

**Solicitation  
For Participation in**

**ITN Off-Road Equipment Maintenance and Repair Services for JEA**



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**Responses must be electronically submitted per instructions in this Solicitation**

**JEA will publicly open all Responses received from qualified Respondents on September 14, 2021, via WebEx. The WebEx information is located below.**

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## Solicitation

### 1. INTENT TO NEGOTIATE

#### 1.1. INVITATION

##### 1.1.1. SCOPE OF WORK (SOLICITATION)

The purpose of this Request for Proposal (RFP) is to evaluate and select a Company that can provide the maintenance and repair services for JEA Fleet Off-Road Equipment Assets. This includes, but is not limited to, routine preventative maintenance, corrective maintenance, and regulatory inspections

It is JEA's intent to establish a three (3) year fixed price contract with two (2), one (1) year optional renewals.

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

##### 1.1.2. 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 Florida's largest municipally owned utility and the seventh largest municipal in the United States.

##### 1.1.3. INVITATION TO NEGOTIATE

To obtain more information about this Solicitation:

Download a copy of the Solicitation, Appendices, and any required forms at [jea.com](http://jea.com), search key word "Zycus" to connect to the online sourcing platform. Or click the following link:

[https://www.jea.com/about/procurement/zycus\\_portal/](https://www.jea.com/about/procurement/zycus_portal/)

**Closing Date and Time & Proposal Due Date:** Per Zycus Close Date See the Solicitation # on Zycus cloud based sourcing platform for more details.

All Proposal documentation must reference the Solicitation Title and Number noted above. All Proposals must be made on the appropriate forms as specified within the Solicitation and uploaded to a JEA's Zycus sourcing platform.

##### 1.1.4. QUESTIONS

All questions must be submitted in writing or electronically on the eForum to the JEA Buyer listed below at least five (5) business days prior to the opening date. Questions received within five (5) business days prior to the opening date will not be answered. Bidder Questions may be submitted via the Zycus Chat function in the associated bid under eForum or by emailing the purchasing agent listed below. Responses shall be issued by addendum and attached to the online procurement on the Zycus platform.

Submitting an inquiry to the eForum section will sent a communication to the buyer. Any comments or queries are not Addendums to the Solicitation. Only Addendum(s) issued and attached to the Solicitation under "Buyers Attachments" will be considered to be a formally approved change or clarification.

Participants may also submit questions to the contact directly by emailing to:

Purchasing Agent: Sean Knox

E-mail: [knox@jea.com](mailto:knox@jea.com)

##### 1.1.5. 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 Appendix A 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.

## **1.2. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS**

### **1.2.1. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**

Proposer shall have the following Minimum Qualifications to be considered eligible to submit a Proposal in response to this Solicitation. A Minimum Qualification Form, which if requested will be required to be submitted and will be provided by the Buyer if requested.

It is the responsibility of the Proposer to ensure and certify (if requested) that it meets the Minimum Qualifications stated below. JEA reserves the right to request back up documentation or additional project references to confirm the Proposer meets the requirements stated herein. A Proposer not meeting all of the following criteria will have their Proposal rejected:

- The Proposer must provide two references for similar scope to Appendix A Technical Specifications in which business was performed within the previous five (5) years of the response due date that meet the following:
  - The combined assets serviced between the two (2) contract references submitted must meet or exceed forty (40) assets.
  - The account references must include the reference company name, contact person, phone number, email address and a summary of the scope of work provided by the Proposer for the reference company. JEA will contact and verify the account references.
- The respondent shall provide on-site service availability twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven days a week, including holidays.
- The respondent shall provide JEA with loaner equipment, of equal operation/functional standard, in the case that the JEA equipment is out of service for longer than forty-eight (48) hours; a rental piece of equipment shall stand as substitute for the service time that is less than forty-eight (48) hours.
- The respondent shall be able to provide warranty work for all assets listed in the Equipment List (Appendix C).

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

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

JEA intends to Award one (1) Contract for the Work described in this solicitation. JEA may exclude certain Work items or reduces scope, if JEA determines that it is in its best interest to do so.

### **1.2.3. 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.

### **1.2.4. REQUIRED FORMS TO BE SUBMITTED WITH RESPONSE**

JEA Forms required to be submitted with this Solicitation are included in Appendix B or may be obtained on JEA's website at [https://www.jea.com/about/procurement/bid\\_forms/](https://www.jea.com/about/procurement/bid_forms/).



The following forms must be completed and submitted to JEA at the timeframes stated below.

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

- o Proposal – Free Form
- o Response Form – found in Appendix B of this Solicitation
- o Response Workbook – found in Appendix B of this Solicitation
- o Minimum Qualifications Form – found in Appendix B of this Solicitation

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

The following documents must be submitted prior to execution of a Contract. Failure to submit these documents prior to Contract execution may result in rejection of the Response and rescission of any Award.

