Sudan or in Iran Petroleum Energy Sector;
10. The Company is determined, in JEA's sole opinion, to have misrepresented the utilization of funds or misappropriated property belonging to JEA; or

11. Any material adverse change in the financial or business condition of the Company.

If, within fifteen (15) days after service of such notice to discontinue or notice to cure upon the Company, an arrangement satisfactory to JEA has not been made by the Company for continuance of the Work or the material breach has not been remedied, JEA may declare the Company to be in default and terminate the Contract.

This Section shall in no way limit JEA's right to all remedies for nonperformance provided under law or in equity. Further, the rights and remedies available to JEA are distinct, separate and cumulative remedies, and no one of them, whether or not exercised by a party, shall be deemed to be in exclusion of any other.

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 to the Company notices of any kind, including but not limited to deficient performance letters and scorecards, regarding its performance prior to declaring an event of Default for performance related issues.

If the Company is declared to be in default, JEA may charge the expenses of completing the Work to the Company and may 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 receipt of notice of the expenses from JEA. JEA shall not be required to obtain the lowest price for completing the Work, but may make such expenditures that, in its sole judgment, shall best accomplish completion of the Work. JEA will, however, make reasonable efforts to mitigate the costs of completing the Work.

If, after an Event of Default, it is determined that an Event of Default did not occur, or that the default was excusable, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if JEA had terminated the Contract for convenience.

#### **2.55) Actions After Termination**

Immediately upon termination or expiration of this Contracts, Company must return to JEA all materials, documents and things used by Company and belonging to JEA, including proposals, computer files, borrower files, building keys, and any other property or information regarding continued business compliance or goodwill, whether in electronic or hard-copy form.

Furthermore, upon JEA's request, Company shall certify in writing that all of the foregoing documents or materials, including archival or backup copies, whether in electronic or hard-copy form, have been returned to JEA, deleted from any computer system, or otherwise destroyed.

#### **2.56) Transition Services**

At any time prior to the date the Contract expires or terminates for any reason (the "Termination Date"), JEA may request Company to provide reasonable transition assistance services ("Transition Assistance"). Company will provide such Transition Assistance until such time as JEA notifies the Company that JEA no longer requires such Transition Assistance, but in no event for more than 180 days following the Termination Date.

Transition Assistance shall mean any services, functions or responsibilities that are ordinarily or customarily provided to a purchaser to ensure that the services provided to that purchaser by a contractor are fully transitioned in a smooth and efficient manner to a new service contractor (either JEA itself or a third-party contractor). Transition Assistance includes the development and implementation of a detailed transition plan. To the extent that Transition Assistance will involve third parties hired by JEA, those third parties shall cooperate with Company in its provision of Transition Assistance and sign any reasonable non-disclosure agreements required by Company.

Transition Assistance rendered before the Termination Date shall be provided at no additional cost to JEA. Transition Assistance rendered after the Termination Date shall be provided at the rates negotiated by the parties prior to the

rendering of such service, which rates shall not exceed the standard market rates that Company charges to government entities for comparable services; provided however, that if JEA terminates the Contract because of a breach by Company, then (i) the Transition Assistance shall be provided at no cost to JEA, and (ii) JEA will be entitled to any other remedies available to it under law. Company may withhold Transition Assistance after the Termination Date if JEA does not provide reasonable assurance that the charges for such Transition Assistance will be paid to Company in accordance with the invoicing and payment provisions of the Contract.

**2.57) Data Obligations at Termination or Suspension of Contract**

In the event of the Contract expiration or termination, the Company shall implement an orderly return of JEA's data in a mutually agreeable format at a time agreed to by JEA and the Company, or upon JEA's request, the Company shall secure the disposal of all JEA data. During any period of service suspension, the Company shall not take any action to intentionally erase any JEA data or its customers. In the event of termination of any services or the Contract in its entirety, the Company shall not take any action intentionally to erase any data of JEA or its customers except as mutually agreed upon in writing by the Company and JEA. Upon JEA request, the Company shall securely dispose of all request data in all its forms.

**2.58) Suspension of Work**

JEA may suspend the performance of the Work, in whole or in part, by providing Company with five days' prior written notice of such suspension. In the event of a suspension of Work, the Company shall resume performance of the Work when and to the extent directed in writing to do so by JEA.

Suspension of Work shall not affect any other rights or remedies JEA may have under this Solicitation and the Contract.

**2.59) 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.

**2.60) Company Review of Project Requirements**

The Company shall review all requirements and specifications prior to commencing Work. The Company represents that its total Response Price and the 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.

The Company shall immediately notify the Project Manager 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 Contract Amendment 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.

**2.61) Coordination of Services Provided by JEA**

The JEA Project Manager, or other designated JEA Representative, will, on behalf of JEA, coordinate with the Company and administer the Contract. It shall be the responsibility of the Company to coordinate all assignment related activities with the designated JEA Representative. A JEA Representative will be assigned to perform day-to-day administration and liaison functions, and to make available to the Company appropriate personnel, to the extent practical, and to furnish records and available data necessary to conduct the Work. The JEA Representative will also authorize the Company to perform work under the Contract.

**2.62) Qualifications of Employees, Subcontractors, and Agents**

All employees, subcontractors and agents of the Company performing work under the Contract shall be properly trained and qualified. Upon request, Company shall furnish a copy of a technical certification or other proof of

qualification. All employees, subcontractors and agents performing work under the Contract must comply with all reasonable administrative requirements of JEA and with all controlling laws and regulations relevant to the services they are providing under the Contract.

The Company shall take all actions necessary to ensure that the Company's employees, subcontractors and agents are not considered employees of JEA. Such actions include, but are not limited to, ensuring that Company's employees, subcontractors and agents receive payment and any legally mandated insurance (e.g., workers' compensation and unemployment compensation) from an employer other than JEA.

### **2.63) JEA Access Badges**

If the Work requires an individual to access JEA's facilities or properties, the Project Manager or other JEA Representative will determine whether or not such individual must have a JEA access badge prior to accessing JEA facilities or properties. This determination will be made based upon the business need and in accordance with JEA's applicable security policies and procedures. In no event shall individuals share JEA access badges.

Individuals issued an access badge must adhere to all of JEA's security badge usage policies and procedures. Violation of the provisions of this Section or any of JEA's security policies may result in immediate termination of the Contract.

