

# 1) ITN for Inventory

## 1.1) Cover Page

Solicitation  
For Participation in  
Electric Meter Material for JEA Inventory FY25  
for  
JEA  
Jacksonville, FL  
Solicitation Number 1411902047

Optional Pre-Response Meeting via TEAMS or Teleconference on February 18, 2025, at 9:00 AM

Meeting URL: [Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

Meeting Number (Access Code): 214 444 972 815

Meeting Password: 1411902047

Dial In: 1-469-208-1810 | 852 600 963#

Those planning to attend the TEAMS should send contact information to: Lynn Rix at [rixlw@jea.com](mailto:rixlw@jea.com), 48 hours prior to the Pre-Response Meeting to have contact information documented.

Responses are due on March 11, 2025, by 12:00 PM EST

All Responses shall be submitted through JEA's E-Procurement and Contract Management Portal which is provided by Zycus Supplier Network which can be accessed at <https://zsn.zycus.com/guest>. Instructions on how to login to Zycus is provided below in this Solicitation. **LATE RESPONSES MAY BE REJECTED.**

JEA will publicly open all Responses received from qualified Respondents on March 11, 2025, via TEAMS.

For more information, please contact the JEA Buyer at:  
Lynn Rix at [rixlw@jea.com](mailto:rixlw@jea.com)

## 1.2) Scope of Work

The purpose of this Invitation to Negotiate (The ITN) is to evaluate and select a vendor that can provide electric meter material and provide the best value to JEA as described in this Solicitation (the "Work") and to determine the best method for JEA to procure the Work with regards to pricing, quality, design, and workmanship.

The required reports are as follows:

iSupplier Open PO – This report must be completed weekly and include the expected delivery date and any additional comments regarding the orders. Registering for iSupplier is required to complete this report. The report will be utilized to determine compliance with deliver and lead times. Monthly review meetings may be held. Failure to comply with lead times could result in JEA terminating the Contract for Default.

Capitalized terms used in this Solicitation without definition shall have the definitions given to them in Section 2 of this Solicitation.

## 1.3) Background

JEA owns, operates and manages the electric system established by the City of Jacksonville, Florida since 1895. In June 1997, JEA also assumed operation of the water and sewer system previously managed by the City. JEA is located in Jacksonville, Florida, where we proudly serve an estimated 522,469 electric, 396,566 water and 316,441 sewer and 26,902 reuse water customers. JEA is Florida's largest community owned utility and the eighth largest municipal in the United States.

## 1.4) Invitation - Submitting a Response

Respondents that meet the Minimum Qualification stated herein are invited to submit a Response to this Solicitation to perform the Work. A complete copy of this Solicitation, the Technical Specifications, forms and all other documents referenced in this Solicitation are on JEA's E-Procurement and Contract Management Portal which is provided by Zycus Supplier Network which can be accessed at <https://zsn.zycus.com/guest/genericRegister/JEA074>. Instructions on how to login to Zycus is provided below in this Solicitation.

All Responses are due at the time indicated on the title page of this Solicitation. Section 1 of this Solicitation are the instructions for submitting a Response for this Solicitation. Section 2 of this Solicitation contain the definitions and commercial contract terms associated with this procurement.

A Contract will presented to the Respondent awarded this Work and the Contract will incorporate by reference this entire Solicitation and all associated Addenda. A sample of the JEA Contract can be found on [jea.com](http://jea.com).

All documentation submitted with a Response must reference the Solicitation Title and Number stated herein. All Responses must be made on the appropriate forms and formats as specified by this Solicitation and uploaded to JEA's procurement platform.

All Responses should be delivered electronically to JEA via the Zycus platform. An automated, detailed auditing system provides sealed Response integrity. Responses remain sealed on the platform until the Close Date & Time (Due Date & Time).

A Respondent shall be solely responsible for timely delivery of its Response to the Zycus Supplier Network. Respondents are strongly encouraged to acquire log in credentials early as possible. Additionally Respondents are encouraged to submit Responses early to ensure uploading process goes smoothly. **If Respondent is not able to submit its Response via Zycus, then please email the Response to the JEA Buyer identified in the Section below titled "Questions".**

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

## 1.5) Zycus Instructions

I. How to Log Into Zycus

## A. New Users – Zycus

1. New Users will need to register to login. Registration will require Company name, address, phone, contact, title, phone and email address. Also, it is recommended users use Google Chrome to access Zycus.
2. Note if the company is already doing business with JEA, you may find the company is already registered in Zycus. To find out if you are registered, try entering your email address in the New User Registration screen. If you receive a message stating “Email ID already registered”, log in as an Existing User Log-in”. If you don’t know your password, enter your email address and click on “Forgot Password”.

## B. Existing Users or New Users with Previously Registered Emails

1. Once the user has a login on the sourcing platform select “Existing User Log-in”, the user may navigate to the solicitation by selecting the icon for the applicable solicitation.

## II. How to Submit a Response Using Zycus

1. Once logged in, users will see all JEA Sourcing Events, then select the applicable event.
2. Once in the Sourcing Event. The Sourcing Event has prompts for actions required to respond to the solicitation.
3. For the user to proceed to submit a Response to JEA using Zycus, the user will be required to provide its acceptance of the of the Zycus iSource Terms & Conditions associated with the work. Such Terms and Conditions may cover non-disclosure, safety, cyber security, Invitation for Bid contract terms, etc.
4. Once all terms are accepted, additional Solicitation information will be available for viewing and submitting a Response by selecting “Confirm Participation”. JEA will then have a record indicating the company intends to submit a Response.
5. A user then can respond to each section of the Solicitation, once completed with each section, select “Save”. Note each section has a red, yellow, green light code. Items will turn green once completed. Yellow and red lights mean there is additional action required. Users may also note under each tab, there are multiple questions to respond to, scroll down the list to ensure all questions are answered.
6. In most Solicitations, JEA will provide Technical Specifications, pricing tables in Excel which the user will need to download. Additionally, Excel pricing tables may need to be uploaded once completed to as part of the Response. Users can download the required attachments by selecting the “Buyers Attachments” icon.
7. Once the required forms are uploaded and saved, the section light will turn green. Once all sections are completed and green lighted, the User may select “Submit Response”.
8. Once the user selects “Submit Response”, the user will receive a “Success” pop-up when submitted.
9. Once submitted users may recall and modify submitted documentation and submit information until the Response Due Date and Time.

### 1.6) Questions

All Questions must be submitted in writing to the JEA Buyer listed herein at least five business days prior to the opening date. Questions received within five business days prior to the opening date may not be answered.

### 1.7) Pre-Response Meeting

There may be an optional Pre-Response meeting associated with this Solicitation at the date and time listed on the cover page of this Solicitation. All interested Respondents are invited to attend the Pre-Response meeting. Those planning to attend the TEAMS or teleconference may email their name and contact information to the JEA Buyer

listed herein at least 48 hours prior to the Pre-Response meeting to facilitate roll call. A Respondent must only sign in representing one company, unless otherwise agreed to by JEA in writing.

### **1.8) Opening of Responses**

All Responses received shall be publicly announced and recorded via TEAMS at the date and time indicated on the cover page of this Solicitation.

The details for the TEAMS will be on [jea.com](https://www.jea.com) at the following website: <https://www.jea.com> approximately 48 hours before the Response opening.

At the opening of Responses, a JEA representative will publicly open each Response that was received prior to the Date and Time, except for those Responses that have been properly withdrawn. JEA has the right to waive irregularities or informalities in the Responses to the extent allowable under applicable laws.

