

**Request for Quote (RFQ)**

**For Participation in**

**Substation Battery Bank Testing and Inspection**

**for**



**REQUEST FOR QUOTE NUMBER 99917**

**Quotes are due on October 28, 2020 by 12:00 Noon EST**

**E-Mail quotes to Jason Behr at [behrjv@jea.com](mailto:behrjv@jea.com)**

**JEA Procurement Services**

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## Solicitation

### 1. INVITATION

#### 1.1. SCOPE OF WORK

JEA is seeking a company (the "Company") to provide battery testing and inspection services for various JEA substations (the "Work").

JEA is accepting bids for a three year contract to perform the following tasks in accordance with NERC Standard PRC-005-6. All tasks must be completed within the months listed without exception. The contracted service provider will perform all inspection and testing services, no subcontracting. The contracted service provider will be required to achieve and maintain JEA Safety Prequalification. All employees of the contracted service provider who require entry into substations must complete the 4-hour JEA Substation Safety Training prior to entry. The Substation Safety Training class is offered on the second Wednesday of each month at 8:00 AM at the JEA Westside Service Center. Contact Joshua Hodges at 904-665-8994 or hodgjd@jea.com to register.

**A more detailed description of the Work is provided in the Technical Specifications included as Appendix A.**

#### 1.2. QUESTIONS (RFQ)

All questions shall be submitted in writing to the JEA Buyer listed below at least three (3) business days prior to the Bid opening date. Questions not received three (3) days prior to the Bid opening date will not be answered.

Questions:

Buyer: Jason Behr

Email: [behrjv@jea.com](mailto:behrjv@jea.com)

#### 1.3. INVITATION (RFQ)

You are invited to submit a Bid in response to the Request for Quote (RFQ) noted below:

**JEA RFQ Title:** Substation Battery Bank Testing and Inspection

**JEA RFQ Number:** 99917

To obtain more information about this RFQ, download a copy of the RFQ, PDF quality drawings (if applicable) and any required forms at [jea.com](http://jea.com).

**Bid Due Date:** October 28, 2020

**Bid Due Time:** 12:00 Noon EST

All bids shall be submitted on the appropriate Bid forms that are included in this RFQ and are also available at [jea.com](http://jea.com). All bids submitted electronically shall reference the RFQ Title in the subject line of the email.

Please submit the Bid Form and other related documentation to:

**Buyer Name:** Jason Behr

**Buyer Email:** [behrjv@jea.com](mailto:behrjv@jea.com)

The Bidder shall be solely responsible for delivery of its bid to the JEA Buyer.

### 2. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

#### 2.1. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS - RFQ

Bidder shall have the following minimum qualifications to be considered eligible for submission of a Bid. **A Minimum Qualification Form which is required to be submitted with the Bid Form is provided in Appendix**

**B of this Request For Quote.** It is the responsibility of the Bidder to ensure and certify that it meets the minimum qualifications stated below. A Bidder not meeting all of the following criteria will have their Bid rejected:

- The Bidder shall be in the successful performance of three (3) similar contracts on the bid due date.
  - A similar contract is defined as providing testing and inspection of utility battery banks per NERC Standard PRC-005-6 and providing the results via searchable, password protected, online database accessible via web browser. Each contract must be greater than \$45,000.00 per contract.

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

Safety Qualification

### **2.1.1. SAFETY QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

Bidder shall be approved as JEA Safety Qualified within ten (10) business days of receiving written notice from the JEA Bid Office that it is the lowest responsive and responsible Bidder. If the Bidder fails to obtain JEA approval as a JEA Safety Qualified company by 4:00 PM Eastern Time on the 10<sup>th</sup> business day, JEA may reject the company's Bid, and proceed to Award to the next lowest responsive and responsible Bidder.

**JEA Safety Qualification information is available online at [jea.com](http://jea.com). Please note that it may take up to ten (10) business days for a company to be approved as JEA Safety Qualified. It is the Bidder's responsibility to ensure it is JEA Safety Qualified. A list of the JEA's Safety Qualified vendors can be found on [jea.com](http://jea.com). For additional information, contact Jerry Fulop at (904) 665-5810.**

**To finalize Company JEA safety prequalified and work on JEA property companies will need to complete or have already completed the following training:**

- Contractor Supervisors working on site need to take or have taken the Supervisor Leadership Develop class (SLD) – 1 day (8 hour) class offered the North Florida Safety Council on a monthly basis.
- All company employees working on JEA sites will be required to take or have taken:
  - 10 Hour OSHA safety class
  - 2 hour JEA site specific
  - Or
  - CSSO that class covers both the OSHA – 10 and the JEA 2 hour site specific training.
  - Substation Electrical Safety

### **2.2. COMPETITIVE BIDDING - BASIS OF AWARD**

JEA will review Bids to determine if they meet the Minimum Qualifications as stated in this RFQ. JEA will Award the Contract to the lowest responsive and responsible Bidder who meets or exceeds the Minimum Qualifications, and whose Bid represents the lowest cost to JEA.