In particular, JEA shall be notified within 24 hours of a lost or stolen JEA access badge or when an individual leaves the Company or any subcontractor. The Company will bear any costs associated with issuance, and production, of any lost or stolen JEA access badge. The Company is required to report all badge loss, or termination, notifications to the JEA Representative and JEA Security. JEA Security can be contacted at (904) 665-8200 and [security@jea.com](mailto:security@jea.com). Failure to make the reports required in this paragraph may result in significant regulatory fines and penalties. The Company shall be responsible for all such costs and JEA shall have the right to immediately terminate the Contract.

The provisions in this Section shall apply to Company's Subcontractors and agents performing any of the Work and shall be included in Company's contracts with its Subcontractors for any part of the Work.

### **2.64) Background Checks and Other Security Policies**

The Company, at its expense, shall conduct appropriate background checks and screen each individual who will provide services to JEA as a part of the Work or who will have access to JEA's computer systems, either through on-site or remote access. The minimum background screening process shall include, but not be limited to, the following checks:

- I. Social Security Number (SSN) Trace;
- II. Criminal Records (County and State Criminal Felony and Misdemeanor, National Criminal Database, Federal Criminal);
- III. Background checks undertaken by JEA for its own employees who have duties similar to the duties of the Company's employee(s); and
- IV. Background checks which may be required pursuant to applicable background screening policies adopted by JEA from time to time.

The background screening must be conducted prior to the employee providing any services or performing any Work for JEA. JEA has the right to require more regular background checks and has the right to require that the Company provide background check results to JEA. JEA shall have the right to audit the Company's background check process to ensure compliance with JEA standards. If, at any time, the Company discovers that an individual providing services to JEA as a part of the Work has a criminal record that includes a felony or misdemeanor, the Company shall immediately inform JEA and JEA will assess the circumstances surrounding the conviction, time frame, nature, gravity and relevancy of the conviction to the job duties. JEA, in its sole discretion, shall determine whether the individual will be placed on, or terminated from, a JEA assignment. Additionally, all individuals providing services to JEA shall have the responsibility to self-disclose any misdemeanor or felony conviction that occurs while assigned to JEA within three business days of the conviction. If the Company learns of any such conviction, the Company shall notify JEA immediately. The Company shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations governing the conduct of background checks, including but not limited to the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA). Failure of the Company to comply with the terms of this paragraph may result in immediate termination of its contract with JEA.

## **2.65) JEA Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP)**

Pursuant to federal regulations, JEA is required to implement Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) and comply with NERC/FERC reliability standards for identified assets (collectively the "Assets"). Assets include both physical and cyber-Assets that are essential for JEA to maintain the integrity of the bulk electric system. Therefore, the Company must ensure that all individuals that have access to any Assets meet all requirements of JEA, including, but not limited to the background screenings required by this Contract, prior to the individual performing any services for JEA. The specific Assets an individual will access will determine the specific JEA training and criminal background check that will be required before an employee will be approved to perform services for JEA. The Company will be responsible for all labor costs associated with completion of the training. The provisions of this Section and the immediately preceding section shall apply to all of the Company's Subcontractors and agents and shall be included in Company's contracts with its Subcontractors for any part of the Work. JEA reserves the right to modify these terms if the applicable regulations change or additional regulations become applicable. JEA will provide sufficient notice in advance for Company to comply with JEA's requirements related to the updated regulations.

If applicable for all or any part of the Work, Company must also be able to certify and demonstrate to JEA's satisfaction that Company is able to comply with JEA's supply chain cyber security risk management plan and the requirements of NERC Reliability Standard NERC CIP-013, including, but not limited to CIP-013 R1. Company must demonstrate that Company has, in JEA's sole discretion, appropriate cyber security processes, including, but not limited to, addressing the following:

1. Notification by Company to JEA, within 12 hours or sooner, of any Company personnel, who have been terminated, retired or ceased working on JEA projects.
2. Notification by the Company of Company-identified incidents related to the products or services provided to JEA that pose cyber security risk to JEA
3. Coordination of responses to Company-identified incidents related to the products or services provided to the JEA that pose cyber security risk to JEA
4. Notification by Company when remote or onsite access should no longer be granted to Company representatives
5. Disclosure by Company of known vulnerabilities related to the products or services provided to the JEA
6. Method for verification of software integrity and authenticity of all software and patches provided by the Company for use in JEA's Bulk Electric System's Cyber System
7. Coordination of controls for (i) Company-initiated Interactive Remote Access, and (ii) system-to-system remote access with Company
8. Compliance with JEA CIP Cyber Security Policy posted on [https://www.jea.com/About/Procurement/Bid\\_Forms/](https://www.jea.com/About/Procurement/Bid_Forms/).

## **2.66) Licenses**

The Company shall comply with all licensing, registration and 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.

## **2.67) Legal Workforce**

The Company's employment of unauthorized aliens shall be a violation of section 274A(e) of the Immigration and Nationality Act and a breach of the provisions of the Contract. The Company and all Subcontractors must enroll and participate in the federal E-Verify Program prior the performance of any part of the Work and appropriately screen all individuals performing any part of the Work. Proof of enrollment and participation must be provided to the JEA Representative upon request.

## **2.68) Data Ownership, Protection and Location**

The company shall own all right, title and interest in all non-JEA data that is related to the Work. The company acknowledges that it will not host, process, or store any JEA-owned data, and it will not integrate with or operate any JEA systems beyond placement and payroll functions related to the Work

JEA shall own all right, title and interest in all data of JEA and JEA's customers that is related to the Work. The Company shall only access JEA's data and JEA's customers' accounts and data if (i) required to provide the Work, (ii) required in response to service or technical issues, (iii) required by the express terms of the Contract, or (iv) at JEA's written request. Protection of personal privacy and data shall be an integral part of the Work to ensure that there is no inappropriate or unauthorized use of data of JEA or JEA's customers at any time.