### **1.9) Alternate Provisions and Conditions**

Terms and conditions found in Responses that are contrary to requirements found in this Solicitation, including, but not limited to, the Contract terms and conditions contained in Section 2 of this Solicitation and any requirements found in the Technical Specifications attached as an exhibit or attachment to this Solicitation, will be rejected and are of no force and effect. However, JEA reserves the right to negotiate different terms and conditions and requirements if JEA determines that such terms and conditions and requirements are in the best interest of JEA.

### **1.10) Minimum Qualifications**

Respondent must meet the following Minimum Qualifications to be considered eligible to have its Response evaluated by JEA. Respondent must complete the Minimum Qualifications form in Appendix B or otherwise provide references for their years of experience. Respondents must provide reference from manufacturer stating Respondent is an authorized distributor. Respondents that are working or have worked for JEA in the past 2 years involving similar work must submit JEA as a reference. Otherwise, Respondent must provide a reference from any Florida utility company that Respondent currently has a similar contract with (at least 1 year old) or has had a contract with in the last five (5) years. JEA reserves the right to ask for additional back up documentation or additional reference projects to confirm the Respondent meets the requirements stated above.

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

- I. The Respondent must be the approved manufacturer or authorized distributor of the items listed in the Appendix B Response Workbook. Approved manufacturers for JEA are found in the Appendix B Response Workbook.
- II. The Respondent must provide a lead-time as part of the information entered into Appendix B – Response Workbook.
- III. The Respondent is not on the State of Florida Convicted Vendor List, State of Florida's Suspended Vendor List, The City of Jacksonville's Disqualified Vendor List, have not had their bidding privileges actively suspended by JEA, been debarred by JEA, or have had a contract with JEA terminated for default within the last two (2) years.

### **1.11) Number of Contracts to be Awarded**

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

### **1.12) Insurance Requirements**

Prior to JEA issuing a Purchase Order to the Company to begin the Work, the Company shall submit a certificate of insurance (COI) that is in compliance with amounts and requirements as indicated in this Solicitation. Note that the COI shall specifically indicate JEA as additional insured on all required insurance except Worker's Compensation and Professional Liability (if applicable). Furthermore, waiver of subrogation must be provided for all required insurance in favor of JEA, including its board members, officers, employees, agents, successors, and assigns.

### **1.13) Optional Use of Small and Emerging Business Program**

It is at the Respondent's option as to whether it chooses to subcontract with a JSEB firm. JEA encourages the use of JSEB firms; however, the Respondent is not required to utilize a JSEB to be awarded a Contract under this Solicitation.

For more information regarding the JSEB program, please contact Bill Hickey, JEA, Manager of Supplier Diversity Programs and Procurement Services, hickwj@jea.com or jsebprogram@jea.com.

#### **1.14) Basis of Award**

JEA will Award a Contract to the responsive and responsible Respondent whose Response meets or exceeds the Minimum Qualifications set forth in this Solicitation, and whose Response receives the highest ranking for the Selection Criteria stated herein.

#### **1.15) ITN Evaluation and Negotiation Process**

JEA intends to select Respondents (the "Short-list") with which to commence negotiations. A selection committee (hereinafter referred to as the "Selection Committee"), will be appointed by the Chief Procurement Officer (the "CPO"), or his designee, to review and evaluate each Response submitted. The CPO's office will distribute a copy of each Response to each member of the Selection Committee, and the members of the Selection Committee will separately and independently evaluate and rank the Responses using the "Selection Criteria" as stated below in this Solicitation. JEA will use this ranking to develop the Short-list of companies in which to proceed with contract negotiations.

Prior to developing the Short-list, JEA may request that the Respondents provide additional information to clarify their Response. JEA will NOT allow Respondents to submit additional reference projects or change said reference projects that were initially submitted for the purposes of meeting the Minimum Qualifications stated in this Solicitation. However, JEA may request clarification of submitted documentation so that JEA may make an accurate assessment in developing the Short-list. JEA must be satisfied that the successful Respondent has the necessary technical expertise, experience, and resource capabilities to satisfactorily perform the Work described in this Solicitation.

JEA reserves the right to Award a Contract based on the Selection Committee's initial evaluation of the Responses if JEA deems the Responses demonstrate adequate competition, compliance, and responsiveness to this Solicitation. If JEA determines the previously stated criteria have not been met, JEA will finalize the Short-list and proceed with contract negotiations.

Respondents are cautioned to present the best possible pricing offer in their initial Responses. Failing to do so may result in a Respondent not making the Short-list, and will not be allowed to proceed with contract negotiations. Additionally, the Total Bid Price submitted with the initial Response cannot be increased during the Solicitation process.

Once a Short-list is developed, the CPO, or his designee, will appoint a negotiating team (the "Negotiating Team"). The Negotiation Team may be comprised of the same individuals as were members of the Selection Committee. JEA reserves the right to negotiate concurrently or separately with the Short-list Respondents. JEA reserves the right to seek clarifications, to request Response revisions, and to request any additional information deemed necessary for proper evaluation of the Responses. JEA reserves the right to incorporate value added services or industry standard innovations recommended by a Respondent into the Contract's scope of work.

A Respondent that is included on the Short-list may be required, at the sole option of JEA, to make an oral presentation, provide additional written clarifications to its Response, or JEA may require site visits to Respondent's facilities. Oral presentations, handouts, and written clarifications will be attached to the Respondent's Response and will become a part of the Response as if originally submitted. The CPO or his designee will initiate and schedule a time and location for any presentations that may be required.

As a part of the negotiation process, JEA may contact the references provided by the Respondent for independently verifying the information provided in the Response, and to assess the extent of success of the projects associated with those references. JEA also reserves the right to contact references not provided by Respondents. Respondents may be requested to provide additional references. The results of the reference checking may influence the final negotiation, ranking, and Award recommendation.

After written clarifications, oral presentations, site visits, and any other negotiations deemed by JEA to be in its best interest, the Short-list Respondents will be given a deadline to submit their best and final offer (the "Best and Final Offer" or "BAFO"). The negotiation process will stop upon submission of the BAFO. Respondents will not be allowed to make further adjustments to their BAFO or communicate further with JEA, except to respond to requests for clarification from the Negotiating Team.

JEA 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. Following the conclusion of all negotiations, the JEA Negotiating Team will adjust and calculate the final rankings of the Short-list based on the Selection Criteria. Following the adjustment of the Short-list, the Negotiation Team shall meet in a public meeting to finalize the rankings and shall submit the top-ranked Respondent to the Chief Procurement Officer for the issuance of an Intent to Award and submission to the JEA Awards Committee for final approval.

Negotiations will not be open to the public but will be recorded. All recordings of negotiations 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 thirty (30) days after the opening of the Responses, whichever occurs earlier.

In its sole discretion, JEA reserves the right to withdraw this Solicitation either before or after receiving Responses, to reject any and all Responses either in whole or in part, with or without cause, or to waive any Solicitation requirement informalities, minor irregularities, and deficiencies in any Response, and to determine such action is in the best interest of JEA. Issuance of this Solicitation in no way constitutes a commitment by JEA to make an Award or enter into a Contract.

All Responses submitted to JEA are subject to the JEA's terms and conditions contained in this Solicitation and JEA's Procurement Code. Any and all additional terms and conditions submitted by Respondents are rejected and shall have no force.