- o Conflict of Interest Certificate Form - found at JEA.com
- o List of subcontractors/Shop Fabricators (if applicable)
- o Insurance certificate
- o W-9
- o Evidence of active registration with the State of Florida Division of Corporations (www.sunbiz.org)
- o Detailed technical drawings as required by the Technical Specifications

### **1.3. EVALUATION METHODOLOGY**

#### **1.3.1. BASIS OF AWARD – HIGHEST EVALUATED**

JEA intends to Award a Contract to the responsive and responsible Proposer whose Proposal meets or exceeds the Minimum Qualifications in this Solicitation, and whose Proposal receives the highest number of points based upon JEA's evaluation of the Selection Criteria stated in this ITN.

#### **1.3.2. EVALUATION AND NEGOTIATION PROCESS**

A selection committee (the "Selection Committee"), will be appointed to review and evaluate each Response. The members of the Selection Committee will separately and independently evaluate and rank the Responses using the Selection Criteria specified in this Solicitation. JEA will use this ranking to develop a short-list of companies with which to begin the negotiation process (the "Short-list").

As a part of the evaluation process, JEA may contact the references provided by a Respondent for the purpose of independently verifying the information provided in a Response, and to assess the extent of the success of projects associated with those references. JEA also reserves the right to contact references not provided by Respondents. JEA may request additional references from Respondents. The results of the reference checking may influence JEA's evaluation of Responses.

Prior to developing the Short-list, JEA may request that a Respondent provide additional information or additional project references to clarify its Response 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.

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.

Once a Short-list is developed, a negotiating team (the "Negotiating Team") will be appointed. The Negotiation Team may have the same members as the Selection Committee. JEA may negotiate concurrently or separately with Respondents on the Short-list. JEA may seek clarifications, request revised Responses, and request additional

information JEA deems necessary for proper evaluation of the Responses. JEA may incorporate value added services or innovations recommended by a Respondent into the Work.

A Respondent 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, hand-outs, and written clarifications will become a part of the Response as if originally submitted.

After the conclusion of all negotiations deemed by JEA to be in its best interest, the Short-listed Respondents will be given a deadline to submit their best and final offer (the "BAFO"). The negotiation process will stop upon submission of the BAFO. Respondents will not be allowed to make further adjustments to their BAFOs or communicate further with JEA, except to respond to requests for clarification from the Negotiating Team.

The Negotiating Team will determine 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.

Negotiation sessions will not be open to the public, but will be recorded. All recordings of negotiation sessions and any records, documents, and other materials presented at negotiation sessions are public records and can be released pursuant to a public records request after a notice of intended decision for this Solicitation is posted, or 30 days after the opening of the Responses, whichever occurs earlier.

The Award recommendation of the Negotiating Team will be based upon the scoring of the BAFOs using the Selection Criteria described in this Solicitation. The Respondent with the highest score will be recommended to JEA's Chief Procurement Officer (the "CPO") for approval. Once approved, the CPO will recommend an Award to the JEA Awards Committee and Chief Executive Officer for final approval.

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 actions as are in the best interest of JEA to the extent allowable under applicable laws. Issuance of this Solicitation in no way constitutes a commitment by JEA to make an Award or enter into a Contract.

All Responses submitted to JEA are subject to all 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 unless specifically agreed to by JEA in writing.

## **1.4. SELECTION CRITERIA**

### **1.4.1. SELECTION CRITERIA (SOLICITATION)**

The following criteria will be used by JEA to evaluate and rank the qualified Respondents to determine which Respondents are selected for the Short-list who will then move on to the contract negotiation phase of this ITN. Details concerning how each Selection Criteria is calculated can be found in the Selection Criteria below.

#### **1.4.1.1. PROPOSAL PRICE - Maximum Score: 60 Points**

##### Application of Criterion:

The application of this criterion shall include an assessment of the Total Bid price submitted by the Proposer to perform the Work listed in this solicitation and entered on the Bid Form.

The prices quoted by Proposer on the Proposal Forms must be firm-fixed prices, not estimates and shall include all overhead, shipping, taxes and any other costs associated to complete the work.

#### **1.4.1.2. PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE, LOCATION, & AVAILABILITY - Maximum Score: 15 Points**

- Provide one resume for account manager (5 pts) Education and Experience: Maximum points for this criterion: 7 points.
  - At a minimum, the resume shall present the employee's name, title, years of service with the company, applicable professional registrations, education and work experience, including contracts similar in complexity and include the number of assets supported during the contract. Additional points will be awarded for contracts of similar or
- Provide resumes and/or technical certifications and experience for each technician that will be assigned to support JEA (5 pts)
- Availability, Response Time, and Account Management: Maximum points for this criterion: 5 points
  - In addition to the Education and Experience detailed above, the Proposer shall also submit a verifiable local business address for their field response teams, their availability, and the expected average response time to JEA.