**NO EXCEPTIONS ARE ALLOWED IN A REQUEST FOR QUOTE. IF THE BIDDER OBJECTS IN ANY MANNER TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OR TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS, THE OBJECTION MUST BE ADDRESSED IN WRITING FIVE (5) BUSINESS DAYS PRIOR TO THE BID OPENING DATE, AND THE OBJECTION MAY BE ADDRESSED IN AN ADDENDUM IF JEA BELIEVES THAT A CLARIFICATION OR CHANGE IS NECESSARY. ANY MODIFICATIONS, EXCEPTIONS OR OBJECTIONS STATED WITHIN THE BID DOCUMENT SHALL SUBJECT THE BID TO BE REJECTED.**

### **2.3. NUMBER OF CONTRACTS TO BE AWARDED**

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

### **2.4. REQUIRED FORMS TO SUBMIT WITH BID - REQUEST FOR QUOTE**

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

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

- Minimum Qualifications Form – Found in Appendix B
- Bid Form – Found in Appendix B
- Bid Workbook - Found in Appendix B

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

JEA also requires the following documents to be submitted prior to issuance of a JEA Purchase Order or Blanket Purchase Agreement. A Bid will not be rejected if these forms are not submitted at the Bid Due Time and Date. However, failure to submit these documents prior to awarding work could result in Bid rejection.

- o Conflict of Interest Certificate Form
- o Insurance Certificate
- o W-9
- o Evidence of active registration with the State of Florida Division of Corporations ([www.sunbiz.org](http://www.sunbiz.org))

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

It is at the Company's option as to whether it chooses to subcontract to a JSEB firm. JEA encourages the use of JSEB qualified firms; however, the Company is not required to utilize JSEB firms to be awarded this Contract. JSEB firms that qualify for this Contract are only those shown on the current City of Jacksonville JSEB directory appearing at [www.COJ.net](http://www.COJ.net). Certification of JSEB firms must come from the City of Jacksonville. No other agency or organization is recognized for purposes of this Contract.

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

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

All questions and correspondence concerning the JSEB program shall be addressed to:

Rita Scott  
JSEB Manager, JEA  
[scotrl@jea.com](mailto:scotrl@jea.com).

## **2.6. TIME**

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

## **2.7. SUNSHINE LAW**

### **General**

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

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

### **JEA**

**Attn: Public Records**

**21 West Church Street**

**Jacksonville, Florida 32202**

**Ph: 904-665-8606**

**publicrecords@jea.com**

### **Redacted Submissions**

If a Bidder believes that any portion of the documents, data or records submitted in response to this Solicitation are exempt from Florida's Public Records Law, Bidder must (1) clearly segregate and mark the specific sections of the document, data or records as "Confidential," (2) cite the specific Florida Statute or other legal authority for the asserted exemption, and (3) provide JEA with a separate redacted copy of its response (the "Redacted Copy"). The cover of the Redacted Copy shall contain JEA's title and number for this Solicitation and Bidder's name, 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 Bidder 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 Bidder that such an assertion has been made. It is Bidder'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 Bidder's redacted information under legal process, JEA shall give Bidder prompt notice of the demand prior to releasing the information (unless otherwise prohibited by applicable law.) Bidder 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, Bidder agrees to protect, defend and indemnify JEA from and against all claims, demands, actions, suits, damages, liabilities, losses, settlements, costs and expenses (including but not limited to reasonable attorney fees and costs) arising from or relating to Bidder's determination that the redacted portions of its response to this Solicitation are not subject to disclosure.

### **3. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

#### **3.1. ADDENDA (REQUEST FOR QUOTE)**

JEA may issue Addenda prior to the Bid Due date to revise, in whole or in part, or clarify the intent or requirements of the RFQ. The Bidder shall be responsible for ensuring it has received all Addenda prior to submitting its Bid and shall acknowledge receipt of all Addenda by indicating where requested on the Bid Form. JEA will post Addenda online at [jea.com](http://jea.com). Bidder will receive and email from the Buyer with any Addenda or Bidder may obtain Addenda from the JEA website.

