

Request for Information (RFI) 1411767246
Construction Services for the Arlington East WRF Expansion Phase 2



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1 INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF THE RFI

With this RFI we request information regarding your company's opinion on an upcoming construction solicitation of the expansion of the Arlington East Water Reclamation Facility (WRF). Information will be gathered from different companies to learn about possible updates to JEA's solicitation documents prior to the actual construction bid. **This RFI is for informational and planning purposes and is not to be construed as solicitation or a commitment to issue a solicitation.**

General

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

IF A PROPOSER HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE CONTRACTORS DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT:

JEA

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

Redacted Submissions

If a Proposer believes that any portion of the documents, data or records submitted in response to this RFI are exempt from Florida's Public Records Law, Proposer 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 RFI and Respondent's name, and shall be clearly titled "Redacted Copy." Respondent should only redact those portions of records that Proposer claims are specifically exempt from disclosure under Florida's 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 RFI, Respondent agrees to protect, defend and indemnify JEA from and against all claims, demands, actions, suits, damages, liabilities, losses, settlements, costs and expenses (including but not limited to reasonable attorney fees and costs) arising from or relating to Respondent's determination that the redacted portions of its response to this Solicitation are not subject to disclosure.

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2 BACKGROUND, SCOPE, AND SOLUTION OPTIONS

2.1 Background

JEA owns, operates and manages the electric system established by the City of Jacksonville, Florida in 1895. In June 1997, JEA also assumed operation of the water and sewer system previously managed by the City. JEA is Florida's largest municipally owned utility and the seventh largest municipal in the United States.

2.2 Scope of Work

The scope of work for this project includes, but is not limited to, construction of new headworks, electrical room, mechanical screening equipment, washing compactors, screenings discharge system, effluent splitter box, and a new booster pump station.

Detailed technical specifications and drawings are available in the appendices to this RFI.

3 GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Please note that this RFI is issued solely for the purpose of obtaining information. Nothing in this RFI shall be interpreted as a commitment on the part of JEA to enter into a contract with any respondent thereof to make any procurement. JEA reserves the right to invite any of the RFI respondents to do a follow up presentation as part of the RFI process.

3.1 Response Instructions

3.1.1 Response Submission

All responses to this RFI are due no later than 12:00 p.m. EST on July 30, 2024. Respondents should submit an electronic copy via the Zycus system or email their Response to Dan Kruck at krucdr@jea.com. All responses should include on the first page the official name of the firm or entity submitting the response. Please consecutively number all pages of the response.

3.1.2 Response Content

Respondents should include a response to any of the questions set forth under Question and Vendor Responses (Section 5) of this RFI that the Respondent has an opinion on. Respondents may also submit other suggestions than those asked concerning the upcoming solicitation.

3.1.3 Response Format

JEA requests that all responses be submitted in your own format (no JEA specified Form).

3.2 Contacts

3.2.1 Questions

Potential respondents who have questions regarding this RFI may submit them to Dan Kruck at krucdr@jea.com or through the Zycus system by July 23, 2024. Respondents may only make inquiries and request clarification concerning this RFI by written questions via e-mail. Responses to inquiries and clarification questions will be provided electronically to all interested parties.

Note: There will be no informational sessions associated with this RFI.

3.2.2 Contact Information

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

Dan Kruck
JEA
225 N. Pearl St.
Jacksonville, FL 32202
E-mail: krucdr@jea.com

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3.3 Timeframes

3.3.1 RFI Timeline

RFI TIMELINE	
CALENDAR EVENT	DATE/TIME
RFI Issued	June 26, 2024
Optional Site Visit	July 17, 2024 @ 1:00 pm
Optional Site Visit	July 25, 2024 @ 1:00 pm
RFI Response Due	July 30, 2024 @ 12:00 pm

3.3.2 Tentative Solicitation Timeline

TENTATIVE SOLICITATION TIMELINE	
CALENDAR EVENT	DATE
Solicitation Posting and Release	August 22, 2024
Pre-Bid Meeting/Site Visit	September XX, 2024 (TBD)
Optional Site Visit	October XX, 2024 (TBD)
Solicitation End Date (Bids Due)	December 2024 (TBD)
Low Bid Review by JEA Board Capital Committee	January/February 2025 (Day TBD)
Contract approval by JEA Board	January/February 2025 (Day TBD)
Contract Execution	March 2025
PO Issued (to allow for material ordering)	March 2025
NTP Issued	April 2025

4 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

4.1 Requests for Additional Information

JEA retains the right to request additional information from respondents.

4.2 Optional Site Visits

There will be two optional site visits during this RFI process. See section 3.3.1 above for the dates/times of the optional site visits. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) will be required during the plant walkthrough portion of the optional site visits. Proper PPE for the walkthrough will be safety boots, hard hat, safety vest and eye protection. Hearing protection may be required in certain pump buildings.

- Location: Arlington East WRF – 1555 Millcoe Road, Jacksonville, FL 32211 – Conference Room

4.3 Cost Incurred

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

4.4 Review Rights

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

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4.5 Public Record

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

5 QUESTIONS AND VENDOR RESPONSES

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

5.1 Questions/Vendor Responses on Provided Files

5.1.1 General Questions

- Is your firm interested in bidding on this project? If not, what could JEA do to increase interest?
- Do you have bonding, timing, manpower, or other constraints?
- Are there any other issues or concerns not brought up anywhere else your firm would like to notify JEA about?

5.1.2 Solicitation File

Please provide any feedback your firm may have on any section of the solicitation that requires additional information, is not clear, or could possibly be updated. If, in your opinion, contract language (section 2) should be updated please provide specific red-lined language suggestions.

File

- 1411767246 Appendix A – Draft Solicitation

5.1.3 Technical Specification Files/Drawings

Please provide any feedback or questions on the technical specifications. Please note that JEA is intending to update the Technical Specifications and Drawings prior to the upcoming Bid to incorporate the answers to the previous solicitation addenda questions.

Files

- 1411767246 Appendix A - Technical Specifications Volume 1
- 1411767246 Appendix A - Technical Specifications Volume 2
- 1411767246 Appendix A - Drawings Volume 2
- 1411767246 Appendix A - Drawings Volume 3

5.1.4 Scheduling Requirements

Please provide any feedback or questions on the scheduling requirements for this project.

File

- 1411767246 Appendix A – CPM Scheduling Requirements.

5.1.5 Bid Forms

Please provide any feedback or questions concerning the Bid Forms, including the Bid Workbook. This upcoming contract will include the combination of two separate capital projects requiring a separate schedule of values for each project for accounting purposes. JEA welcomes any specific feedback on restructuring the Bid Workbook to be easier for contractors to work with, while still allowing JEA to properly evaluate bids and the separate project budgets.

Files

- 1411767246 Appendix B - Bid Forms
- 1411767246 Appendix B - Bid Workbook