The Company shall safeguard the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of all data of JEA and its customers and comply with the following:

The Company shall implement and maintain appropriate administrative, technical and organizational security measures to safeguard against the unauthorized access, disclosure or theft of Personal Data or Non-Public Data. For the purposes of the Contract, "Personal Data" shall mean data that includes information relating to a person that identifies the person by name and has any of the following personally identifiable information: government-issued identification numbers (e.g., Social Security, driver's license, passport); financial account information including account number, credit or debit card numbers; or protected health information relating to a person. Non-Public Data shall mean data, other than Personal Data, that is not subject to distribution to the public as public information and is deemed to be sensitive and confidential because it is exempt by statute, ordinance or administrative rule from access by the general public as public information;

All data obtained by Company under the Contract shall become and remain the property of JEA:

- I. All Personal Data and Non-Public Data shall be encrypted at rest and in transit with controlled access. Unless otherwise agreed in writing by JEA and the Company, the Company shall be responsible for encryption of the Personal Data and non-Public Data;
- II. At no time shall any Personal Data or Non-Public Data of JEA or its customers be copied, disclosed or retained by the Company or any party related to the Company for subsequent use in any transaction that is not a part of the Work to be provided under the Contract;
- III. The Company shall not use any Personal Data, Non-Public Data or any other information collected in connection with the Contract for any purpose other than providing the Work; The Company will prevent its employees, other than employees with a need to know, from gaining access to JEA's data and information. The Company will direct and take all reasonable steps to ensure that any Company employee who encounters any such information during the course of performing the Company's responsibilities of the Contract shall maintain the confidentiality of such information, which shall not be passed onto other Company employees or any other person. The Company shall also enforce separation of job duties, require commercially reasonable non-disclosure agreements, and limit staff knowledge of JEA data to that which is absolutely necessary to perform job duties. The Company shall provide the Work solely from data centers in the United States. Storage of JEA data at rest shall be located solely in data centers in the United States. The Company shall not allow its personnel or its subcontractors to store JEA and JEA customer data on portable devices, including personal computers, except for devices that are used and kept only at its data centers in the United States. The Company shall permit its personnel and subcontractors to access JEA and JEA customer's data remotely only as required to provide technical support. The Company shall deploy reasonable steps and safeguards as part of a network security program in accordance with accepted industry practices, including but not limited to, Purchasing Card Industry-Data Security Standards (PCI-DSS), to prevent unlawful hacking to gain surreptitious access into JEA's and JEA's customer's data.

### **Incident Response and Breach Notification**

The provider must maintain an incident response capability consistent with FIPA (Section 501.171, Florida Statutes).

The Company shall promptly notify JEA within 48 hours of any confirmed breaches or issues regarding the security of systems that maintain JEA or JEA's customer data, or within 12 hours in the event of a ransomware incident. However, any such notification by the Company shall not affect the Company's obligations to secure JEA's data as provided under the Contract. The Company shall notify JEA within 48 hours if it learns that JEA or any of JEA's

customers has been, have been, or may have been, the subject of a Security Incident (which is defined below) of any kind which may compromise data of JEA or its customers, except in the event of a ransomware incident, in which case the Company shall notify JEA within 12 hours of such incident. In any such event, the Company shall: (i) investigate the incident(s) and provide a report to JEA within 48 hours; (ii) conduct a forensic investigation to determine a cause and what data/systems are implicated; (iii) provide daily updates of its investigation to JEA and permit JEA reasonable access to the investigation; (iv) communicate and cooperate with JEA concerning communication with outside parties such as law enforcement and media; and (v) cooperate with JEA in determining whether and how notice, if any, will be provided to JEA's customers with all applicable laws and regulations.

The term "Security Incident" means the potentially unauthorized access by non-authorized persons to Personal Data or Non-Public Data that the Company believes could reasonably result in the use, disclosure, or theft of unencrypted Personal Data or Non-Public Data of JEA or its customers within the possession or control of the Company. If a Data Breach (defined below) with respect to Personal Data or Non-Public data has occurred, the Company shall promptly implement necessary remedial measures and document responsive actions taken related to the Data Breach, including any post-incident review and actions taken to make changes in business practices in providing the Work, if necessary.

If a Data Breach is a result of the Company's breach of its obligation to encrypt Personal Data or Non-Public Data or otherwise prevent the release of Personal or Non-Public Data or the Company's failure to comply with any of the security requirements comply with the Contract, the Company shall bear the costs associated with (i) the investigation and resolution of the Data Breach; (ii) notifications to individuals, regulators or others required by state law; (iii) a credit monitoring service required by state or federal law; (iv) a website or toll-free number and call center for affected individuals required by state law; and (v) completing all corrective actions as reasonably determined by the Company based on root cause.

The term "Data Breach" means the unauthorized access by a non-authorized person or persons that results in the use, disclosure or theft of unencrypted Personal Data, Non-Public Data or JEA's customer information.

The company shall own all right, title and interest in all non-JEA data that is related to the Work. The company acknowledges that it will not host, process, or store any JEA-owned data, and it will not integrate with or operate any JEA systems beyond placement and payroll functions related to the Work

For the purposes of the Contract, "Personal Data" shall mean data that includes information relating to a person that identifies the person by name and has any of the following personally identifiable information: government-issued identification numbers (e.g., Social Security, driver's license, passport); financial account information including account number, credit or debit card numbers; or protected health information relating to a person. Non-Public Data shall mean data, other than Personal Data, that is not subject to distribution to the public as public information and is deemed to be sensitive and confidential because it is exempt by statute, ordinance or administrative rule from access by the general public as public information;

All data obtained by the Provider under the Contract shall become and remain the property of the Provider:

Unless otherwise agreed in writing by JEA and the Provider, the Provider shall be responsible for the safeguarding of the Personal Data and non-Public Data

#### **Access Accountability for Placed Individuals**

The provider acknowledges that all system access for placed individuals is provisioned, monitored, and revoked by JEA, and that the provider holds no standing or shared credentials to JEA systems.

#### **Right to Reassess**

The Provider agrees that JEA shall be allowed to reassess security requirements if the provider's role, data handling, or system interaction materially changes.

## **2.69) Vendor Performance Evaluations**

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

JEA may evaluate the Company's performance using the Vendor Performance Scorecard templates which are available online at jea.com. However, JEA is not required to use scorecards to terminate a contract.

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.

Vendors are scored on a scale from 1 to 5:

- 5 - Far Exceeds Expectations
- 4 - Exceeds Expectations
- 3 - Meets Expectations
- 2 - Below Expectations
- 1 - Far Below Expectations

The Scorecard averages all the scores for each criterion. If a Vendor scores a 3 or higher, they are considered to at least Meet Expectations.

### **Frequency of Evaluations**

JEA may conduct performance evaluations and prepare scorecards 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.

### **Scoring -Meets Expectations**

JEA expects the Company's performance to be at a minimum evaluated as "Meets Expectations".