All Addenda will become part of the RFQ and any resulting Contract Documents. It is the responsibility of each Company to ensure it has received and incorporated all Addenda into its Bid. Failure to acknowledge receipt of Addenda may be grounds for rejection of a bid.

#### **3.2. UNABLE TO SUBMIT A BID FORM (RFQ)**

If you elect not to submit a Bid in response to this RFQ, please complete the Unable to Submit Bid Form, available for download at [jea.com](http://jea.com). Please email the completed Unable to Submit Bid Form to the JEA Buyer indicated in this RFQ. Do not return the entire RFQ package; simply return the Unable to Submit Bid Form.

#### **3.3. ETHICS**

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

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

The Bidder shall disclose the name(s) of any public officials who have any financial position, directly or indirectly, with this Bid by completing and submitting the Conflict of Interest Certificate Form found at [jea.com](http://jea.com). Failure to fully complete and submit the Conflict of Interest Certificate may disqualify the Bid. If JEA has reason to believe that collusion exists among the Bidders, JEA shall reject any and all Bids from the suspected Bidders and will proceed to debar Bidder from future JEA Awards in accordance with the JEA Procurement Code.

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

In accordance with Florida Statutes Sec. 287.133, JEA shall reject Bids 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 Bidder listed on the Convicted Vendor list for any transaction exceeding \$35,000.00 for a period of thirty-six (36) months from the date of being placed on the Convicted Vendor list.

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

#### **3.4. EX PARTE COMMUNICATION-RFQ**

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



**Ex Parte Communication is strictly prohibited.** Failure to adhere to this policy will disqualify the noncompliant company's Response. Any questions or clarifications concerning a RFQ must be sent in writing via email to the JEA Buyer at least five (5) business days prior to the opening date. If determined by JEA, that a question should be answered or an issue clarified, JEA will issue an addendum to all companies.

### **3.5. START OF WORK**

If Bidder fails to act on a JEA issued Blanket Purchase Agreement, Purchase Order or Contract, JEA may cancel the Award with no further liability to the Company, retain the bid security or bond (if applicable), and Award to the next-ranked Company.

## **4. CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

### **4.1. DEFINITIONS**

#### **4.1.1. ACCEPTANCE**

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

#### **4.1.2. PURCHASE ORDER (PO)**

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.

#### **4.1.3. TERM OF CONTRACT – DEFINED DATES**

This 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 (3) years, or until the Contract's Maximum Indebtedness is reached, whichever occurs first. It is at JEA's sole option to renew the Contract.

It is at JEA's sole option to renew the Contract for an additional two (2) one (1) year periods.

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

### **4.2. PAYMENTS**

#### **4.2.1. PAYMENT METHOD – PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

For reoccurring tasks or services, the Company shall submit an Invoice to JEA once per month upon successful completion and JEA's Acceptance of the reoccurring takes or services that occurred during that month.

For individual or "special" tasks or services, the Company shall submit an Invoice to JEA upon successful completion and JEA Acceptance of the individual tasks or services.

JEA may elect to make a partial payment or no payment if JEA determines, at its sole discretion, and after due consideration of relevant factors, that either all, or part of the task being invoiced is not in accordance with the Contract Documents.

#### **4.2.2. PRICE ADJUSTMENT – CONSUMER PRICE INDEX**

The rates (also referred to as “Unit Prices”) for the Work will remain fixed through the first three (3) years of the Contract. For the purposes of this clause, the end date of the third year of the Contract shall be referred to as the “Anniversary Date”, and the term “Anniversary Date” shall also apply to the end date of any renewals.

Thirty (30) days prior to the Anniversary Date, the Company or JEA 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 Company fails to request a CPI price adjustment within thirty (30) days in advance of the Anniversary Date, the Company will be denied the increase or decrease, and 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, JEA will adjust the Unit Prices based on the applicable annual percentage change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). Each annual price adjustment will be recognized thirty (30) days after the Anniversary Date. No retroactive price adjustments will be allowed.

All requested price adjustments for the Contract shall be in accordance with the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers for all US City Average published monthly by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. The index used will be the unadjusted average mean percent change for the previous twelve (12) months beginning with the last published index month closest to the Anniversary Date compared to the previous 12 month mean average using the published index.

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 index. If the Company and JEA fail to agree on a replacement index, the Contract may be mutually terminated if in the best interest of JEA

#### **4.2.3. DISCOUNT PAYMENT TERMS**

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

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

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

#### **4.2.4. INVOICING AND PAYMENT TERMS**

The Company shall submit all Invoices 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 Proposer 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.