#### **1.16) Selection Criteria**

The following criteria will be used by JEA to evaluate and rank Responses from Respondents who meet the Minimum Qualifications specified in this Solicitation.

#### **1.17) Quotation of Rates**

**Maximum score: 60 Points**

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

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

#### **1.18) Lead Time and Program to Maintain Promised Lead Time**

**Maximum points: 20 points**

Describe how lead times are determined and what program is in place to ensure delivery times are consistently met. For example, a slotting program, stocking program, multiple manufacturers, et. cetera.

Points associated with the above are in JEA's sole discretion.

#### **1.19) Value Add, Capabilities, and Experience**

**Maximum score: 20 points**

Respondent must complete the Minimum Qualifications form in Appendix B or otherwise provide references for their years of experience. Respondents must provide reference from manufacturer stating Respondent is an authorized distributor. Respondents that are working or have worked for JEA in the past 2 years involving similar work must

submit JEA as a reference. Otherwise, Respondent must provide a reference from any Florida utility company that Respondent currently has a contract with (at least 1 year old) or has had a contract with in the last five (5) years.

Respondent shall provide information on what value add programs their company may offer JEA. Examples: stocking, storm response, VMI programs, supplier portals, et. cetera.

#### **1.20) Tie**

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

#### **1.21) Required Forms to be Submitted**

The following forms must be completed and submitted to JEA at the timeframes stated below. The Respondent can obtain the required forms, other than the Minimum Qualification Form, Response Form and Response Workbook, by downloading them from JEA.com.

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

- I. Minimum Qualifications Form- This form can be found in Appendix B of this Solicitation
- II. Response Form- This can be found in Appendix B of this Solicitation
- III. Response Workbook - This can be found in Appendix B of this Solicitation
- IV. List of JSEB Certified Firms (if any)
- V. Subcontractor Form (if any). However, if the following Subcontractors are utilized to perform this Work, they shall be listed on the referenced Subcontractor Form: a. Electrical, b. Plumbing, c. HVAC, d. Instrument and controls (I&C), e. Equipment Suppliers (i.e., pumps, fans, etc.), f. Material Suppliers, g. Roofing, h. Fuel, I. Mechanical Engineer, j. Fire Protection, h. etc.

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

B. JEA also requests the following documents to be submitted prior to Contract execution. A Response will not be rejected if these forms are not submitted at the Response Due Date and Time. However, failure to submit these documents prior to Contract execution could result in Response rejection.

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

#### **1.22) Addenda Issuance (ITN)**

JEA may issue Addenda prior to the opening of Responses to change or clarify the intent of this Invitation to Negotiate (ITN). The Respondent shall be responsible for ensuring it has received all Addenda prior to submitting its Response and shall acknowledge receipt of all Addenda by completing the Confirmation of Receipt of ITN Addenda. JEA will post Addenda when issued online at JEA.com. Companies must obtain Addenda from the JEA.com website. All Addenda will become part of the ITN and any resulting Contract Documents. It is the responsibility of each Respondent to ensure it has received and incorporated all Addenda into its Response. Failure to acknowledge receipt of Addenda may be grounds for rejection of a Response at JEA's sole discretion.

#### **1.23) Contract Execution and Start of Work**

Within 30 days from the date of Award, JEA will present the successful Respondent with the Contract. Unless expressly waived by JEA, the successful Respondent must execute a Contract for the Work within 10 days after receiving the Contract from JEA. If the Respondent fails to execute the Contract or associated documents as required, JEA may cancel the Award with no further liability to the Respondent and retain any bid security or bond. Upon JEA's receipt of the executed Contract, certificate of insurance, and recorded Payment and Performance bonds (if applicable), JEA will issue a PO, in writing and signed by an authorized JEA representative as acceptance of the Response and authorization for the company to proceed with the Work, unless otherwise stated in the Contract or PO. For Construction Services: In the event that JEA intends to authorize the successful Respondent to proceed with administrative work only, or with only a portion of the Work, then the PO shall state the specific limitations of such authorization and JEA will issue a separate written Notice to Proceed to authorize the Respondent to begin Field Work, when applicable, or to perform the remainder of the Work, or any portion thereof. The Respondent shall ensure that it

is prepared to begin Field Work upon receipt of Notice to Proceed. Any Work performed outside of this partial authorization shall be at the Respondent's risk and JEA shall have no obligation to pay for such Work.

#### **1.24) Ex Parte Communication**

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

**Ex Parte Communication is strictly prohibited.** Failure to adhere to this policy will disqualify the noncompliant Respondent. Any questions or clarifications concerning this Solicitation must be sent in writing via email to the JEA Buyer at least five business days prior to the opening date. If JEA determines that a question should be answered or a requirement should be clarified, JEA will issue an Addendum to the Solicitation.

#### **1.25) Conflict of Interest**

This conflict of interest policy applies to all JEA construction projects ("Project"). Any company bidding the construction phase of a Project cannot at the time of Response/bid submittal, be affiliated with or have any direct or indirect ownership interest in the architect/engineer ("Designer") of record. The company will also be prohibited from bidding if the Designer has any direct or indirect ownership interest in the Contractor. Should JEA erroneously award a contract in violation of this policy, JEA may terminate the contract at any time with no liability to company, and company shall be liable to JEA for all damages, including but not limited to the costs to rebid the Project. The purpose of this policy is to encourage bidding and eliminate any actual or perceived advantage that one Respondent may have over another.

#### **1.26) Certifications and Representations of the Company**

By signing and submitting its Response, the Respondent certifies and represents as follows:

A. That the individual signing the Response is duly authorized to contractually bind the Respondent to the terms and conditions of this Solicitation and the Contract. Respondent shall provide satisfactory evidence of such authority within three days of JEA's request.

B. That every aspect of the Response and the detailed schedule for the execution of the Work, are based on its own knowledge and judgment of the conditions and hazards involved, and not upon any representation of JEA. JEA assumes no responsibility for any understanding or representation made by any of its representatives during or prior to execution of the Contract unless such understandings or representations are expressly stated in the Contract and the Contract expressly provides that JEA assumes the responsibility.

C. That, if successful, the Respondent will be registered to conduct business in the State of Florida and in active status with the Florida Division of Corporations at the time of execution of a Contract.

D. That the Respondent maintains in active status any and all licenses, permits, certifications, insurance, bonds and other credentials including, but not limited to, all licenses necessary to perform the Work. The Respondent also certifies that, upon the prospect of any change in the status of applicable licenses, permits, certifications, insurances, bonds or other credentials, the Respondent shall immediately notify JEA of status change.

#### **1.27) 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.

**1.28) JEA Publications**

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

**1.29) 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.

**1.30) Modification or Withdrawal of Responses**

The Respondent may modify or withdraw its Response at any time prior to the Response Due Date and Time by giving written notice to JEA's Chief Procurement Officer by submitting an updated Response. JEA will not accept modifications submitted by telephone, telegraph, email, or facsimile, or those submitted after the Response Due Date and Time. The Respondent may not modify or withdraw its Response for a period of 90 days following the opening of Responses.

**1.31) Notice of Prohibition Against Considering Social, Political, or Ideological Interests**

Pursuant to Section 287.0501, Florida Statutes, JEA may not:

- (i) Request documentation of or consider a vendor's social, political, or ideological interests when determining whether a vendor is a responsible vendor; or
- (ii) Give preference to a vendor based on the vendor's social, political, or ideological interests.