### **Scoring - Below Expectations**

If at any time, JEA determines, using the criteria described on the scorecard, that the performance of the Company is Below Expectations or Far Below Expectations, the Project Manager may first meet with the Company and issue a deadline for the Company to be back in compliance with the Contract.

If the Company fails to achieve Contract compliance, the Chief Procurement Officer or her designated alternate may meet with the Company to review the scorecard and/or send a Notice to Cure letter to the Company describing the deficient performance. The Company shall respond as requested and shall also include in its response a statement of the timeframes and specific actions that the Company will take to bring the Company's performance up to at least Meets Expectations.

The Company's performance may again be evaluated by the JEA Project Manager and if the Company is evaluated as at least Meets Expectations, no further remedial action is required by the Company, as long as Company's performance continues to be at Meets Expectations.

If the scorecard shows the Company's performance is Below Expectations or Far Below Expectations, 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, invoking the Self-Help clause, and other remedies available in the JEA Procurement Code and in law. Such action does not relieve the Company of its obligations under the Contract, nor does it preclude an earlier termination.

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 a Below Expectations scorecard, JEA may choose to slow down or accelerate these cycles at its sole discretion.

If the Company receives five or more letters of performance deficiency within any 12-month period, then JEA will consider suspending the Company's JEA bidding privileges.

### **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 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.

### **Public Records**

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

## **2.70) Confidentiality & Public Records Laws CONFIDENTIALITY & PUBLIC RECORDS LAWS**

### **Access to Public Records.**

All Documents, data and other records received by JEA in connection with the Contract are public records and available for public inspection unless specifically exempt by law. The Company shall allow public access to all documents, data and other records made or received by the Company in connection with the Contract unless the records are exempt from Section 249(a) of Article I of the Florida Constitution or subsection 119.07(1), Florida Statutes. JEA may unilaterally terminate the Contract of the Company refuses to allow public access as required under the Contract.

### **Redacted copies of Confidential Information.**

If the Company believes that any portion of any documents, data or other records submitted to JEA are exempt from disclosure under Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, the Florida Constitution and related laws ("Florida's Public Records Laws"), Company must (1) clearly segregate and mark the specific sections of the document, data and records as "Confidential", (2) cite the specific Florida Statute or other legal authority for the asserted exemption, and (3) provide JEA with a separate redacted copy of the documents, data, or records (the "Redacted Copy"). The Redacted Copy shall contain JEA's contract name and number and shall be clearly titled "Redacted Copy". Bidder should only redact those portions of records that Bidder claims are specifically exempt from disclosure under Florida's Public Records Laws. If the Company fails to submit a redacted copy of documents, data, or other records it claims is confidential, JEA is authorized to produce all documents, data, and other records submitted to JEA in answer to a public records request for these records.

### **Request for Redacted Information.**

In the event of a public records or other disclosure request under Florida's Public Records Laws or other authority to which the Company's documents, data or records are responsive, JEA will provide the Redacted Copy to the requestor. If a Requestor asserts a right to any redacted information, JEA will notify the Company that such an assertion has been made. It is the Company's responsibility to respond to the requestor to assert that the information in questions is exempt from disclosure under applicable law. If JEA becomes subject to a demand for discovery or disclosure of the redacted information under legal process, JEA shall give the Company prompt notice of the demand prior to releasing the redacted information (unless otherwise prohibited by applicable law). The Company shall be responsible for defending its determination that the redacted portions of the information are not subject to disclosure.

### **Indemnification for Redacted Information.**

The Company shall protect, defend, and indemnify JEA from and against all claims, demands, actions, suits, damages, liabilities, losses, settlements, judgments, costs, and expenses (including but not limited to reasonable attorney's fees and costs) arising from or relating to the Company's assertion that all or any portion of its information is not subject to disclosure.

### **Public Records Clause for Service Contracts.**

If, under the Contract, the Company is providing services and is acting on behalf of JEA as contemplated by subsection 119.011(2), Florida Statutes, the Company shall:

- I. Keep and maintain public records that ordinarily and necessarily would be required by JEA in order to perform service;
- II. Provide the public with access to public records on the same terms and conditions that JEA would provide the records and at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, or otherwise prohibited by law;
- III. Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law; and
- IV. Meet all requirements for retaining public records and transfer, at no cost, to JEA all public records in possession of the Company upon termination of the contract and destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. All records stored electronically shall be provided to JEA in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of JEA.

**IF THE COMPANY HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE COMPANY'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT:**

**JEA**

**Attn: Public Records**

**225 North Pearl Street**

**Jacksonville, Florida 32202**

**Ph: 904-665-8606**

**[publicrecords@jea.com](mailto:publicrecords@jea.com)**

**2.71) Intellectual Property**

The Company grants to JEA an irrevocable, perpetual, royalty free and fully paid-up right to use (and such right includes, without limitation, a right to copy, modify and create derivative works from the subject matter of the grant of the right to sublicense all, or any portion of, the foregoing rights to an affiliate or a third party service provider) the Company's intellectual property including, without limitation, all trade secrets, patents, copyright and know-how ("Intellectual Property"), that is contained or embedded in, required for the use of, that was used in the production of or is required for the reproduction, modification, maintenance, servicing, improvement or continued operation of any applicable unit of Work.

If the Work contains, has embedded in, requires for the use of any third-party Intellectual Property, or if the third party Intellectual Property is required for the reproduction, modification, maintenance, servicing, improvement or continued operation of the Work, the Company shall secure for JEA an irrevocable, perpetual, royalty free and fully paid-up right to use all third party Intellectual Property. The Company shall secure such right for JEA at the Company's expense and prior to incorporating any third party Intellectual Property into any Work, including, without limitation, all drawings or data provided under the Contract, and such right must include, without limitation, a right to copy, modify and create derivative works from the subject matter of the grant of the right and a right to sublicense all or any portion of the foregoing rights to an affiliate or a third party service provider.

The Company will, at its expense, defend all claims, actions or proceedings against JEA based on any allegation that the Work, or any part of the Work, constitutes an infringement of any patent or any other intellectual property right, and will pay to JEA all costs, damages, charges, and expenses occasioned to JEA by reason thereof. JEA will give the Company written notice of any such claim, action or proceeding and, at the request and expense of the Company, JEA will provide the Company with available information, assistance and authority for the defense.