### **4.3. WARRANTIES AND REPRESENTATIONS**

#### **4.3.1. WARRANTY**

The Company represents and warrants that it has the full corporate right, power and authority to enter into the Contract and to perform the Services, 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 Services in a manner and with sufficient labor, materials and equipment necessary to affect a diligent pursuance of the Services.

The Company represents and warrants that it has the responsibility and capacity to train and supervise its employees, Subcontractors and suppliers to ensure the Services 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.

The Company warrants that all items provided under the Contract shall be in accordance with the requirements of this Contract and 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 Services will meet the service levels, functional and performance requirements defined in the Contract.

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

### **4.4. INSURANCE, INDEMNITY AND RISK OF LOSS**

#### **4.4.1. INDEMNIFICATION (JEA STANDARD)**

For ten dollars (\$10.00) acknowledged to be included and paid for in the contract price and other good and valuable considerations, the Company shall hold harmless and indemnify JEA against any claims, action, loss, damage, injury, liability, cost and expense of whatsoever kind or nature (including, but not by way of limitation, reasonable attorney's fees and court costs) arising out of injury (whether mental or corporeal) to persons, including death, or damage to property, arising out of or incidental to the negligence, recklessness or intentional wrongful misconduct of the Company and any person or entity used by Company in the performance of this Contract or Work performed thereunder. For purposes of this Indemnification, the term "JEA" shall mean JEA as a body politic and corporate and shall include its governing board, officers, employees, agents, successors and assigns. This indemnification shall survive the term of a Contract entered into pursuant to this solicitation, for events that occurred during the Contract set forth elsewhere in this Contract. It is the intent of the parties that this indemnification shall be in accord with Section 725.06(2), Florida Statutes.

#### **4.4.2. INSURANCE**

#### **4.4.3. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

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

Workers' Compensation

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

Commercial General Liability

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

Automobile Liability

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

Excess or Umbrella Liability

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

Company's Commercial General Liability and Excess or Umbrella Liability policies shall be effective for two (2) 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. 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 this Contract, certificates evidencing the maintenance of the insurance shall be furnished to JEA for approval. Company's and its subcontractors' Certificates of Insurance shall be mailed to JEA (Attn. Procurement Services), Customer Care Center, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, 21 West Church Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202-3139.

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

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

**4.4.4. TITLE AND RISK OF LOSS**

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

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

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

## **4.5. TERM AND TERMINATION**

### **4.5.1. TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE**

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

In the event of termination for convenience, JEA will pay the Company for all disbursements and expenses that the Company has incurred, or has become obligated prior to receiving JEA's notice of termination.

Upon receipt of such notice of termination, the Company shall stop the performance of the Work hereunder except as may be necessary to carry out such termination and take any other action toward termination of the Work that JEA may reasonably request, including all reasonable efforts to provide for a prompt and efficient transition as directed by JEA.

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

### **4.5.2. TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT**

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

- o The Company assigns or subcontracts the Work without prior written permission;
- o Any petition is filed or any proceeding is commenced by or against the Company for relief under any bankruptcy or insolvency laws;
- o A receiver is appointed for the Company's properties or the Company commits any act of insolvency (however evidenced);
- o The Company makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors;
- o The Company suspends the operation of a substantial portion of its business;
- o The Company suspends the whole or any part of the Work to the extent that it impacts the Company's ability to meet the Work schedule, or the Company abandons the whole or any part of the Work;
- o The Company, at any time, violates any of the conditions or provisions of the Contract Documents, or the Company fails to perform as specified in the Contract Documents, or the Company is not complying with the Contract Documents;
- o The Company attempts to willfully impose upon JEA items or workmanship that are, in JEA's sole opinion, defective or of unacceptable quality;
- o The Company breaches any of the representations or warranties;
- o The Company is determined, in JEA's sole opinion, to have misrepresented the utilization of funds or misappropriate property belonging to JEA; or
- o Any material change in the financial or business condition of the Company.

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

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

The Contract Documents shall in no way limit JEA's right to all remedies for nonperformance provided under law or in equity, except as specifically set forth herein. In the event of termination for nonperformance, the Company shall

immediately surrender all Work records to JEA. In such a case, JEA may set off any money owed to the Company against any liabilities resulting from the Company's nonperformance.

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

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

#### **4.6. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

##### **4.6.1. AMENDMENTS**

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

Add a Force Majeure clause.

