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1.1) Cover Page

Solicitation
For Participation in
Hydrated Ash Hauling and Disposal
for
JEA
Jacksonville, FL
Solicitation Number 1412207679

OPTIONAL Pre-Response Meeting via Microsoft Teams or Teleconference on August 14, 2026, at 11:30 AM

Meeting URL: [Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 292 532 527 560 741

Meeting Passcode: 1412207679

Dial In: 469-208-1810

Phone conference ID: 532 519 687#

Those planning to attend via Microsoft Teams or teleconference should send contact information to: Lynn Rix at rixlw@jea.com, 48 hours prior to the Pre-Response Meeting to have contact information documented.

Responses are due on August 25, 2026, by 12:00 PM EST

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 qualified Respondents on the Due Date, via Microsoft Teams.

For more information, please contact the JEA Buyer, Lynn Rix at: rixlw@jea.com

1.2) Scope of Work

The purpose of this solicitation is to evaluate and select a vendor to provide hydrated ash hauling and disposal as described in this solicitation (the "Work") and to determine the best method for JEA to procure the Work with regards to pricing, quality, design, and workmanship.

The operation of JEA's Northside Generating Station (NGS) results in the production of certain byproducts, including hydrated ash. JEA seeks a turnkey solution for hauling, compliance, and disposal services. The JEA byproduct storage area is located at 4433 William Ostner Road, Jacksonville, FL 32226.

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.

1.3) 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.

1.4) Invitation - Submitting a Response

Respondents that meet the Minimum Qualification 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 contain 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 early as possible. Additionally Respondents are encouraged to submit Responses early to ensure uploading process goes smoothly. **If Respondent is not able to submit its Response via Zycus, then please email the Response to the JEA Buyer identified in the Section below titled "Questions".**

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

1.5) 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.
10. Zycus does not automatically transfer a pricing submission from the qualifying round into live auction setting for award consideration. Each user shall manually re-submit its qualifying Response into the live auction environment for consideration of award.

1.6) Questions

All Questions must be submitted in writing to the JEA Buyer listed herein 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.

1.7) Pre-Response Meeting

There will 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 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.

1.8) 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.

1.9) 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.

1.10) 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. Respondents that are working or have worked for JEA in the past 2 years involving similar work must submit JEA as a reference. JEA reserves the right to ask for additional back up documentation or additional reference projects to confirm the Respondent meets the requirements stated below.

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

- I. The Respondent must have successfully performed similar work preceding the Response Due Date.
- II. The Respondent will adhere to the Minimum Qualifications as outlined in Appendix A -Technical Specifications
- III. The Respondent is not on the State of Florida Convicted Vendor List, State of Florida's Suspended Vendor List, The City of Jacksonville's Disqualified Vendor List, have not had their bidding privileges actively suspended by JEA, been debarred by JEA, or have had a contract with JEA terminated for default within the last two (2) years.

1.11) Number of Contracts to be Awarded

JEA intends to Award one (1) Contract 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.

1.12) 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 that 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.

1.13) 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, please contact Bill Hickey, JEA, Manager of Supplier Diversity Programs and Procurement Services, hickwj@jea.com or jsebprogram@jea.com.

1.14) 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 also choose to have one or more Respondent 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.

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.

1.15) 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 Respondent 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 their 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 their 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 his designee, will appoint a negotiating team (the "Negotiating Team"). The Negotiation Team may be comprised of the same individuals as were members of the Selection Committee. JEA reserves the right to (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 his 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.

JEA reserves the right to change the scoring criteria in the BAFO.

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.

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 score: 60 Points

Respondent shall provide a firm price quote for all Work in this Solicitation by completing the Response Form included in Appendix B. The prices quoted must include all profit, taxes, benefits, travel, percent mark-up, and all other overhead items.

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

1.18) Similar Experience

Maximum score: 15 points

The Company shall have successfully completed or be in the performance of three (3) similar projects or service contracts of equal complexity in a heavy industrial environment (power plant, water/wastewater facility, paper mill, etc.,) in Florida or Southeast Georgia within the past five (5) years ending on 8/1/2026.