Proposer may provide this information in its own format to be attached to Appendix B – Proposal Form.

#### **1.4.1.3. COST CONTAINMENT & EFFICIENCIES - Maximum Score: 25 Points**

The Proposer shall submit a written “Preventative Maintenance Program” addressing, at a minimum, the following challenges for JEA, and how it specifically applies to the following needs of JEA:

- Reduce downtime of equipment and reduce the frequency of non-scheduled field service calls (5 points).
- Eliminate or reduce the need to suspend repairs to obtain parts (5 points).
- How many field service teams will be available? (5 points).
- Explain how you determine what to stock on your field service vehicles and provide general description of items stocked (5 points).
- Follow-Up Action Plan for Repeat failures (5 points).
  - Propose a “Follow-Up Action Plan” to correct repeated failures on JEA assets.

Proposer may provide this information in its own format to be attached to Appendix B – Proposal Form.

#### **1.4.2. TIE**

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

### **1.5. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

#### **1.5.1. SUBMITTING THE RESPONSE**

The Respondent shall submit the Response documents electronically as described in section 1.1.3. **IF RESPONDENT IS INTERESTED IN RECEIVING A RESPONSE FORM IN A WORD FORMAT, PLEASE EMAIL [bustjc@jea.com](mailto:bustjc@jea.com) WITH THE REQUEST. REQUESTS MUST BE MADE NO LATER THAN FIVE BUSINESS DAYS PRIOR TO THE RESPONSE OPENING DATE.**

#### **1.5.2. ADDENDA**

JEA may issue Addenda prior to the opening of Responses to change or clarify the intent of this Solicitation. The Respondent is responsible for ensuring it has received all Addenda prior to submitting its Response and must acknowledge receipt of all Addenda by completing the Confirmation of Receipt of Addenda. JEA will post Addenda when issued online at JEA.com. Companies must obtain Addenda from the JEA.com website. 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.

#### **1.5.3. CONTRACT EXECUTION AND START OF WORK**

Within 30 days from the date of Award, JEA will present the successful Respondent with the Contract Documents. Unless expressly waived by JEA, the successful Respondent must execute a Contract for the Work within ten days after receiving the Contract from JEA. If the Respondent fails to execute the Contract or associated documents as required, or if it fails to act on a JEA-issued Purchase Order (PO), 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 and certificate of insurance, JEA will issue either a Notice to Proceed or a PO, in writing and signed by an authorized JEA representative as acceptance of the Proposal and authorization for the company to proceed with the Work, unless otherwise stated in the Contract or PO.

#### **1.5.4. EX PARTE COMMUNICATION**

Ex Parte Communication is defined as any inappropriate communication concerning an 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 on [jea.com](http://jea.com).

#### **1.5.5. CERTIFICATION 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.

#### **1.5.6. 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](http://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.

#### **1.5.7. JEA PUBLICATIONS**

Applicable JEA publications are available at [jea.com](http://jea.com).

#### **1.5.8. 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.

#### **1.5.9. 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. 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.

#### **1.5.10. PROHIBITION AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES**

The Respondent warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working for the Respondent, or an independent sales representative under contract with the Respondent, to solicit or secure a contract with JEA, and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, corporation, or other individual, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Respondent, or an independent sale representative under contract with the Respondent, any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or any other consideration, contingent upon or resulting from the Award or the Contract. If a breach or violation of the provisions occurs, JEA shall have the right to terminate the Contract without liability, and at its discretion, to deduct from the Contract Price, or otherwise recover, the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage, gift or consideration.

#### **1.5.11. PROTEST OF SOLICITATION AND AWARD PROCESS**

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

#### **1.5.12. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS TO 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.

### **1.5.13. SUNSHINE LAW**

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

If a Respondent believes that any portion of the documents, data or records submitted in response to this Solicitation are exempt from Florida's Public Records Law, Respondent must (1) clearly segregate and mark the specific sections of the document, data or records as "Confidential," (2) cite the specific Florida Statute or other legal authority for the asserted exemption, and (3) provide JEA with a separate redacted copy of its Response (the "Redacted Copy"). The cover of the Redacted Copy shall contain JEA's title and number for this Solicitation and Respondent's name, and shall be clearly labeled "Redacted Copy." Respondent should only redact those portions of records that Respondent claims are specifically exempt from the Florida Public Records Laws. If Respondent fails to submit a redacted copy of information it claims is confidential, JEA is authorized to produce all documents, data and other records submitted to JEA in answer to a public records request for such information.

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

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

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

**Public Records Request Coordinator  
JEA, 21 West Church Street, T-8  
Jacksonville, FL 32202  
Ph: 904-665-8606  
publicrecords@jea.com**

### **1.5.14. SUBCONTRACTORS**

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 10% 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.