If, in any action or proceeding, the Work, or any part thereof, is held to constitute an infringement, the Company will, within 30 days of notice, either secure for JEA the right to continue using the Work or will, at the Company's expense, replace the infringing items with non-infringing Work or make modifications as necessary so that the Work no longer infringes.

The Company will obtain and pay for all patent and other intellectual property royalties and license fees required in respect of the Work.

#### **2.72) Work Made for Hire**

With the exception of Company's pre-existing intellectual capital and third-party Intellectual Property, JEA shall own all right, title and interest, including ownership of copyright (limited to the extent permitted by the terms of any governing licenses), in and to any product generated by the Work including, but not limited to, software, source code, reports, deliverables, or work product developed by the Company for JEA in connection with the Work, and derivative works relating to the foregoing. Such Work shall include, but shall not be limited to, those reports and deliverables specified in the Contract Documents. The Company understands and agrees that the Work, or any portion of the Work, shall be a "work made for hire" for JEA pursuant to federal copyright laws. Any software, report, deliverable, or work product as used in connection with the Work, but previously developed by the Company specifically for other customers of the Company or for the purpose of providing substantially similar services to other Company customers, generally shall not be considered "work made for hire", so long as the foregoing are not first conceived or reduced to practice as part of the Work. To the extent any of JEA deliverables are not deemed works made for hire by operation of law, the Company hereby irrevocably assigns, transfers, and conveys to JEA, or its designee, without further consideration all of its right, title and interest in such Work, including all rights of patent, copyright, trade secret, trademark or other proprietary rights in such materials. Except as provided in the foregoing sentences, the Company acknowledges that JEA shall have the right to obtain and hold in its own name any intellectual property right in and to the Work. The Company agrees to execute any documents or take any other actions as may reasonably be necessary, or as JEA may reasonably request, to perfect or evidence JEA's ownership of the Work.

#### **2.73) 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. The Company shall return all information furnished by JEA upon completion of the Work. Upon request of JEA, Company must certify in writing that all information furnished to JEA has been returned to JEA and eliminated from Company's and any applicable subcontractors' computer systems.

#### **2.74) Patents and Copyrights**

Company shall hold harmless and indemnify JEA from and against liability or loss, including but not limited to any claims, judgments, court costs and attorneys' fees incurred in any claims, or any pretrial, trial or appellate proceedings on account of infringements of patents, copyrighted or uncopyrighted works, secret processes, trade secrets, trademarks, patented or unpatented inventions, articles or appliances, or allegations thereof, pertaining to the Work, or any part thereof, combinations thereof, processes therein or the use of any tools or implements used by Company.

Company will, at its own expense, procure for JEA the right to continue use of the Services, parts or combinations thereof, or processes used therein resulting from a suit or judgment on account of patent, trademark or copyright infringement.

If, in any such suit or proceeding, a temporary restraining order or preliminary injunction is granted, Company will make every reasonable effort, by giving a satisfactory bond or otherwise, to secure the suspension of such restraining order or temporary injunction.

If, in any such suit or proceeding, any part of the Services is held to constitute an infringement and its use is permanently enjoined, Company will, at once, make every reasonable effort to secure for JEA a license, authorizing

the continued use of the Work. If Company fails to secure such license for JEA, Company will replace the Work with non-infringing Work or modify the Work in a way satisfactory to JEA, so that the Work are non-infringing.

**2.75) Meetings and Public Hearings**

The Company will, upon request from JEA, attend all meetings and public hearings as directed by JEA.

**2.76) 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.

**2.77) Nondiscrimination**

The Company represents that it has adopted and shall maintain throughout the Term 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. The Company shall, on written request from JEA, 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 the 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 the Contract.

The Company shall comply with the following:

1. The provisions of Presidential Order 11246, as amended, and the portions of Executive Orders 11701 and 11758 as applicable to Equal Employment Opportunity;
2. The provisions of section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); and
3. 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 the Contract will be performed by a Subcontractor, then the provisions of this subsection shall be incorporated into and become a part of the subcontract.

**2.78) 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 bid award. A "substantial and decision-making role" shall include duties and responsibilities that are collectively associated with: (i) approving solicitation or payment documents; (ii) evaluating formal bids and responses; and (iii) approving or issuing award recommendations for JEA Awards Committee approval. The contract of any person or business entity who 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.

**2.79) Hiring of Other Parties 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 years from the termination date of this Agreement. It shall not be

considered a breach of this Section for either party to make employment solicitations to the general public or groups that may include employees of the other party. Nor shall it be considered a breach of this Section for either party to respond to, act upon, or accept inquiries and applications resulting from, or make offers of employment resulting from, (i) such solicitations to the general public or groups or (ii) unsolicited employment inquiries or applications.

**2.80) 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.

**2.81) Personnel and Changes in Company's Professional Personnel**

Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the parties, all Services shall be rendered by employees: (a.) who are full time employees of Company or approved subcontractors; (b.) qualified to perform the Services, and (c.) fluent in the English language. Subsequent to the execution of this Contract, Company shall notify the JEA Project Manager in writing prior to making changes in professional personnel assigned, or to be assigned, as provided in Company's Response to manage or perform Work under this Contract. The JEA Project Manager shall have the right to reject any personnel assigned by Company to perform work under this Contract. If the right of rejection is exercised by the JEA Project Manager, Company shall submit replacement of professional personnel to the JEA Project Manager for approval. The JEA Project Manager shall have the right to require the removal of Company's previously assigned personnel and Company shall promptly replace the same, subject to the JEA Project Manager's approval at no cost to JEA.

**2.82) Ambiguous Contract Provisions**

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

**2.83) Amendments**

The Contract shall not be altered or amended except in a written amendment executed by duly authorized representatives of JEA and the Company.

**2.84) Applicable State Law; Venue; Severability**

Company shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations as the same exist or as may be amended from time to time. The rights, obligations and remedies of JEA and the Company as specified under the Contract 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 Contract 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 the Contract, or any provision thereof shall take place in the State or Federal Courts located exclusively in Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida.

With regard to any provision in this agreement pertaining to damages, equitable or otherwise, under no circumstances shall there be recovery by the Company 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.

**2.85) Continuing Services**

The Company shall carry on the Work and maintain the progress schedules during disputes or disagreements with JEA. No Work shall be delayed or postponed pending resolution of any disputes or disagreements, except as JEA and Company may otherwise agree in writing. Suspension of the Work or portion thereof by Company shall entitle JEA to terminate the Contract for Default

**2.86) Cumulative Remedies**

Except as otherwise expressly provided in the Contract, all remedies provided for in the 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.