Respondents that are working or have worked for JEA in the past 2 years involving similar work must submit JEA as a reference. Provide the project reference company name, contact, phone, and email on the Minimum Qualification Form provided in Appendix B – Response Forms.

1.19) Trucking Capacity

Maximum points: 15 points

- I. Does the Respondent own the trucking fleet or are they outsourcing to a trucking carrier? Please describe.
- II. What is the capacity in tons for each truck and what type(s) will be used?
- III. Is there flexibility to decrease the movement during the spring and fall months and increase movement during winter and summer months?
- IV. If needed, can the Proposer move 1,500 tons/weekday?

1.20) Commitment to Safety

Maximum points: 5 points

JEA will grade the Respondent's overall safety program. Respondent shall provide the company's Experience Modification Rating (EMR), any planned subcontractor's EMR, as well as general safety program related to internal and subcontractor safety.

Proposer will demonstrate their system for maintaining Personnel Risk Assessment (PRA) forms for all drivers, employed or subcontracted.

1.21) Environmental Permitting and Compliance

Maximum Score: 5 points

Landfills should have a landfill permit that will remain active throughout the contract term. Please provide copies of applicable permits and licenses.

Proposed landfill/disposal facilities shall be in good regulatory standing and free of any outstanding regulatory corrective action. Please provide copies of applicable reports for the past three (3) years.

1.22) Tie

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

1.23) 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. List of JSEB Certified Firms (if any)
- V. Subcontractor Form (if any). However, if the following Subcontractors are utilized to perform this Work, they shall be listed on the referenced Subcontractor Form: a. Electrical, b. Plumbing, c. HVAC, d. Instrument and controls (I&C), e. Equipment Suppliers (i.e., pumps, fans, etc.), f. Material Suppliers, g. Roofing, h. Fuel, I. Mechanical Engineer, j. Fire Protection, h. etc.

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

B. 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. Conflict of Interest Certificate Form - This form can be found at JEA.com
- II. Insurance certificate
- III. W-9
- IV. Evidence of active registration with the State of Florida Division of Corporations (www.sunbiz.org)
- V. Any technical submittals as requires by the Technical Specifications

1.24) Addenda Issuance

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.

1.25) Safety Qualification Requirement

Respondent shall be in compliance with JEA's Contractor Safety Management Process policy. JEA may reject the company's Response and proceed to Award to the next responsive and responsible Respondent if not in compliance.

JEA Safety information is available online at http://www.jea.com/About/Procurement/Contractor_Safety under Contractor Safety Management Process. It is the Respondent's responsibility to ensure it is following the JEA Safety policy. A list of the JEA's Safety Qualified vendors can be found on https://www.jea.com/About/Procurement/Contractor_Safety/. For additional information, contact Jim Fisher at (904) 229-5045 or Curtis Stothers at (904)665-7736.

Each Company once awarded a JEA Contract is required to provide regular and continuing training for their employees. Such training shall not be charged to JEA as a separate billable fee. Company (including General / Prime Contractors) will also monitor the training activities of Subcontractors under their direction. All training outside of JEA specific training must meet OSHA requirements. Company employees working on JEA projects or sites shall receive JEA Safety Orientation and JEA Site-Specific Training before beginning work.

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.

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 sales 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.

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. 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 or RFI 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 or RFI 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 or RFI 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 or RFI, 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 or RFI 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. 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.

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) Addendum/Addenda

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

2.4) 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.

2.5) Award

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

2.6) Company

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

2.7) Company Representative

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

2.8) 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.

2.9) 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.

2.10) 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.

2.11) Contract Price

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

2.12) 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.

2.13) 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.

2.14) 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 Holiday falls on a weekend, the Holiday is the day that JEA observes the Holiday.

2.15) Invoice

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

2.16) 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.

2.17) JEA Project Manager

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

2.18) 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.

2.19) Performance - Meets Expectations

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

2.20) 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.

2.21) Performance - Exceeds Expectation

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

2.22) 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.

2.23) Response

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

2.24) Respondent

The respondent to this Solicitation.

2.25) 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.

2.26) 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.

2.27) 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.

2.28) Term

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

2.29) 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.

2.30) 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.