**1.32) 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.

**1.33) 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).

### **1.34) Availability Of Response After Opening**

In accordance with the Florida Public Records Law, Florida Statutes, Chapter 119, copies of all Responses are available for public inspection thirty (30) days after the opening of Responses or on the date of Award announcement, whichever is earlier. Respondents may review opened Responses once they are available for public inspection by contacting the designated JEA Buyer or JEA's Public Records custodian whose contact information can be found at jea.com. JEA will post a summary of the Response results immediately after the Response opening.

### **1.35) Reservation of Rights of JEA**

This Solicitation provides potential Respondents with information to enable the submission of written offers. This Solicitation is not a contractual offer or commitment by JEA to purchase products or services.

JEA reserves the right to reject all Responses, and to waive informalities if JEA deems such action to be in its best interest. JEA may reject any Responses that it deems incomplete or irregular including, but not limited to, Responses that omit a price on any one or more items for which prices are required, Responses that omit Unit Prices if Unit Prices are required, Responses that offer equal items when the option to do so has not been stated, and Responses that fail to include a Bid Bond, where one is required.

JEA reserves the right to cancel, postpone, modify, reissue and amend this Solicitation at its discretion.

JEA reserves the right to cancel or change the date and time announced for opening of Responses at any time prior to the time announced for the opening of Responses. JEA may Award the Contract in whole or in part. JEA may award multiple or split Contracts if it is deemed to be in JEA's best interest.

### **1.36) 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 COMPANY HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE COMPANY'S DUTY TO**

**PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT:**

**JEA**

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

**1.37) Scrutinized Companies**

Pursuant to Section 287.135(2), Florida Statutes, a company is ineligible to, and may not, bid on, submit a proposal for, or enter into or renew a contract with an agency or local government entity for goods or services of:

- (1) Any amount if, at the time of bidding on, submitting a proposal for, or entering into or renewing such contract, contractor is on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, created pursuant to Section 215.4725, Florida Statutes, or is engaged in a boycott of Israel; or
- (2) One million dollars or more if, at the time of bidding on, submitting a proposal for, or entering into or renewing such contract, contractor:
  - i. Is on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List created pursuant to Section 215.473, Florida Statutes; or
  - ii. Is engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria.

Pursuant to Section 287.135(3)(a)4, Florida Statutes, JEA may terminate this Contract at JEA's option if this Contract is for goods or services in an amount of one million dollars or more and the Company:

- (1) Is found to have submitted a false certification under Section 287.135(5), Florida Statutes;
- (2) Has been placed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List created pursuant to Section 215.473, Florida Statutes;
- (3) Is engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria.

Pursuant to Section 287.135(3)(b), Florida Statutes, JEA may terminate this Contract at JEA'S option if this Contract is for goods and services of any amount and Company:

- (1) Is found to have been placed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List; or
- (2) Is engaged in a boycott of Israel.

**1.38) Subcontractors Use for the Performance of the Work**

The Respondent must list the names of the major Subcontractors that it intends to use for this Work, unless the Work will be self-performed by the Respondent. The Subcontractors must be listed on the Subcontractors Form which is available at jea.com. Failure to submit this form with the Response may result in rejection of Respondent's Response. The Respondent shall not use Subcontractors other than those shown on the Subcontractor Form unless it shows good cause and obtains the JEA Representative's prior written consent.

If the Respondent plans to use Subcontractors to perform over 50% of the Work, the Respondent shall obtain JEA's approval at least five days prior to the Response Due Date. Failure to obtain JEA approval may result in rejection of the Respondent's Response.

**1.39) Defined Terms**

Words and terms defined in the section entitled "Definitions" of this document are hereby incorporated by reference into the entire document.

**2) Contract Terms and Conditions**

**2.1) Contract Document Terms and Conditions**

Section 2 of this Solicitation contains JEA's general terms and conditions that will govern the Contract awarded under this Solicitation. The Contract Documents will incorporate by reference all of the terms and conditions of this Solicitation, including all Technical Specifications, Appendices, Exhibits, Schedules and Forms included with this

Solicitation. An example of the Contract that the Company will be required to execute is available for review at [jea.com](http://jea.com).

**2.2) Definitions**

Capitalized words and terms used in this Solicitation shall have the meaning given to them in this Section 2. The Technical Specifications to this Solicitation may define additional words and terms where necessary to clarify the Work. Unless otherwise stated in this Solicitation or the Contract Documents, definitions set forth in Technical Specifications shall apply only within the Technical Specifications.

**2.3) Acceptance**

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

**2.4) Addendum/Addenda**

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

**2.5) Anniversary Date**

The date which is twelve (12) months after the effective date of the Contract, and each date which is twelve (12) months after an Anniversary Date that occurs while the Contract is in effect.

**2.6) Award**

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

**2.7) Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA)**

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.

**2.8) Blanket Release**

A JEA order against an existing Blanket Purchase Agreement.

**2.9) 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.

**2.10) Company**

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

**2.11) Company Representative**

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

**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.

**2.13) 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.

**2.14) 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.

**2.15) Contract Price**

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

**2.16) Contract Time**

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

**2.17) Delivery**

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

**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.

**2.19) Holidays**

The following days: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Presidents' Day, Memorial Day, Juneteenth, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, Day after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve Day, and Christmas Day. If a Holidays falls on a weekend, the Holiday is the day that JEA observes the Holiday.

**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.

**2.21) 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.

**2.22) JEA Project Manager**

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

**2.23) Performance - Meets Expectations**

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

**2.24) Performance - Below Expectations**

The Company averages less than 2.80 across all scorecard evaluation metrics or scores a 2 or less on an individual evaluation metric.

**2.25) Performance - Exceeds Expectations**

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

**2.26) Purchase Order**

A commercial document issued by JEA, authorizing work, indicating types, quantities, and agreed prices for products or services the Company will provide to JEA. Sending a PO to a Company constitutes a legal offer to buy products or services. The words "Purchase Order" are clearly marked across the top, a PO number is used for reference and invoicing purposes, includes an authorized JEA signature, and states the dollar amount of the lawfully appropriated funds.

**2.27) Quality Control**

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

**2.28) Quality Assurance**

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

**2.29) Response**

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

**2.30) Respondent**

The respondent to this Solicitation.

**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.

**2.32) 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.

**2.33) 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.

**2.34) Term**

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

**2.35) 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.

**2.36) 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.

**2.37) Order of Precedence**

The Contract shall consist of all of the following documents which, to the extent of any conflict, shall have priority in the order listed below:

- I. Contract Amendments
- II. Executed Contract Documents
- III. Addenda
- IV. This Solicitation, including all Appendices, Exhibits and Attachments to this Solicitation
- V. Company's Response
- VI. JEA's Purchase Order

**2.38) Payment Method - Delivery and Invoice**

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

**2.39) Invoicing and Payment Terms**

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

JEA will pay the Company the amount requested within thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of an Invoice from the Company subject to the provisions stated below.

JEA may reject any Invoice or Application for Payment within 20 calendar days after receipt. JEA will return the Invoice or Application for Payment to the Company stating the reasons for rejection. Upon receipt of an acceptable revised Invoice or Application for Payment, JEA will pay the Company the revised amount within ten (10) days.

JEA may withhold payment if the Company is in violation of any conditions or terms of the Contract Documents.