## **1.6. JACKSONVILLE SMALL AND EMERGING BUSINESS (JSEB) PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

### **1.6.1. OPTIONAL USE OF JACKSONVILLE 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 Rita Smith, JEA, JSEB Manager, [sctotrl@jea.com](mailto:sctotrl@jea.com).

## **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 Appendices, Exhibits, Schedules and Forms included with this Solicitation. An example of the Contract that the Company will be required to execute is available for review at [jea.com](http://jea.com).

### **2.2. DEFINITIONS**

#### **2.2.1. DEFINITIONS**

Capitalized words and terms used in this Solicitation shall have the meaning given to them in this Section. Appendix A - 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 Appendix A shall apply only within the Appendix A.

#### **2.2.2. ACCEPTABLE PERFORMANCE OR ACCEPTABLE PERFORMER**

The Company averages more than 2.80 and less than 4.0 across all performance scorecard evaluation metrics, and does not receive a score of less than 2.0 on any metric.

#### **2.2.3. ACCEPTANCE**

The written notice by the JEA Representative to the Company that all Work as specified in a specific order or Blanket Release 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 is only applicable to the entirety of Work as specified in the order or Blanket Release. Acceptance does not in any way limit JEA's rights under the Contract or applicable laws, rules and regulations.

#### **2.2.4. ADDENDUM/ADDENDA**

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

#### **2.2.5. AWARD**

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

#### **2.2.6. BLANKET PURCHASE AGREEMENT**

A Blanket Purchase Agreement (the "BPA") is a Purchase Order issued by JEA to a Company which contains multiple delivery dates over a period of time. It is normally used when there is a recurring need for expendable

goods. Once an order (herein referred to as a "Blanket Release") against a BPA is issued by JEA and accepted by the Company, an enforceable contract is created. The term Purchase Order shall be synonymous with Blanket Purchase Agreement.

**2.2.7. BLANKET RELEASE**

A JEA order against an existing Blanket Purchase Agreement.

**2.2.8. CHANGE ORDER**

A written order issued by JEA after execution of the Contract, authorizing an addition, deletion, or revision of the Work, or an adjustment in the Contract Price or the Contract Time. Change Orders do not authorize expenditures greater than the maximum indebtedness shown in the Contract. A Change Order that involves a material change to the Contract may require a Contract Amendment.

**2.2.9. COMPANY**

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

**2.2.10. COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE**

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

**2.2.11. COMPANY SUPERVISOR**

The individual employed or contracted by the Company to manage the Work on a day-to-day basis and ensure the Work is performed according to the Contract. The Company Supervisor may be authorized by the Company Representative to act on Contract matters. Such authorization shall be in writing and delivered to the Project Manager and shall clearly state the limitations of any such authorization. In the event that the Company Supervisor and the Company Representative are the same person, the Company shall notify the Project Manager.

**2.2.12. 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.

**2.2.13. CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR**

The individual assigned by JEA to have authority to administer the Contract, including the authority to negotiate all elements of the Contract with the Company, authorize Change Orders within the maximum amount awarded, terminate the Contract, seek remedies for nonperformance including termination, and otherwise act on behalf of JEA in all matters regarding the Contract. The Contract Administrator may authorize JEA Representative in writing to make minor changes to the Work with the intent of preventing Work disruption.

**2.2.14. 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.

**2.2.15. 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.

**2.2.16. CONTRACT PRICE**

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



**2.2.17. CONTRACT TIME**

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

**2.2.18. 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.

**2.2.19. DELIVERY**

The time at which JEA receives the Work at the designated facility.

**2.2.20. INVOICE**

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

**2.2.21. 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.

**2.2.22. JEA REPRESENTATIVES**

The Contract Administrator, Contract Inspector, Contract Administrator's Representative, JEA Engineer, Field Engineer, Project Manager, and other persons designated by the Contract Administrator as JEA Representatives acting in a capacity related to the Work or Contract under the authority of the Contract Administrator.

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.

**2.2.23. 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.

**2.2.24. PROJECT MANAGER**

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

**2.2.25. PURCHASE ORDER**

A document issued by JEA, authorizing work, indicating types, quantities, and agreed prices for products or services the Company will provide to JEA.

**2.2.26. QUALITY ASSURANCE**

Actions that JEA takes to assess the Company's performance under the Contract.

**2.2.27. QUALITY CONTROL**

Actions that the Company takes to ensure it successfully completes the Work in full accordance with the Contract Documents.

**2.2.28. RESPONSE**

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

#### **2.2.29. RESPONDENT**

The respondent to this Solicitation.

#### **2.2.30. 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.

#### **2.2.31. 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.

#### **2.2.32. 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.

#### **2.2.33. TERM**

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

#### **2.2.34. TOP PERFORMANCE OR TOP PERFORMER**

The Company averages 4.0 or more across all scorecard evaluation metrics and does not receive a score of less than 4.0 on any one metric.