2.31) 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

2.32) Payment Method

JEA shall pay the Company monthly for the Work performed by the Company during the preceding month in accordance with the rates stated on the Company's Response Workbook upon receipt of a proper invoice from the Company.

2.33) Invoicing and Payment Terms

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

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.

2.34) Price Adjustments**Fuel Surcharge**

During the term, if the weekly U.S. Average On-highway Diesel Fuel Price in the Lower Atlantic Region as set forth at <https://www.eia.gov/petroleum/gasdiesel/> is greater than \$3.867 per gallon, a surcharge of \$0.XX per ton shall be assessed for every \$0.10 per gallon increase in the Diesel Fuel Cost above \$3.867 per gallon.

Likewise if the weekly U.S. Average On-highway Diesel Fuel Price in the Lower Atlantic Region as set forth at <https://www.eia.gov/petroleum/gasdiesel/> is less than \$3.867 per gallon, the existing surcharge at that time shall be reduced by \$0.XX per ton for every \$0.10 per gallon decrease in the Diesel Fuel Cost below \$X.XX per gallon.

The exact amounts will be determined through the negotiation phase of the ITN.

Disposal/Landfill/Equipment/Labor, etc.,

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 over the previous twelve (12) months beginning with the last published index month closest to the Anniversary Date compared to the prior twelve (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 Unit 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)
Example:

Contract Effective date of 1/22/2024 Contract Expiration Date 1/21/2029 Term: Five (5) Year Contract

Company would submit their price adjustment request to JEA by 12/21/2025 for the 2nd "Anniversary Date" which falls on 1/22/2026.

Price Adjustment Calculation Methodology: Using the CPI table below, the figures used to calculate the year two (2) price adjustment would be the prior 12 month BLS Index Average (i.e., the Mean Average of January 2024 through December 2024 CPI reported figures), which would then be compared to the most recent 12 month BLS Index

Average (i.e., the Mean Average of January 2025 through December 2025 CPI figures) to determine the applicable percent price adjustment. The percent price adjustment will then be applied to each Unit Price.

Price Increase/Decrease Formula = ((Most Recent 12 month BLS Index Mean Average – Prior 12 month BLS Index Mean Average)/ Prior 12 month BLS Index Mean Average)) X 100 = Percent Change (%)

Applying above formula to this example:

Most Recent 12 Month BLS Index Average
 (January 2025 – December 2025)
 (317.671 + 319.082 + 319.799 + 320.795 + 321.465 + 322.561 + 323.048 + 323.976 + 324.800 + 324.122 + 324.054)/11 = 321.943
 (Truncated at the Thousandth)
 (11 periods were used in average due to October 2025 not being recorded)

Prior 12 month BLS Index Average
 (January 2024 – December 2024)

 (308.417 + 310.326 + 312.332 + 313.548 + 314.069 + 314.175 + 314.540 + 314.796 + 315.301 + 315.664 + 315.493 + 315.605)/12 =313.688
 (Truncated at the Thousandth)

Percent Change
 ((321.943 – 313.689) / 313.689) × 100 = 2.63%
 (Truncated to Hundredths).
 Item Pricing
 Original Item price: \$4.89
 New Unit Price Adjustment: \$4.89*2.63% = \$0.12 (Truncated to Nearest Cent) New Unit Price: \$4.89+\$0.12=\$5.01
 All Contract Pricing would be increased by 2.63% effective on 2/21/2026.

CPI-All Urban Consumers

Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U												
Original Data Value												
Series Id:	CUSR0000SA0											
Seasonally Adjusted												
Series Title:	All items in U.S. city average, all urban consumers,											
Area:	U.S. city average											
Item:	All items											
Base Period:	1982-84=100											
Years:	2016 to 2026											
Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2016	236.916	237.111	238.132	239.261	240.229	241.018	240.628	240.849	241.428	241.729	241.353	241.432
2017	242.839	243.603	243.801	244.524	244.733	244.955	244.786	245.519	246.819	246.663	246.669	246.524
2018	247.867	248.991	249.554	250.546	251.588	251.989	252.006	252.146	252.439	252.885	252.038	251.233
2019	251.712	252.776	254.202	255.548	256.092	256.143	256.571	256.558	256.759	257.346	257.208	256.974
2020	257.971	258.678	258.115	256.389	256.394	257.797	259.101	259.918	260.280	260.388	260.229	260.474
2021	261.582	263.014	264.877	267.054	269.195	271.696	273.003	273.567	274.310	276.589	277.948	278.802
2022	281.148	283.716	287.504	289.109	292.296	296.311	296.276	296.171	296.808	298.012	297.711	296.797
2023	299.170	300.840	301.836	303.363	304.127	305.109	305.691	307.026	307.789	307.671	307.051	306.746