In the case of early termination of the Contract, all payments made by JEA against the Contract Price prior to notice of termination shall be credited to the amount, if any, due the Company. If the parties determine that the sum of all previous payments and credits exceeds the sum due the Company, the Company shall refund the excess amount to JEA within ten (10) days of determination or written notice.

#### **2.40) JEA Contractor Travel Policy**

To the extent the Company's fees include reimbursement for travel and travel related expenses, only the authorized expenses described here in will be reimbursed. The Company must request approval in writing from the JEA Project Manager for all travel for a specific person on official JEA business prior to commencement of travel. JEA will only reimburse the Company for actual cost of travel expenses that are documented with receipts submitted with the expense statement (the "Traveler"). The Traveler shall choose the most economical means of transportation, considering the nature of the business, the Traveler's time, cost of transportation, meals, lodging and incidental expenses required. Reimbursement shall be made only for travel performed over usually regularly traveled routes to the destination. When travel is by indirect route for the Traveler's own convenience, reimbursement for expenses shall be based only on such charges as would have been incurred over the usually traveled route.

##### **Authorized Expenses:**

###### **Airplane**

Travel by common carrier shall be reimbursed at the lowest coach fare rate available (except that the first class rate is authorized if coach fare is not available). Reservations for a Saturday night stay over are encouraged if it results in a net savings after considering all incremental travel related expenses.

Reimbursement for rented aircraft shall be based on the hourly rental rate for the aircraft, including fuel, if the cost of renting the aircraft can be demonstrated to be less than the lowest available common carrier coach fare.

A copy of the itinerary showing the cost must be submitted along with the expense statements.

###### **Private Automobiles**

If the total miles from the departure point to destination exceeds 400 miles round trip, the mileage reimbursement for use of a private motor vehicle shall be limited to the lesser of:

- I. IRS-authorized mileage rates described in Section 106.706 of the Ordinance Code, City of Jacksonville; or
- II. the lowest airline common carrier coach fare available to the nearest airport plus IRS-authorized mileage rate per mile from the airport to the destination.

If travel is by private automobile, reimbursement shall be based on IRS authorized mileage rate in existence at the time of travel. All mileage shall be completed from the constructive point of origin to the point of destination. Vicinity mileage incurred while driving on official business may also be reimbursed. No other reimbursement for expenses related to the operation, maintenance and ownership of a vehicle shall be allowed when a private motor vehicle is used on public business.

###### **Car Rental**

Rental cars shall be approved only if taxis or other means of transportation are less economical or otherwise impractical.

Every effort shall be made to coordinate travel so that Travelers share a rental car and thereby eliminate multiple cars at the same location. Travelers shall use the intermediate or midsize class vehicles unless the number of passengers or

the volume of equipment makes the intermediate/midsize class impractical. Personal accident insurance purchased by the traveler will not be reimbursed by JEA.

A copy of itemized rental car charges will be made and submitted with the expense statement.

### **Lodging**

Reasonable reimbursement will be made for the cost of overnight lodging when a Traveler is away from his/her place of residence. Travelers shall select lodging, which is the most economically available, consistent with the duties being performed. Travelers will be reimbursed for a single room rate; double occupancy rates may be obtained if two Travelers share a room.

Travelers must document all lodging expenses with itemized statement and paid receipt from lodging facility. A copy of the receipt must be submitted with the expense statement. Personal expenses such as entertainment, in-room movies, in-room services, in-room concessions (i.e., mini-bar charges) and other personal charges will not be reimbursed.

### **Meals**

Reimbursement is authorized for meals for all travelers while in a business travel status at the Federal Meal Pre-Diem for Jacksonville which can be found at Per diem rates | GSA.

### **Incidental Transportation Expenses**

The following expenses incidental to transportation of the Traveler may be reimbursed:

- I. Taxi fare
- II. Ferry fares, bridge, rail and tunnel tolls
- III. Storage and parking fees
- IV. Valet parking may be selected when there is not a more economical means of parking or where less economical options present a safety concern. Justification for the use of valet parking must be provided.
- V. One of the long-term (non-valet) airport parking options (vs. hourly parking) must be utilized for approved travel greater than 24 hours.
- VI. Reasonable gratuities for services incurred at a cost (not to exceed 20% of the cost of the service or to exceed the total subsistence allowance in the case of meals)
- VII. Reasonable gratuities for services incurred without a cost (limited to \$10 per day) (receipt not required, but service justification must be indicated)

### **2.41) Cost Savings 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.

### **2.42) Price Adjustment - Annual**

The index referred to herein shall be the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers Series ID: CUUR0000SA0 (the "CPI")

Contract prices (also referred to as "Unit Prices") for the Work will remain firm fixed through the first year of the Contract. For the purposes of this clause, the end date of the first year of the Contract shall be referred to as the "Anniversary Date", and the term "Anniversary Date" shall also apply to the end date of any renewals.

Thirty (30) days prior to the Anniversary Date, the Company may propose a percent adjustment to the Unit Prices based on the percent change in the CPI as calculated below. Price adjustment to the Unit Prices will be recognized by JEA within 30 days from the date of the request.



JEA also reserves the right to decrease the Unit Prices on the Anniversary Date if justified by the CPI. All price adjustments to the Unit Prices shall be capped at 6%. No retroactive price adjustments will be allowed.

Price Increase/Decrease Formula =  $((\text{Latest CPI Index} - \text{Base CPI Index}) / \text{Base 12 CPI Index}) \times 100 = \text{Percent Change (\%)} (rounded to thousandth of a percent)$

#### **2.43) Price Adjustment Alternative (Cost Tracking)**

In the event the Company or JEA has a need to present a price increase or decrease prior to the price adjustment clause described above based on unforeseen market condition shifts, JEA and the Company will take the following action:

The Company or JEA will provide a request within fourteen (14) calendar days of receipt of an order from JEA, to move to a new price via email or in writing. Any request not received within fourteen (14) calendar days of receipt of an order from JEA will be rejected. If approved, the new price will reflect a change of item(s) being requested to adjust via the new methodology. The two alternative acceptable methods are those done via Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers: All Items (CPIAUCNS) - Not Seasonally Adjusted but done at an interval not consistent with the original adjustment language; or a Cost Tracking method where the Tracking portion was the increase or decrease in Manufacturer's pricing that has changed in the market since the bid origination.

To make adjustments via a Cost Tracking model, the Company will submit in excel format the JEA item, the current lead-time of the requested item(s), the current unit price, the new requested pricing, the Company's cost and markup percentage change in which it is being requested that JEA's costs track to either upwards or downwards, and the aggregate total dollar change & percentage change. Additionally, the Company will provide adequate documentation from their manufacturer(s) for vetting the price adjustment request to ensure updated prices are tracking to the manufacturer's updated pricing on a 1:1 basis.

For adjustments via Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers: All Items (CPIAUCNS) - Not Seasonally Adjusted on an alternative interval, the Company will provide the manufacturer price adjustment to JEA on a monthly or mutually agreed to basis for review of the presented price increases.

Any items that are moved to an alternative cost adjustment methodology, will be evaluated by JEA's procurement team, benchmarked in the industry or against other Respondents. If JEA finds an alternative source that has a lesser price, that JEA deems is of significance, JEA may elect to move the item from the Company's Agreement to the Agreement of another Respondent of the same Solicitation or remove it completely from all Contracts.