## 2.87) Compliance With JSEB and Diverse Business Requirements

The Company shall achieve the JSEB participation requirements as set forth in the Solicitation, except as allowed under the good faith efforts exception as defined in the City of Jacksonville Ordinance. In no case shall the Company make changes to the JSEB firms listed in its Response, revise the JSEB Scope of Work or Dollar Amount of Work as stated in its Response without prior written notice to the JEA Project Manager and JEA Manager Supplier Diversity Programs.

The City of Jacksonville requirements, as outlined in the City of Jacksonville Ordinance relating to JSEBs, shall apply in their entirety to this Contract. Where the City of Jacksonville ordinance refers to "Chief", it shall be construed to mean, for purposes of this Contract, JEA's Chief Procurement Officer. In a like manner, where it refers to "City", or "City of Jacksonville", it shall be construed to mean JEA.

Use of brokering, as defined in the City of Jacksonville Ordinance, or other techniques that do not provide a commercially useful function are strictly prohibited as means of achieving the JSEB participation requirements of the Contract.

Only the amount of fees or commissions charged by a JSEB for providing a bona fide service such as professional, technical, consultant, or managerial services, or for providing bonds or insurance specifically required for the performance of a contract shall be counted towards a JSEB participation requirement, provided the fee is reasonable and not excessive as compared with fees customarily charged for similar services.

Payment terms for participating JSEB firms shall be the same or better than the payment terms the Company receives from JEA, except that in all cases JSEB firms shall be allowed to submit invoices to the Company at least bimonthly, and the Company shall pay proper invoices no later than 3 days after its receipt of JEA payment. The Company shall obtain written approval from the JEA Project Manager and JEA Manager Supplier Diversity Programs prior to withholding any payment from the JSEB firm.

Any solicitation award with a JSEB participation requirement may be subject to contract compliance per the details outlined on the List of Subcontractors Form. The Company will be required to self-report all payments made to the JSEB Subcontractors. Reporting of Diverse Subcontractors (Tier 2 and Tier 3) shall be optional. The payment data will be entered into the B2Gnow JSEB Compliance & Diversity Outreach System (JCDOS) located at the following website: <https://jea.gob2g.com/>. This system tracks contract payments made by the Company to any subcontractor (i.e. JSEB or Diverse Business), the timeliness of those payments and the payments JEA makes to the Company.

The Company is required to submit the monthly payments made to the JSEB Subcontractors and has the option to include the Diverse Subcontractors (Tier 2 and Tier 3) by the audit date of the 30<sup>th</sup> of each month, for the life of the contract and respond to any requests for information within the B2Gnow JSEB Compliance & Diversity Outreach System (JCDOS). The JCDOS must be checked frequently.

The successful Company, JSEB Subcontractors and Diverse Subcontractors will be provided with access information for the JCDOS post the contract award. B2Gnow provides vendor training, and additional information can be obtained by contacting JEA's Manager Supplier Diversity Programs.

The Company agrees to let JEA audit its financial and operating records with one day of notice, and during normal business hours, at its corporate offices for the purpose of determining compliance with all JSEB participation requirements of the Contract Documents.

If the Company violates any provision regarding JSEB, including, but not limited to, program intent, the Company shall be subject to any or all of the following, plus any other remedies available to JEA under law:

- I. Terminate the Contract for default
- II. Suspend the Respondent from bidding any JEA projects as follows:
  - A. First offense: six months
  - B. Second offense: one year
  - C. Third offense: three years

III. Revoke Respondent's JSEB Certification if the Respondent itself is certified as a JSEB.

**2.88) Dispute**

Per the JEA Procurement Code, if a dispute occurs between JEA and the Company over a contractual issue that cannot be mediated by the JEA Representative the dispute may be taken to court for resolution.

**2.89) Entire Agreement**

The 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.

**2.90) 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 the 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" or "all applicable laws, rules and regulations" means all federal, state and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, statutes, codes and practices.

**2.91) Headings**

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

**2.92) Independent Contractor**

Company is performing the Contract as an independent contractor and nothing in the Contract will be deemed to constitute a partnership, joint venture, agency, or fiduciary relationship between JEA and Company. Neither Company nor JEA will be or become liable or bound by any representation, act, or omission of the other.

**2.93) 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.

**2.94) Negotiated Contract**

Except as otherwise expressly provided, all provisions of the Contract 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 the Contract. Therefore, doubtful or ambiguous provisions, if any, contained in the Contract shall not be construed against the party who physically prepared the Contract.

**2.95) Nonexclusive**

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

**2.96) 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.

**2.97) Right to Audit and Financial Reporting**

Accounting System

The Company shall establish and maintain a reasonable accounting system that enables JEA to readily identify the Company's assets, expenses, cost of goods, and use of funds.

#### Audited Financial Statements

The Company shall provide to JEA audited financial statements for its most recent fiscal year not later than five days after receipt of written request from JEA.

#### Content and Retention of Records

The Company's records shall include, but not be limited to, accounting records; written policies and procedures; subcontract files (including proposals of successful and unsuccessful Respondents, bid recaps, etc.); all paid vouchers including those for out-of-pocket expenses; invoices as support for other reimbursement; ledgers; cancelled checks; deposit slips; bank statements; journals; original estimates; estimating work sheets; contract amendments and change order files; back-charge logs and supporting documentation; insurance documents; payroll documents; timesheets; memoranda; and correspondence. Company shall, at all times during the term of the Contract and for a period of five years after the completion of the Contract, maintain such records, together with such supporting or underlying documents and materials.

#### Inspection /Audit of Records

Upon JEA's request, the Company shall allow JEA to audit, to examine, and to make copies of or extracts from its financial and operating records (in whatever form they may be kept, whether written, electronic, or other) kept by the Company, its employees, agents, assigns, successors, and subcontractors, for the purpose of determining invoice accuracy, or otherwise assessing compliance with the Contract Documents.