#### **2.2.35. UNACCEPTABLE PERFORMANCE OR UNACCEPTABLE PERFORMER**

The Company averages less than 2.80 across all scorecard evaluation metrics, or scores a 1.0 on any one metric regardless of average, or receives a score of 2.0 on the same metric on two sequential performance evaluations.

#### **2.2.36. 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.

#### **2.2.37. 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.

#### **2.2.38. WORK ORDER**

A document that describes the Work or describes a series of tasks that the Company will perform in accordance with the Contract Documents.

### **2.3. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS**

#### **2.3.1. 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:

- o Contract Amendments
- o Executed Contract Documents
- o Addenda
- o This Solicitation, including all Appendices, Exhibits and Attachments to this Solicitation
- o Company's Response

## **2.4. PRICE AND PAYMENTS**

### **2.4.1. PAYMENT METHOD – UPON DELIVERY AND INVOICE**

Company shall invoice JEA upon Delivery of the Materials. Invoices may be submitted for each delivery, or on a monthly basis for deliveries that occurred during the month.

### **2.4.2. COST SAVING PLAN**

During the Term, JEA and Company are encouraged to identify ways to reduce the total cost to JEA related to the Work provided by the Company. JEA and Company may negotiate Contract Amendments that allow such reductions in total costs including, but not limited to, the sharing of savings resulting from implementation of cost-reducing initiatives between JEA and Company. The decision to accept any cost savings initiative shall be in the sole discretion of JEA, and JEA shall not be liable to Company for any cost that may be alleged to be related to a refusal to accept a cost savings initiative proposed by Company.

### **2.4.3. 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:

- o 1% 20, net 30
- o 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.

### **2.4.4. INVOICING AND PAYMENT TERMS**

Within thirty (30) days from completion of the Work, 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](mailto:acctpaycustsrv@jea.com) or mailed to the following address: JEA Accounts Payable, P.O. Box 4910, Jacksonville, FL 32201-4910.

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 twenty (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 Respondent the revised amount within ten (10) days.

JEA may withhold payment if the Respondent 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.

### **2.4.5. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES FOR LATE INVOICES**

Any Invoices submitted to JEA after thirty (30) calendar days from completion of the Work shall be subject to a 1.5 % deduction in the Invoice payment. An additional 1.5 % will be withheld from the Invoice amount for every additional thirty (30) calendar days the Invoice is submitted late. Liquidated Damages associated with late Invoices shall be capped at ten percent (10%) of the monthly Invoice amount.

The Company understands and agrees that said sum is to be paid not as a penalty, but as compensation to JEA as a fixed and reasonable liquidated damages for losses that JEA will suffer because of such default, whether through increased administrative, interference with JEA's normal operations, other tangible and intangible costs, or otherwise, which costs will be impossible or impractical to measure or ascertain with any reasonable specificity.

Example(s):

1. An Invoice that is submitted seventy-five (75) days after the completion of the Work would be subject to a 1.5% deduction of the total monthly Invoice amount.
2. An Invoice submitted ninety-five (95) days after the completion of the Work would be subject to a three percent (3%) deduction of the total monthly Invoice amount.

**2.4.6. 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 Company shall Invoice for and report the use of JSEB certified firms according to the format and guidelines established by the City of Jacksonville.

**2.4.7. 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.

**2.4.8. TAXES**

JEA is authorized to self-accrue the Florida Sales and Use Tax and is exempt from Manufacturer's Federal Excise Tax when purchasing tangible personal property for its direct consumption.

**2.5. WARRANTIES AND REPRESENTATIONS**

**2.5.1. WARRANTIES - SERVICES**

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

The Company unconditionally warrants to JEA for a period of not less than ninety (90) days from the date of JEA Acceptance or JEA's payment of the Work whichever occurs earlier, that the Work furnished under the Contract shall be:

- o Performed in a safe, professional and workman-like manner,
- o Free from Defects in material and workmanship,
- o Performed in conformance with the Contract Documents
- o and Conform to all applicable standards and regulations promulgated by federal, state, local laws and regulations, standards boards, organizations of the Department of State, and adopted industry association standards.

At JEA's option, if the Company performs labor or services that fail to conform to the above mentioned warranties, JEA may correct the Defect at the Company's expense if the Company fails to make the appropriate corrections within a reasonable time upon notice by JEA, or JEA may require the Company to correct the Defect at its own cost. If Company fails to make the appropriate corrections within in a reasonable time upon notice by JEA, JEA reserves the right to terminate this Contract for Default without providing the Company a notice to cure.

## 2.6. INSURANCE, INDEMNITY AND RISK OF LOSS

### 2.6.1. INSURANCE

#### INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

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

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 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.

