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1410310847 RFI Electrical Conduit for JEA Inventory Stock



RESPONSES DUE April 8, 2021 AT 12:00 PM EASTERN TIME emailed to Colin Roddy at roddcp@jea.com

1 INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF THE RFI

The purpose of this RFI is to request information regarding your company and your products/services in relation to electrical conduit. This RFI is for informational and planning purposes and is not to be construed as solicitation or a commitment to issue a solicitation.

2 BACKGROUND, SCOPE, AND SOLUTION OPTIONS

2.1 Background

JEA owns, operates and manages the electric system established by the City of Jacksonville, Florida in 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 470,000 electric, 351,000 water and 274,000 sewer customers. JEA is Florida's largest community owned utility and the eighth largest municipal in the United States.

2.2 Scope

JEA will be releasing a formal solicitation within the next month or two for the purchase of electrical conduit for JEA Inventory stock. The purpose of this RFI is to get commodity feedback from the supply base in order for JEA to implement in an upcoming formal bid. Not only that but it will provide JEA to learn more about the market participants and to gain further knowledge on the capabilities that exist in this commodity space.

3 GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Please note that this RFI is issued solely for the purpose of obtaining information and observing demonstrations of system applications. Nothing in this RFI shall be interpreted as a commitment on the part of JEA to enter into a contract with any respondent thereof to make any procurement.

3.1 Response Instructions

3.1.1 <u>Response Submission</u>

Respondents should submit an electronic copy of their response via email to Colin Roddy at roddcp@jea.com

3.1.2 <u>Response Content</u>

Vendors should include a response to each of the questions set forth under Question and Vendor Responses (Section 5) of this RFI.

3.1.3 Response Format

JEA requests that all responses be submitted with a point-by-point response to each question listed in Section 5.1. If a respondent opts not to respond to any item(s) please include an explanation for the lack of response.

3.2 Contacts

3.2.1 Questions

Potential respondents who have questions regarding this RFI may e-mail them to the contact listed below by March 31, 2021. Responses to inquiries and clarification questions will be provided electronically to all interested parties.

3.2.2 Contact Information

Please direct all communications, questions, and responses to the following contact:

Colin Roddy, Senior Purchasing Agent JEA 21 West Church Street Jacksonville, FL 32202 904-665-8337 E-mail: roddcp@jea.com

4 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

4.1 Requests for Additional Information

JEA retains the right to request additional information from respondents.

4.2 Cost Incurred

By submitting a response, respondents agree that any cost incurred in responding to this RFI, or in support of activities associated with this RFI, shall be the sole responsibility of respondent. JEA shall not be held responsible for any costs incurred by respondents in preparing their respective responses to this RFI.

4.3 Review Rights

Responses to this RFI may be reviewed and evaluated by any person(s) at the discretion of the JEA, including independent consultants retained now or in the future.

4.4 Public Record

All responses to this RFI will be public record under the State of Florida's Sunshine Law regardless of confidentiality notices set forth on such writings to the contrary.

5 QUESTIONS AND VENDOR RESPONSES

See General Instructions in Section 3 for information on response format and submission. **Note:** Please describe any assumptions you make in answering these questions as part of each response.

5.1 Questions and Vendor Responses

Respondents written response should address the following JEA asked questions listed below.

- 1. Based on current market conditions and current supply and demand factors, provide what your average current lead-time ranges are for electrical conduit?
- 2. For ordering purposes, is there a preferred method for placing orders (i.e. slotting program)? Are there any minimum order quantities?
- 3. Would you be willing to have consignment inventory at JEA locations?.
- 4. As a result of the volatility surrounding pricing as it relates to Conduit pricing, JEA is looking for input to help craft and create the pricing adjustment section for the upcoming formal bid for Electrical Conduit. Please provide insight into better ways to track pricing in a more accurate manner which shall provide specific types of indexes, raw materials tracking, and adjustment cadences that would be a better fit for JEA's electrical conduit that will be included in this Solicitation.