The Company shall at any time requested by JEA, whether during or after completion of the Contract, and at Company's own expense make such records available for inspection and audit (including copies and extracts of records as required) by JEA. Such records shall be made available to JEA during normal business hours at the Company's office or place of business in a workspace suitable for the audit on three days' prior written notice. In the event that no such location is available, then the financial records, together with the supporting or underlying documents and records, shall be made available for audit at a time and location that is convenient for JEA. The Company shall have knowledgeable personnel available to answer questions for the auditors during the time they are performing the audit and for a period of two weeks thereafter. Company shall ensure JEA has these rights with Company's employees, agents, assigns, successors, and subcontractors, and the obligations of these rights shall be explicitly included in any subcontracts or agreements formed between the Company and any subcontractors to the extent that those subcontracts or agreements relate to fulfillment of the Company's obligations to JEA.

#### Cost of Audits

If the audit identifies (i) overpricing or overcharges of any nature by the Company to JEA in excess of one-half of one percent (.5%) of the total billings under the Contract at the time of the audit or (ii) fraud, misrepresentation or non-performance, the Company shall reimburse JEA for the total costs of the audit.

#### Billing Adjustments and Recoveries

The Company shall pay JEA all amounts identified as owing to JEA as a result of any such audit or inspection of the Company's invoices and records no later than 90 days after the Company's receipt of JEA's findings.

#### City of Jacksonville Office of the City Council Auditor

A Company providing contractual services purchased by JEA agrees and be deemed to have agreed by virtue of doing business under contract with JEA to be subject to audit upon request by the Office of the City Council Auditor pursuant to Article 5 of the JEA Charter.

### **2.98) Safety and Protection Precautions**

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 Section e is grounds for an immediate termination of the Contract

for default, with no requirement for JEA to provide Company with advanced notice and opportunity 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 in 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 person or 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 representative 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.

Finally, the Company represents and warrants to JEA that it has the capacity to train and supervise its employees, Subcontractors and suppliers to ensure the Work complies with all safety requirements of the Contract Documents. The Company shall be responsible for executing the necessary safety training and supervision of its employees and Subcontractors and acknowledges that JEA is not responsible for training or supervising the Company's employees, except when noted for the purpose of enforcing compliance with these safety requirements.

## **2.99) Subcontracting and Assignment**

The Company 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 JEA's prior written consent.

The assignment of the Contract will not relieve the Company 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 assignees and its Subcontractors.

In the event the Company obtains JEA approval to use Subcontractors, the Company shall 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 shall remove Subcontractors from performing Work under the Contract when the Company recognizes that a Subcontractor is failing to work in a manner consistent with the requirements of the 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 the Contract.

## **2.100) Survival**

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

## **2.101) Time and Date**

Unless otherwise specified, references to time of day or date mean the local time or date in Jacksonville, FL. If under the 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's Procurement department.

### **2.102) Time of Essence**

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

### **2.103) Waiver of Claims**

A delay or omission by JEA to exercise any right or power under the Contract shall not be construed to be a waiver thereof. A waiver by JEA under the 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 the Contract shall not be construed to operate as a waiver of any other or successive rights under, or breaches of, the 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.

## **3) Additional Contract Terms**

### **3.1) Additional Contract Terms - Required Federal Contract Clauses**

In the event any portion of the Work is funded through a federal funding source, the following Required Federal Contract Clauses shall apply to Company's performance under this Contract.

### **3.2) Equal Employment Opportunity (FEMA & Grants)**

During the performance of this contract, the Company agrees as follows:

(1) The Company will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. The Company will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following:

Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Company agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

(2) The Company will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Company, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.

(3) The Company will not discharge or in any other manner discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because such employee or applicant has inquired about, discussed, or disclosed the compensation of the employee or applicant or another employee or applicant. This provision shall not apply to instances in which an employee who has access to the compensation information of other employees or applicants as a part of such employee's essential job functions discloses the compensation of such other employees or applicants to individuals who do not otherwise have access to such information, unless such disclosure is in response to a formal complaint or charge, in furtherance of an investigation, proceeding, hearing, or action, including an investigation conducted by the employer, or is consistent with the Company's legal duty to furnish information.

(4) The Company will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided advising the said labor union or workers' representatives of the Company's commitments under this section and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

(5) The Company will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.

(6) The Company will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.

(7) In the event of the Company's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the Company may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts or federally assisted construction contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.

(8) The Company will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph (1) and the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (8) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The Company will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the administering agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance:

Provided, however, that in the event a Company becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the administering agency, the Company may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

### **3.3) Compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act**

(1) To the extent required under applicable Federal program legislation, all transactions regarding this contract shall be done in compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141- 3144, and 3146-3148) and the requirements of 29 C.F.R. pt. 5 as may be applicable. The Company shall comply with 40 U.S.C. 3141-3144, and 3146-3148 and the requirements of 29 C.F.R. pt. 5 as applicable.

(2) The Company shall be required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor.

(3) The Company shall be required to pay wages not less than once a week.

### **3.4) Compliance with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act**

(1) Company. The Company shall comply with 18 U.S.C. § 874, 40 U.S.C. § 3145, and the requirements of 29 C.F.R. pt. 3 as may be applicable, which are incorporated by reference into this Contract.

(2) Subcontracts. The Company or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clause above and such other clauses as FEMA may by appropriate instructions require, and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime Company shall be responsible for the compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with all of these contract clauses.

(3) Breach. A breach of the contract clauses above may be grounds for termination of the Contract, and for debarment as a Company and subcontractor as provided in 29 C.F.R. § 5.12.

### **3.5) Compliance with the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act**

(1) *Overtime requirements.* No Company or subcontractor contracting for any part of the Work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any such laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he or she is employed on such work to work in excess of forty hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty hours in such workweek.

(2) *Violation; liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages.* In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (b)(1) of this section the Company and any subcontractor responsible therefor shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, such Company and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States (in the case of work done

under contract for the District of Columbia or a territory, to such District or to such territory), for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchmen and guards, employed in violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (b)(1) of this section, in the sum of \$27 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of forty hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in paragraph (b)(1) of this section.

(3) *Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages.* JEA or the federal agency providing funds under this Contract shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld, from any moneys payable on account of work performed by the Company or subcontractor under any such contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime Company, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, which is held by the same prime Company, such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such Company or subcontractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in the clause set forth in paragraph (b)(2) of this section.

(4) *Subcontracts.* The Company or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in paragraph (b)(1) through (4) of this section and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime Company shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with the clauses set forth in paragraphs (b)(1) through (4) of this section.

### **3.6) Clean Air Act**

- (1) The Company agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 7401 et seq.
- (2) The Company agrees to report each violation to the JEA and understands and agrees that the JEA will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.
- (3) The Company agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FEMA.