#### **2.44) Discount Pricing**

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

- I. -1% 20, net 30
- II. -2% 10, net 30

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

#### **2.45) 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.

#### **2.46) Taxes**

JEA is municipally owned utility and is exempt from paying Florida Sales and Use Tax, and is exempt from Manufacturer's Federal Excise Tax when purchasing tangible personal property for its direct consumption. Additionally, pursuant to Florida Statute 212.08(5) (c) 3, if Company or Subcontractor is buying materials for JEA's electric generating stations, other than Northside Unit 3, JEA can issue the Company or Subcontractor an affidavit that will allow Company or Subcontractor to purchase materials tax free on behalf of JEA.

## **2.47) Warranty (Goods)**

The Company warrants that the goods furnished by the Company shall be free from defects in material and fabrication for a period of not less than two (2) years from the date of Delivery at the JEA site.

THE FOREGOING EXPRESSED WARRANTIES ARE IN LIEU OF ALL OTHER WARRANTIES. COMPANY EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE. JEA'S REMEDY FOR BREACH OF ANY WARRANTY MADE BY COMPANY IN CONNECTION WITH THE PURCHASE OF ANY GOODS HEREUNDER, shall be the right to require Company to repair or, at JEA's option, to replace, any defective goods. Company shall not be responsible for labor associated with disassembly, installation or replacement of goods unless the Company performed the original disassembly, installation or replacement of those goods.

JEA'S REMEDY FOR THE BREACH OF ANY WARRANTY MADE BY COMPANY IN CONNECTION WITH THE PURCHASE OF ANY SERVICES HEREUNDER, shall be to require the Company to correct such Defect at Company's sole expense.

In the event that JEA determines the repair or replacement of the defective goods or the correction of the defective services is an ineffective remedy, JEA'S remedy is the right to recover the amount paid to Company for the defective goods or services. JEA must return the defective goods to Company, if so requested by Company. Written notice specifying the particular defect in the goods or services must be given promptly by JEA to the Company. If the Work includes items covered under a manufacturer's or subcontractor's warranty that exceeds the requirements stated herein, Company shall transfer such warranty to JEA. Such warranties do not in any way limit the warranty provided by the Company to JEA.

## **2.48) Insurance**

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

### **Workers' Compensation**

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

### **Commercial General Liability**

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: \$1,000,000 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 uploaded to JEA's ISupplier Portal which can be found at [iSupplier Procurement and Accounts Payable Portal | JEA](#)

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

It shall be the sole responsibility of Company to ensure that any Subcontractors performing work for Company are properly insured against any claim, action, loss, damage, injury, liability, cost and expense (including, but not by way of limitation, reasonable attorney's fees and court costs) to the extent caused by the negligence, recklessness or intentional wrongful misconduct of the Subcontractors.

#### **2.49) 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.

#### **2.50) Indemnification - Release of JEA Customer Information**

The Company shall hold harmless and indemnify JEA against any and all claims actions, losses, damages, injuries, liability, costs and expenses of whatsoever kind or nature (including, but not by way of limitation, reasonable attorney's fees and court costs) arising out of the unwarranted disclosure of any JEA customer information that is in the possession of Company or any of its employees, agents or Subcontractors either in paper or electronic format, including disclosure caused by theft, electronic system malfunction, negligence, or any other cause for the information to become public or otherwise used for any purpose whatsoever.

#### **2.51) Delays**

Neither party shall be considered in default in the performance of its obligations hereunder to the extent that the performance of such obligation is prevented or delayed by any cause beyond the reasonable control of the affected party, and the time for performance of either party hereunder shall be extended for a period of equal to any time lost due to such prevention or delay.

#### **2.52) Delay in Acceptance**

JEA may delay delivery or acceptance of goods in the event of any unforeseen event. The Company shall hold the goods pending JEA's direction, and JEA will be liable only for direct increased costs incurred by the Company by reason of JEA's instructions.

#### **2.53) 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.

#### **2.54) Term of Contract**

The Contract shall commence on the effective date of the Contract and continue and remain in full force and effect as to all its terms, conditions and provisions as set forth herein for five (5) years.

JEA may renew the Contract in its sole discretion for two additional one-year periods.

The Contract shall be contingent upon the existence of lawfully appropriated funds for the Contract. Certain provisions of the Contract may extend past termination including, but not limited to, Warranty and Indemnification provisions.

#### **2.55) 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.

#### **2.56) Termination for Default (No Bonds)**

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

1. The Company assigns or subcontracts the Work without JEA's prior written consent;
2. Any petition is filed or any proceeding is commenced by or against the Company for relief under any bankruptcy or insolvency laws;
3. A receiver is appointed for the Company's properties or the Company commits any act of insolvency (however evidenced);
4. The Company makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors;
5. The Company suspends the operation of a substantial portion of its business;
6. The Company suspends the whole or any part of the Work to the extent that it impacts the Company's ability to meet the schedule for the Work, or the Company abandons the whole or any part of the Work;
7. The Company breaches or fails to comply with any of the conditions or provisions of the Contract Documents, and, if such breach or failure is capable of cure, Company does not cure the breach or failure within 15 days after receipt of written notice from JEA;
8. The Company attempts to willfully impose upon JEA items or workmanship that are, in JEA's sole opinion, defective or of unacceptable quality;
9. The Company has been placed on the list maintained under Section 287.135, Florida Statutes, of companies with activities in Sudan or in Iran Petroleum Energy Sector;
10. The Company is determined, in JEA's sole opinion, to have misrepresented the utilization of funds or misappropriated property belonging to JEA; or
11. Any material adverse change in the financial or business condition of the Company.

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

This Section shall in no way limit JEA's right to all remedies for nonperformance provided under law or in equity. Further, the rights and remedies available to JEA are distinct, separate and cumulative remedies, and no one of them, whether or not exercised by a party, shall be deemed to be in exclusion of any other.

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

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

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

If, after an Event of Default, it is determined that an Event of Default did not occur, or that the default was excusable, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if JEA had terminated the Contract for convenience.

#### **2.57) Actions After Termination**

Immediately upon termination or expiration of this Contracts, Company must return to JEA all materials, documents and things used by Company and belonging to JEA, including proposals, computer files, borrower files, building keys, and any other property or information regarding continued business compliance or goodwill, whether in electronic or hard-copy form.

Furthermore, upon JEA's request, Company shall certify in writing that all of the foregoing documents or materials, including archival or backup copies, whether in electronic or hard-copy form, have been returned to JEA, deleted from any computer system, or otherwise destroyed.

#### **2.58) 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.

**2.59) Data Obligations at Termination or Suspension of Contract**

In the event of the Contract expiration or termination, the Company shall implement an orderly return of JEA's data in a mutually agreeable format at a time agreed to by JEA and the Company, or upon JEA's request, the Company shall secure the disposal of all JEA data. During any period of service suspension, the Company shall not take any action to intentionally erase any JEA data or its customers. In the event of termination of any services or the Contract in its entirety, the Company shall not take any action intentionally to erase any data of JEA or its customers except as mutually agreed upon in writing by the Company and JEA. Upon JEA request, the Company shall securely dispose of all request data in all its forms.

**2.60) 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.

**2.61) 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.

**2.62) Company Review of Project Requirements**

The Company shall review all requirements and specifications prior to commencing Work. The Company represents that its total Response Price and the schedule for the execution of the Work are based on its own knowledge and judgment of the conditions and hazards involved, and not upon any representation of JEA. JEA assumes no responsibility for any understanding or representation made by any of its representatives during or prior to execution of the Contract unless such understandings or representations are expressly stated in the Contract and the Contract expressly provides that JEA assumes the responsibility.