2024	308.417	310.326	312.332	313.548	314.069	314.175	314.540	314.796	315.301	315.664	315.493	315.605
2025	317.671	319.082	319.799	320.795	321.465	322.561	323.048	323.976	324.800	(X)	324.122	324.054
X : Data unavailable due to the 2025 lapse in appropriations												

2.35) 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.

2.36) 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 30th 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.

2.37) 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.

2.38) 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.

2.39) Warranty

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.

2.40) Insurance

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) \$500,000 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.

2.41) 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.

2.42) 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.

2.43) 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.

2.44) 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.

2.45) 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.

2.46) 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 two 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.

2.47) 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.

2.48) 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.

2.49) 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.

2.50) 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.

2.51) 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.

2.52) 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.

2.53) 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.

2.54) 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.

2.55) 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.

2.56) 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. 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.

2.57) Background Checks and Other Security Policies

The Company and its employees shall comply with all applicable JEA security policies and procedures. Background checks are required for all contractor employees who require access to JEA facilities or properties to perform Work for JEA. The Company, at its expense, shall conduct appropriate background checks on all such employees before they provide services to JEA. For individuals requiring a JEA badge for unescorted access, or otherwise approved for unescorted access by JEA policy, the Company shall complete and submit the JEA Personnel Risk Assessment (PRA) Evaluation Form to JEA Security at security@jea.com before the individual performs any Work on JEA facilities or properties. The Company must ensure that background investigations confirm that no individual subject to this section has been arrested for, is awaiting final disposition of, or has been found guilty (regardless of adjudication) of any felony offense or misdemeanor offense, including but not limited to theft, assault/battery, or indecent exposure. The minimum background screening process shall include, at a minimum:

- Social Security Number (SSN) Trace
- Criminal records checks based on a minimum seven (7) year residential history record depth (including applicant-provided addresses and addresses developed from the SSN Trace), where available, including:
 - Statewide Criminal Search
 - County Criminal Search
 - Federal Criminal Search
 - National Criminal Database
- National Sex Offender Registry Check

Background screening must be completed before an individual provides any services or performs any Work for JEA. JEA requires recurring annual background checks for individuals assigned to JEA under this Contract. JEA Security will review each submitted PRA Evaluation Form and, within five (5) business days, notify the Company and the JEA contract administrator whether the individual will be granted access to JEA facilities/properties or issued a JEA badge. Such determinations will be made in accordance with JEA's applicable security policies and procedures. JEA reserves the right to request background check results and audit the Company's background check process to ensure compliance with JEA standards. If, at any time, the Company learns that an individual providing services to JEA as part of the Work has been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor, the Company shall promptly notify JEA. JEA will assess the circumstances of the conviction, including the time frame, nature, gravity, and relevance of the conviction to the individual's job duties, and determine whether the individual may continue to perform Work for JEA or be assigned to a JEA facility or property.

2.58) 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.

2.59) 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.

2.60) 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 if 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"), the 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 question 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

2.61) Meetings and Public Hearings

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

2.62) 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.

2.63) 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.

2.64) 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.

2.65) 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.

2.66) 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.

2.67) 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.

2.68) 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.

2.69) Amendments

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

2.70) 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.

2.71) 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

2.72) 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.

2.73) 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.

2.74) Entire Agreement

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.

2.75) 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.

2.76) 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.

2.77) 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.

2.78) 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.

2.79) 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.

2.80) 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.

2.81) 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.

2.82) 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.

2.83) 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.

2.84) 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.

2.85) 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.

2.86) Time of Essence

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

2.87) 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) Technical Specifications

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The Technical Specifications are in Appendix A of this Solicitation.