##### **4.6.2. JEA ACCESS BADGES**

If the scope of work described in this Contract requires a Company to access JEA facilities, each Company employee shall apply for a JEA access badge through JEA's Security Department. An appointment to obtain a JEA access badge can be made by contacting JEA Security at [securitybadge@jea.com](mailto:securitybadge@jea.com). Finally, JEA does not allow Company employees to share JEA access badges. A Company whose employees are found to be sharing JEA access badges, will result in the Contract being terminated immediately for default. Additionally, JEA shall be notified within six (6) hours of a lost or stolen JEA security badge or when an employee leaves the Company. Report badge termination notifications to JEA Security at (904) 665-8200. The Company is responsible for any cost associated with background check of its employees. **The cost is approximately \$70 per background check.**

#### **CIP Security and Compliance**

##### **BACKGROUND CHECKS AND OTHER INFORMATION SECURITY POLICIES**

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

- a) Social Security Number (SSN) Trace;
- b) Criminal Records (County and State Criminal Felony and Misdemeanor, National Criminal Database, Federal Criminal);
- c) Background checks undertaken by JEA for its own employees who have duties similar to the duties of the Company's employee(s); and
- d) Background checks which are required pursuant to applicable background screening policies adopted by JEA from time to time, including, but not limited to, background checks required in connection with obtaining a JEA access badge or logical access to JEA systems.

The background screening must be conducted prior to the employee providing any services or performing any work for JEA. JEA has the right to require more regular background checks and has the right to require that the Company provide background check results to JEA. JEA also shall have the right to require that JEA conduct its own background checks on the Company's employees and to screen all such employees. In such event, the Company shall cooperate and provide JEA with all information requested by JEA to enable JEA to complete the background screening. JEA shall have the right to audit the Company's background check process to ensure compliance with

JEA standards. If, at any time, the Company discovers that an individual providing services to JEA as a part of the Work has a criminal record that includes a felony or misdemeanor, the Company shall immediately inform JEA and JEA will assess the circumstances surrounding the conviction, time frame, nature, gravity and relevancy of the conviction to the job duties. JEA, in its sole discretion, shall determine whether the individual will be placed on, or terminated from, a JEA assignment. Additionally, all individuals providing services to JEA shall have the responsibility to self-disclose any misdemeanor or felony conviction that occurs while assigned to JEA within three business days of the conviction. If the Company learns of any such conviction, the Company shall notify JEA immediately. The Company shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations governing the conduct of background checks, including but not limited to the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA). Failure of the Company to comply with the terms of this paragraph may result in immediate termination of its contract with JEA. In addition, the Company must review JEA's Personnel Risk Assessment Review Process Contractors – CIP, FACTA and HIPAA. If applicable under such process, the Company must complete the background screening process specified therein and complete JEA's PRA Contractor Evaluation Form – Contractor Background Check Attestation (the "PRA Form") for each applicable employee.

### **JEA CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION (CIP)**

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

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

- Notification by Company to JEA, within 12 hours or sooner, of any Company personnel, who have been terminated, retired or ceased working on JEA projects.
- Notification by the Company of Company-identified incidents related to the products or services provided to JEA that pose cyber security risk to JEA
- Coordination of responses to Company-identified incidents related to the products or services provided to the JEA that pose cyber security risk to JEA
- Notification by Company when remote or onsite access should no longer be granted to Company representatives
- Disclosure by Company of known vulnerabilities related to the products or services provided to the JEA;
- Method for verification of software integrity and authenticity of all software and patches provided by the Company for use in JEA's Bulk Electric System's Cyber System;
- Coordination of controls for (i) Company-initiated Interactive Remote Access, and (ii) system-to-system remote access with Company; and
- Compliance with JEA CIP Cyber Security Policy (MD-202).

#### **4.6.3. ASSIGNING OF CONTRACT**

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

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

#### **4.6.4. NONEXCLUSIVE**

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

#### **4.6.5. APPLICABLE STATE LAW; VENUE; SEVERABILITY**

The rights, obligations and remedies of the parties 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 this Contract or any provision thereof shall take place in the State or Federal Courts located exclusively in Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida.

### **5. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS/DETAILED SCOPE OF WORK**

#### **5.1. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS/DETAILED SCOPE OF WORK (APPENDIX A)**

Technical Specifications and a Detailed Scope of Work are located in Appendix A of this document.

### **6. FORMS**

#### **6.1. FORMS (APPENDIX B)**

Forms required to be submitted with this solicitation are provided in Appendix B or can be obtained on the JEA website at [www.jea.com](http://www.jea.com).