The Company shall immediately notify the Project Manager in writing of any conflict with applicable law, or any error, inconsistency or omission it may discover. JEA will promptly review the alleged conflicts, errors, inconsistencies or omissions, and issue a Change Order or Contract Amendment as appropriate if JEA is in agreement with the alleged conflict, and issue revised specifications. Any Work the Company performs prior to receipt of approved Change Order will be at the Company's sole risk.

**2.63) Safety Data Sheets**

Safety Data Sheets must accompany shipments of any items containing toxic substances listed in Chapter 442, Florida Statutes.

**2.64) Returned or Unused Equipment**

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

**2.65) Safety and Protection Precautions**

The Company shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, all JEA procedures and policies including, but not limited to, JEA's Contractor Safety Management Process (available at JEA.com), and orders of any public body having jurisdiction for the safety of persons or protection of property. The Company understands and agrees that a violation of any provision of this Section e is grounds for an immediate termination of the Contract for default, with no requirement for JEA to provide Company with advanced notice and opportunity to cure. Additionally, the Company shall be responsible for all JEA damages associated with such termination.

The Company shall only use those Subcontractors who have met JEA Safety Prequalification requirements in the JEA Contractor Safety Management Process. The Company shall ensure that Subcontractors and their personnel have all the necessary personal protective equipment and training needed to perform the Work safely.

The Company understands and agrees that JEA Representatives may stop Work at any time that JEA, at its sole discretion, considers the Company's Work to be unsafe or a risk to person or property, and to direct the Company to, at a minimum, perform as directed in such a way as to render the Work environment safe. The Company understands and agrees that it is responsible for paying all costs associated with providing a safe work environment including, but not limited to, any costs associated with any JEA directed safety improvements. The Company also understands and agrees that it is solely responsible for the safety of personnel and property associated with the Work, and that any actions taken by JEA to prevent harm to persons or damage to equipment does not, in any way, relieve the Company of this responsibility.

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

If the nature of the Work requires, the Company shall notify the police and fire departments as to its Work Location in order to ensure prompt response in an emergency.

Finally, the Company represents and warrants to JEA that it has the capacity to train and supervise its employees, Subcontractors and suppliers to ensure the Work complies with all safety requirements of the Contract Documents. The Company shall be responsible for executing the necessary safety training and supervision of its employees and Subcontractors, and acknowledges that JEA is not responsible for training or supervising the Company's employees, except when noted for the purpose of enforcing compliance with these safety requirements.

#### **2.66) Shipping - FOB Destination**

Items are purchased F.O.B. destination. The Company shall ensure the following:

- I. Pack and mark the shipment to comply with the Contract Documents; or in the absence of specifications in the Contract Documents, prepare the shipment in conformance with carrier requirements;
- II. Prepare and distribute commercial bills of lading;
- III. Deliver the shipment in good order and condition to the point of delivery specified in the Contract;
- IV. Be responsible for any loss of and/or damage to the goods occurring before receipt of the shipment by JEA Representative at the delivery point specified in the Contract;
- V. Be responsible for obtaining any permits required for transportation to the installation site;
- VI. Furnish a delivery schedule and designate the mode of delivering carrier; and
- VII. Pay and bear all charges to the specified point of delivery.

#### **2.67) Warehouse Addresses & Hours**

Delivery Location: JEA Storeroom, 6674 Commonwealth Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32254. Delivery Times: Normal material receiving hours for CSC are 7:30 AM - 3:00 PM Monday through Thursday with the exception of JEA observed holidays. Vendor is to make freight carrier aware that delivery vehicles will not be allowed to park outside a JEA facility prior to the established delivery time. No Friday deliveries.

#### **2.68) Shipping and Packing Instructions**

Insofar as transportation conditions will allow, the Company shall ship items complete and ready for installation or storage as appropriate for the items being supplied.

As applicable, should the size of the items prevent shipment fully assembled, the Company will separate the items into components to allow safe and convenient transportation.

The JEA Project Manager's receipt or taking delivery of any items, in whole or in part, will not be deemed a waiver of any right, claim or remedy or Acceptance of JEA under the Contract or otherwise.

The Company shall pack, brace and load all items in such a manner as to prevent physical damage and damage from marine and climatic conditions. The Company shall identify any item that requires special precautions during shipping

and storage by clearly marking necessary precautions on the outside of the shipping container and including specific instructions in a durable envelope attached to the container and suitably labeled.

The Company shall ship welding rods in sealed metal containers that are properly identified.

The Company shall clearly and indelibly mark all packages, boxes, crates, bundles, and unpackaged components with the necessary shipping information. The Company shall apply the markings using a method suitable to the type of product and packaging involved. The Company's markings shall indicate: the destination address, the JEA Purchase Order (PO) number or JEA Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA) number and the Company's name; the material code numbers and other identification as specified by the PO or BPA (JEA Item ID); the Company's shipment identification number, numbering of packages, boxes, crates, components, or assemblies of the shipment; and the mass and sizes of each major component or assembly (if the lifting points are critical, they shall be clearly marked and identified). Where JEA marks or serial numbers are included as tags on the items being shipped, the Company shall also print the JEA marks or serial numbers on the shipping documents. A copy of the packing slip shall be mailed to the delivery address prior to shipping the items.

The Company shall enclose a detailed packing slip, listing each separate item, in a waterproof envelope, which shall be firmly attached to each shipping container. When conformance to an ISO Quality Program Standard is required, each packing slip shall include the following certification: "The equipment listed herein has been inspected by the Company and is in conformance with the Contract requirements and approved for shipment." Such certification shall be endorsed with the signature and the title of an authorized representative of the Company's Quality Control. For instruments, the Company shall also enclose a list showing JEA's mark numbers.

The Company shall be responsible for identifying opportunities and implementing practices to reduce or eliminate packaging and shall properly dispose of all packaging.

The Company shall seal all openings in equipment such as vessels, valves and pumps. Where necessary, the Company shall provide skids, hauling eyes, jacking plates, and sling hooks for unloading and field assembly. The Company shall notify JEA prior to shipping where pallets are required; JEA will provide pallets to the Company for shipping purposes. The Company will be liable for any pallets lost or damaged by the Company.

#### **2.69) Expediting Shipment or Production of Goods**

The Company shall allow the JEA Project Manager or JEA representative to access to the Company's plants and to plants of the Company's suppliers to expedite production and shipment of goods. The Company shall, upon receipt of timely request, furnish schedules and progress reports for JEA use in expediting.

#### **2.70) Over Shipments**

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.

#### **2.71) JEA Representative**

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

#### **2.72) 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.

#### **2.73) Vendor Performance Evaluations**

##### **Use of Vendor Performance Evaluation Scorecards**

JEA may evaluate the Company's performance using the Vendor Performance Scorecard templates which are available online at jea.com. However, JEA is not required to use scorecards to terminate a contract.



When evaluating the Company's performance, JEA will consider the performance of the Company's Subcontractors and suppliers, as part of the Company's performance.

Vendors are scored on a scale from 1 to 5:

5 - Far Exceeds Expectations

4 - Exceeds Expectations

3 - Meets Expectations

2 - Below Expectations

1 - Far Below Expectations

The Scorecard averages all the scores for each criterion. If a Vendor scores a 3 or higher, they are considered to at least Meet Expectations.

### **Frequency of Evaluations**

JEA may conduct performance evaluations and prepare scorecards at any time during performance of the Work or soon after the completion of the Work. JEA may conduct one or more evaluations determined solely at the discretion of JEA.