##### 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 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 the 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, 6th 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 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 Respondents for this Solicitation are considered Subcontractors under the direct supervision of the Company. Companies should show good faith efforts in providing assistance to JSEB firms in the securing of the insurance requirements in this Solicitation. Company shall submit subcontractors' certificates of insurance to JEA prior to allowing Subcontractors to perform any Work.

### 2.6.2. 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.

### **2.6.3. RISKS AND PROPERTY**

Company will be deemed to have accepted the waste when it removes the waste from the JEA site.

Upon Company's acceptance of the waste, title, risk of loss and all other incidents of ownership related to the waste shall pass directly from JEA to Company; at no time shall title, risk of loss or any other incidents of ownership or possession or control be in or with or shift to JEA.

JEA shall retain title to any of its equipment removed from JEA's sites, and Company shall assume the risk of loss of JEA's equipment while in transit.

## **2.7. TERM AND TERMINATION**

### **2.7.1. 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.

### **2.7.2. 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.

### **2.7.3. TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT**

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

- The Company assigns or subcontracts the Work without JEA's prior written consent;
- Any petition is filed or any proceeding is commenced by or against the Company for relief under any bankruptcy or insolvency laws;
- A receiver is appointed for the Company's properties or the Company commits any act of insolvency (however evidenced);
- The Company makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors;

- The Company suspends the operation of a substantial portion of its business;
- 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;
- 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;
- The Company attempts to willfully impose upon JEA items or workmanship that are, in JEA's sole opinion, defective or of unacceptable quality;
- The Company fails to comply with the Delivery Requirements, Storm Stock Requirements (if applicable), and Vendor on Hand Stocking Requirements (if applicable) specified in the Contract Documents;
- 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;
- The Company is determined, in JEA's sole opinion, to have misrepresented the utilization of funds or misappropriated property belonging to JEA; or
- Any material adverse change in the financial or business condition of the Company.

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.

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 and 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.

#### **2.7.4. SELF HELP**

Within three (3) business days after being notified by JEA in writing of defective work, unacceptable work or failure to perform any portion of the services required by this Agreement, if the Company fails to correct such work or perform such services, JEA may cause the unacceptable or defective work to be corrected or perform the services. If JEA undertakes to correct the work or perform the services, JEA shall be entitled to set off against and deduct from any monies due, or which may become due to the Company, the reasonable cost incurred by JEA. If the corrective work or services cannot reasonably be completed within such three (3) business day period, and the Company immediately begins corrective work or services, and JEA reasonably determines that the Construction Manager is diligently pursuing completion of such corrective work or Services, JEA agrees to allow the Company to complete correction of the defective or unacceptable work or perform services within a reasonable period of time.

All costs and expenses incurred by JEA pursuant to this Paragraph shall be deducted by JEA from monies due, or which may become due, to the Company for performance of the Services and its obligations herein.

The provisions of this Paragraph are cumulative to all other provisions of the Agreement and it is not intended that any deductions in payment taken pursuant to this Paragraph shall diminish or waive JEA's right to declare the

Company in default in accordance with applicable provisions of the Agreement or to exercise any other right or remedy available to JEA.

## **2.8. CONFIDENTIALITY AND OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTATION**

### **2.8.1. PUBLIC RECORDS LAWS**

Article 1, Section 24, Florida Constitution, guarantees every person access to all public records, and Section 119.011, Florida Statutes, provides a broad definition of 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.

If the Company believes that any portion of any documents, data or other records submitted to JEA are exempt from disclosure under Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, the Florida Constitution and related laws ("Florida's Public Records Laws"), Company must (1) clearly segregate and mark as "Confidential" the specific sections of the document, data and records that the Company claims are 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". Company shall only redact those portions of records that Company 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.

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

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.

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:

1. Keep and maintain public records that ordinarily and necessarily would be required by JEA in order to perform service;
2. 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;
3. 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
4. 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 THE CONTRACT, CONTACT JEA'S CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT:**

**JEA**

**Attn: Public Records  
21 West Church Street  
Jacksonville, Florida 32202  
Ph: 904-665-8606  
publicrecords@jea.com**

**2.8.2. PROPRIETARY INFORMATION**

The Company shall not copy, reproduce, or disclose to third parties, except in connection with the Work, any information that JEA furnishes to the Company. The Company shall insert in any subcontract a restriction on the use of all information furnished by JEA. The Company shall not use this information on another project. The Company shall return all information furnished by JEA upon completion of the Work. Upon request of JEA, Company must certify in writing that all information furnished to JEA has been returned to JEA and eliminated from Company's and any applicable subcontractors' computer systems.