### **3.7) Federal Water Pollution Control Act**

- (1) The Company agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.
- (2) The Company agrees to report each violation to JEA and understands and agrees that JEA will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.
- (3) The Company agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FEMA.

### **3.8) Suspension and Debarment**

- (1) This contract is a covered transaction for purposes of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180 and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000. As such, the Company is required to verify that none of the Company's principals (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.995) or its affiliates (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.905) are excluded (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.940) or disqualified (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.935).
- (2) The Company must comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C, and must include a requirement to comply with these regulations in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into.
- (3) This certification is a material representation of fact relied upon by JEA. If it is later determined that the Company did not comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C, in addition to remedies available to JEA, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment.
- (4) The bidder or proposer agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer. The bidder or proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

### **3.9) Domestic Preferences**

To the extent consistent with applicable law, and to the greatest extent practicable, the purchase, acquisition, or use by Company of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States (including but not limited to iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products) is preferred for materials being used in the performance of Work under this Contract.

(b) For purposes of this section:

(1) “Produced in the United States” means, for iron and steel products, that all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States.

(2) “Manufactured products” means items and construction materials composed in whole or in part of non-ferrous metals such as aluminum; plastics and polymer-based products such as polyvinyl chloride pipe; aggregates such as concrete; glass, including optical fiber; and lumber.

### **3.10) Prohibition on Certain Telecom and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment**

No funds may be expended under this Contract to:

(1) Procure or obtain;

(2) Extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain; or

(3) Enter into a contract (or extend or renew a contract) to procure or obtain equipment, services, or systems that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. For the purposes of this section, “covered telecommunications equipment” is defined as:

(i) Telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities);

(ii) For the purpose of public safety, security of government facilities, physical security surveillance of critical infrastructure, and other national security purposes, video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities);

(iii) Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment; or

(iv) Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of the National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the government of a covered foreign country.

### **3.11) License and Delivery of Works Subject to Copyright and Data Rights**

The Company grants to JEA, a paid-up, royalty-free, nonexclusive, irrevocable, worldwide license in data first produced in the performance of this contract to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use, including prepare derivative works, distribute copies to the public, and perform publicly and display publicly such data. For data required by the contract but not first produced in the performance of this contract, the Company will identify such data and grant to JEA or acquires on its behalf a license of the same scope as for data first produced in the performance of this contract. Data, as used herein, shall include any work subject to copyright under 17 U.S.C. § 102, for example, any written reports or literary works, software and/or source code, music, choreography, pictures or images, graphics, sculptures, videos, motion pictures or other audiovisual works, sound and/or video recordings, and architectural works. Upon or before the completion of this contract, the Company will deliver to JEA data first produced in the performance of this contract and data required by the contract but not first produced in the performance of this contract in formats acceptable by JEA.

### **3.12) Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment, 31 U.S.C. § 1352 (as amended)**

By the execution of this agreement the Company certifies that for Contracts in the amount of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) or more, as required under 31 U.S.C. § 1352 that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant, or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. § 1352. The Company shall also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures shall be forwarded to JEA, who in turn will forward the certification(s) to the Federal awarding agency. By execution of this Contract, the Company certifies the following:

## **CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING**

Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
3. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

The Company, certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of each statement of its certification and disclosure, if any. In addition, the Company understands and agrees that the provisions of 31 U.S.C. Chap.38, Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements, apply to this certification and disclosure, if any.

### **3.13) Procurement of Recovered Materials**

- (1) In the performance of this contract, the Company shall make maximum use of products containing recovered materials that are EPA-designated items unless the product cannot be acquired—
  - (a) Competitively within a timeframe providing for compliance with the contract performance schedule;
  - (b) Meeting contract performance requirements; or
  - (c) At a reasonable price.
- (2) Information about this requirement, along with the list of EPA- designated items, is available at EPA's Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines web site, <https://www.epa.gov/smm/comprehensive-procurement-guideline-cpg-program>.
- (3) The Company also agrees to comply with all other applicable requirements of Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act.

### **3.14) Access to Records**

The following access to records requirements apply to this contract:

- (1) The Company agrees to provide JEA the FEMA Administrator, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their authorized representatives access to any books, documents, papers, and records of the Company which are directly pertinent to this contract for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions.
- (2) The Company agrees to permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed.
- (3) For FEMA-funded contracts, the Company agrees to provide the FEMA Administrator or his authorized representatives access to construction or other work sites pertaining to the work being completed under the contract.

(4) For FEMA-funded contracts, in compliance with the Disaster Recovery Act of 2018, JEA and the Company acknowledge and agree that no language in this contract is intended to prohibit audits or internal reviews by the FEMA Administrator or the Comptroller General of the United States.

**3.15) DHS SEAL, LOGO, AND FLAGS**

The Company shall not use the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) seal(s), logos, crests, or reproductions of flags or likenesses of DHS agency officials without specific FEMA pre-approval.

**3.16) No Obligation by Federal Government**

The Federal Government is not a party to this contract and is not subject to any obligations or liabilities to the non-Federal entity, Company, or any other party pertaining to any matter resulting from the contract.

**3.17) Program Fraud and False Or Fraudulent Statements or Related Acts**

The Company acknowledges that 31 U.S.C. Chap. 38 (Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements) applies to the Company's actions pertaining to this contract.

**3.18) Compliance with Federal Law, Regulations, and Executive Orders**

This is an acknowledgement that FEMA financial assistance or federal grant money will be used to fund the contract only. The Company will comply will all applicable federal law, regulations, executive orders, and FEMA policies, procedures, and directives.

**4) Technical Specifications**

**4.1) Technical Specifications**

The Technical Specifications are in Appendix A of this Solicitation.

- Technical Specifications
- JEA Personnel Risk Assessment Policy
- PRA Evaluation Form Contractor Background Check
- Drug Free Workplace Policy V7
- Job Descriptions

**5) Required Forms**

**5.1) Required Forms**

The Required Forms are in Appendix B of this Solicitation.

- Minimum Qualifications Form
- Response Form
- Response Workbook.
- Conflict of Interest Certificate Form
- List of Subcontractors Form (if any)
- Bank Letter with Contact Information (in your own format.)

**6) Supplemental Documents**

**6.1) Supplemental Documents**

The Supplemental Documents are in Appendix C of this Solicitation.

- Zycus Supplier Instructions