**2.8.3. 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.

**2.8.4. PATENTS AND COPYRIGHTS**

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

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

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

If, in any such suit or proceeding, any part of the Services is held to constitute an infringement and its use is permanently enjoined, Company will, at once, make every reasonable effort to secure for JEA a license, authorizing the continued use of the Work. If Company fails to secure such license for JEA, Company will replace the Work with non-infringing Work, or modify the Work in a way satisfactory to JEA, so that the Work are non-infringing.

**2.8.5. WORK MADE FOR HIRE**

With the exception of Company's pre-existing intellectual capital and third-party Intellectual Property, JEA shall own all right, title and interest, including ownership of copyright (limited to the extent permitted by the terms of any governing licenses), in and to any product generated by the Work including, but not limited to, software, source

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

## **2.9. LABOR**

### **2.9.1. QUALIFICATION 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.

### **2.9.2. 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:

- The provisions of Presidential Order 11246, as amended, and the portions of Executive Orders 11701 and 11758 as applicable to Equal Employment Opportunity;
- The provisions of section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); and
- 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.

### **2.9.3. LEGAL WORKFORCE**

The Company's employment of unauthorized aliens shall be a violation of section 274A(e) of the Immigration and Nationalization Act and a breach of the provisions of 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.

#### **2.9.4. 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.

#### **2.9.5. HIRING OF OTHER PARTY'S 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.

#### **2.9.6. 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.

### **2.10. COMPANY'S RESPONSIBILITIES AND PERFORMANCE OF THE CONTRACT**

#### **2.10.1. JEA ACCESS BADGES**

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

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

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

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

### **2.10.2. 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 or who will have access to JEA's computer systems, either through on-site or remote access. The minimum background screening process shall include, but not be limited to, the following checks:

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

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

### **2.10.3. 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 BACKGROUND CHECKS AND OTHER INFORMATION SECURITY POLICIES 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).

#### **2.10.4. 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.

#### **2.10.5. 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.

#### **2.10.6. COMPANY REVIEW OF PROJECT REQUIREMENTS**

The Company shall review all requirements and specifications prior to commencing Work. 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.

#### **2.10.7. OVERSHIPMENTS**

JEA will reject any items that are attempted to be delivered but that JEA did not order, including excess quantities. The Company shall pay the cost of handling, packaging and transporting such equipment for return.

#### **2.10.8. RETURNED OR UNUSED MATERIALS**

To the extent that items can be resold by the Company, upon mutual agreement, the Company agrees to take back for credit or monetary refund to JEA excess items purchased pursuant to this Contract or items that may be added to this Contract in the future.

#### **2.10.9. LICENSES**

The Company shall comply with all licensing, registration and certification requirements pursuant to applicable laws, rules and regulations. The Company shall secure all licenses, registrations and certifications as required for the performance of the Work and shall pay all fees associated with securing them. The Company shall produce written evidence of licenses and other certifications immediately upon request from JEA.

#### **2.10.10. SAFETY AND PROTECTION PRECAUTIONS**

The Company shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, all JEA procedures and policies including any 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 clause is grounds for a Termination for Default, with no requirement to provide Company with a notice to cure. Additionally, the Company shall be responsible for all JEA damages associated with such termination.

The Company understands and agrees that JEA Representatives may stop Work at any time that JEA, in its sole discretion, determines that the Company's Work is unsafe or a risk to property, and may direct the Company to, at a minimum, perform as directed by JEA 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 further 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 its responsibility.

The Company Representative, or alternatively, the Company Supervisor, shall be designated as the Company's individual responsible for the prevention of accidents.

#### **2.10.11. DROP AND PICKUP OF EQUIPMENT**

The Company shall be solely responsible for the drop off and pick of equipment used in the performance of this contract.

#### **2.10.12. PICKUP TIMES AND LOCATIONS**

Pickup Locations: Per the Appendix A Technical Specifications

For accurate payment, all invoices and packing slips MUST contain the Purchase Order (PO) number, Release number (if applicable), Line number, Item ID, and Pickup Location. Shipments with an incomplete packing slip may be rejected.

#### **2.10.13. JEA CHANGES TO ORDER**

JEA shall have the right to make changes to the Work at any time and the Company agrees to accept such changes. In the event such changes result in decreased or additional costs, JEA shall make an equitable adjustment in the Contract Price provided the Company itemizes for JEA any additional costs.

#### **2.10.14. TELEPHONE CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT ("TCPA")**

Company indemnifies, defends and holds JEA harmless from any and all claims associated with a violation of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (CFR Title 47 Part 64).

## **2.11. VENDOR PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**

### **2.11.1. VENDOR PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**

#### Use of Vendor Performance Evaluation Scorecards

JEA may evaluate the Company's performance using the evaluation criteria shown on the vendor scorecard available which are available online at jea.com.

Scores for all metrics shown on the evaluation range from a low of 1, meaning significantly deficient performance, to a high of 5, meaning exceptionally good performance. The Company's performance shall be classified as Top Performance, Acceptable Performance, or Unacceptable Performance, as defined herein. The evaluator will be a designated JEA employee. The evaluator's supervisor and the Chief Purchasing Officer will review deficient performance letters and Unacceptable Performance scorecards, as described below, prior to issuance. 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.

#### Frequency of Evaluations

JEA may conduct performance evaluations and prepare scorecards in accordance with the procedures described herein 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.

#### Unacceptable Performance

If at any time, JEA determines, using the criteria described on the scorecard, that the performance of the Company is Unacceptable, the Project Manager and Chief Procurement Officer or her designated alternate will notify the Company of such in a letter. The Company shall have 10 days to respond to the Project Manager. Such response shall include, and preferably be delivered in-person by an officer of the Company, the specific actions that the Company will take to bring the Company's performance up to at least Acceptable Performance.

Within 30 days from date of the first Unacceptable Performance letter, the Project Manager and Chief Purchasing Officer or her designated alternate will notify the Company by letter as to whether its performance, as determined solely by JEA, is meeting expectations, or is continuing to be Unacceptable. If the Company's performance is described in the letter as meeting expectations, no further remedial action is required by the Company, as long as Company's performance continues to be Acceptable.

If the Company's performance as described in the letter continues to be Unacceptable, or is inconsistently Acceptable, then the Company shall have 15 days from date of second letter to demonstrate solely through its performance of the Work, that it has achieved Acceptable Performance. At the end of the 15-day period, JEA will prepare a scorecard documenting the Company's performance from the start of Work, or date of most recent scorecard, whichever is latest, and giving due consideration to improvements the Company has made in its performance, or has failed to make. If the scorecard shows Company's performance is Acceptable, then no further remedial action is required by Company as long as Company's performance remains Acceptable. If the scorecard shows the Company's performance is Unacceptable, 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, and other remedies available in the JEA Purchasing 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 an Unacceptable Performance scorecard, JEA may choose to accelerate these cycles at its sole discretion.

If the Company receives five or more letters of deficiency within any 12-month period, then JEA will prepare a scorecard describing the deficiencies and the Company's performance will be scored as Unacceptable.

#### Acceptable Performance

JEA expects the Company's performance to be at a minimum Acceptable.

### 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. If the Company is to be suspended from consideration for future Award of any contracts, the Company may appeal to the Procurement Appeals Board as per JEA Procurement Code.

### Public Records

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

## **2.12. JEA RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **2.12.1. 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.

### **2.12.2. 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.

### **2.12.3. 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.



## **2.13. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

### **2.13.1. 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.

### **2.13.2. AMENDMENTS**

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

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

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.

### **2.13.4. 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.

### **2.13.5. ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

The Contract constitutes the entire agreement between the parties. No statement, representation, writing, understanding, or agreement made by either party, or any representative of either party, which are not expressed herein shall be binding.

### **2.13.6. 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.

### **2.13.7. HEADINGS**

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

### **2.13.8. 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.

### **2.13.9. 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.

#### **2.13.10. MEETINGS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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

#### **2.13.11. 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.

#### **2.13.12. 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.

#### **2.13.13. 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.

#### **2.13.14. UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE**

This is a Contract for the sale of goods and shall be construed and enforced in accordance with Chapter 672, Florida Statutes, as the same may be amended from time to time.

#### **2.13.15. MERGER**

During the term of this Contract and any extension thereof any invoice that may be issued by the Company to JEA shall be issued in accordance with and subject solely to the terms and conditions contained herein, notwithstanding any language to the contrary contained in such invoices. Any invoice issued during the Term and any extension thereof shall not modify or amend this Contract, unless such invoice is intended to modify or amend this Contract and does so in accordance with the terms of this Contract.

#### **2.13.16. 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.

### **2.13.17. SEVERABILITY**

In the event that any provision of the Contract is found to be unenforceable under applicable law, JEA and the Company agree to replace such provision with a substitute provision that most nearly reflects the original intentions of JEA and the Company and is enforceable under applicable law, and the remainder of the Contract shall continue in full force and effect.

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.

### **2.13.18. SUBCONTRACTING OR ASSIGNING OF CONTRACT**

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.

### **2.13.19. 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.

#### **2.13.20. 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.

#### **2.13.21. TIME OF ESSENCE**

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

#### **2.13.22. 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/DETAILED SCOPE OF WORK (APPENDIX A)**

Technical Specifications and a Detailed Scope of Work are located in Appendix A of this Document. If there is no specific Technical Specification included for a referenced JEA Item ID, a quote must be provided of the identified approved manufacturer and manufacturer part number included within the Appendix B – Response Workbook.

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

JEA Forms required to be submitted with this Solicitation are included in Appendix B or may be obtained on JEA's website at [https://www.jea.com/about/procurement/bid\\_forms/](https://www.jea.com/about/procurement/bid_forms/).