### **Scoring -Meets Expectations**

JEA expects the Company's performance to be at a minimum evaluated as "Meets Expectations".

### **Scoring - Below Expectations**

If at any time, JEA determines, using the criteria described on the scorecard, that the performance of the Company is Below Expectations or Far Below Expectations, the Project Manager may first meet with the Company and issue a deadline for the Company to be back in compliance with the Contract.

If the Company fails to achieve Contract compliance, the Chief Procurement Officer or her designated alternate may meet with the Company to review the scorecard and/or send a Notice to Cure letter to the Company describing the deficient performance. The Company shall respond as requested and shall also include in its response a statement of the timeframes and specific actions that the Company will take to bring the Company's performance up to at least Meets Expectations.

The Company's performance may again be evaluated by the JEA Project Manager and if the Company is evaluated as at least Meets Expectations, no further remedial action is required by the Company, as long as Company's performance continues to be at Meets Expectations.

If the scorecard shows the Company's performance is Below Expectations or Far Below Expectations, JEA will take such actions as it deems appropriate including, but not limited to, terminating the Contract for breach, suspending the Company from bidding on any JEA related solicitations, invoking the Self Help clause, and other remedies available in the JEA Procurement Code and in law. Such action does not relieve the Company of its obligations under the Contract, nor does it preclude an earlier termination.

In the event that the Contract Term or the remaining Term of the Contract does not allow for the completion of the deficient performance notification cycles described above for those in danger of receiving a Below Expectations scorecard, JEA may choose to slow down or accelerate these cycles at its sole discretion.

If the Company receives five or more letters of performance deficiency within any 12-month period, then JEA will consider suspending the Company's JEA bidding privileges.

### **Disputes**

In the event that the Company wants to dispute the results of its scorecard performance evaluation, the Company must submit a letter to the Chief Procurement Officer supplying supplemental information that it believes JEA failed to take into account when preparing the scorecard. Such letter, along with supplemental information, must be submitted no later than 10 days following the Company's receipt of the scorecard. If the Chief Procurement Officer decides to change the scorecard, the Company will be notified and a revised scorecard will be prepared, with a copy issued to the Company. If the Chief Procurement Officer decides that no change is warranted, the decision of the Chief Procurement Officer is final.

## **Public Records**

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

### **2.74) Qualifications of Employees, Subcontractors, and Agents**

All employees, subcontractors and agents of the Company performing work under the Contract shall be properly trained and qualified. Upon request, Company shall furnish a copy of a technical certification or other proof of qualification. All employees, subcontractors and agents performing work under the Contract must comply with all reasonable administrative requirements of JEA and with all controlling laws and regulations relevant to the services they are providing under the Contract.

The Company shall take all actions necessary to ensure that the Company's employees, subcontractors and agents are not considered employees of JEA. Such actions include, but are not limited to, ensuring that Company's employees, subcontractors and agents receive payment and any legally mandated insurance (e.g., workers' compensation and unemployment compensation) from an employer other than JEA.

### **2.75) 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.

### **2.76) Background Checks and Other 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:

- I. Social Security Number (SSN) Trace;
- II. Criminal Records (County and State Criminal Felony and Misdemeanor, National Criminal Database, Federal Criminal);
- III. Background checks undertaken by JEA for its own employees who have duties similar to the duties of the Company's employee(s); and
- IV. 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.

### **2.77) 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 required by this Contract, 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:

1. 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.
2. Notification by the Company of Company-identified incidents related to the products or services provided to JEA that pose cyber security risk to JEA
3. Coordination of responses to Company-identified incidents related to the products or services provided to the JEA that pose cyber security risk to JEA
4. Notification by Company when remote or onsite access should no longer be granted to Company representatives
5. Disclosure by Company of known vulnerabilities related to the products or services provided to the JEA
6. 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
7. Coordination of controls for (i) Company-initiated Interactive Remote Access, and (ii) system-to-system remote access with Company
8. Compliance with JEA CIP Cyber Security Policy (MD-202).

### **2.78) Legal Workforce**

The Company's employment of unauthorized aliens shall be a violation of section 274A(e) of the Immigration and Nationality Act and a breach of the provisions of the Contract. The Company and all Subcontractors must enroll and participate in the federal E-Verify Program prior the performance of any part of the Work and appropriately screen all individuals performing any part of the Work. Proof of enrollment and participation must be provided to the JEA Representative upon request.

### **2.79) Data Ownership, Protection and Location**

JEA shall own all right, title and interest in all data of JEA and JEA's customers that is related to the Work. The Company shall only access JEA's data and JEA's customers' accounts and data if (i) required to provide the Work, (ii) required in response to service or technical issues, (iii) required by the express terms of the Contract, or (iv) at JEA's written request. Protection of personal privacy and data shall be an integral part of the Work to ensure that there is no inappropriate or unauthorized use of data of JEA or JEA's customers at any time.

The Company shall safeguard the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of all data of JEA and its customers and comply with the following:

The Company shall implement and maintain appropriate administrative, technical and organizational security measures to safeguard against the unauthorized access, disclosure or theft of Personal Data or Non-Public Data. For the purposes of the Contract, "Personal Data" shall mean data that includes information relating to a person that identifies the person by name and has any of the following personally identifiable information: government-issued identification numbers (e.g., Social Security, driver's license, passport); financial account information including account number, credit or debit card numbers; or protected health information relating to a person. Non-Public Data shall mean data, other than Personal Data, that is not subject to distribution to the public as public information and is deemed to be sensitive and confidential because it is exempt by statute, ordinance or administrative rule from access by the general public as public information;

All data obtained by Company under the Contract shall become and remain the property of JEA:

- I. All Personal Data and Non-Public Data shall be encrypted at rest and in transit with controlled access. Unless otherwise agreed in writing by JEA and the Company, the Company shall be responsible for encryption of the Personal Data and non-Public Data;
- II. At no time shall any Personal Data or Non-Public Data of JEA or its customers be copied, disclosed or retained by the Company or any party related to the Company for subsequent use in any transaction that is not a part of the Work to be provided under the Contract;
- III. The Company shall not use any Personal Data, Non-Public Data or any other information collected in connection with the Contract for any purpose other than providing the Work; The Company will prevent its employees, other than employees with a need to know, from gaining access to JEA's data and information. The Company will direct and take all reasonable steps to insure that any Company employee who encounters any such information during the course of performing the Company's responsibilities of the Contract shall maintain the confidentiality of such information, which shall not be passed onto other Company employees or any other person. The Company shall also enforce separation of job duties, require commercially reasonable non-disclosure agreements, and limit staff knowledge of JEA data to that which is absolutely necessary to perform job duties. The Company shall provide the Work solely from data centers in the United States. Storage of JEA data at rest shall be located solely in data centers in the United States. The Company shall not allow its personnel or its subcontractors to store JEA and JEA customer data on portable devices, including personal computers, except for devices that are used and kept only at its data centers in the United States. The Company shall permit its personnel and subcontractors to access JEA and JEA customer's data remotely only as required to provide technical support. The Company shall deploy reasonable steps and safeguards as part of a network security program in accordance with accepted industry practices, including but not limited to, Purchasing Card Industry-Data Security Standards (PCI-DSS), to prevent unlawful hacking to gain surreptitious access into JEA's and JEA's customer's data.

The Company shall promptly notify JEA within 48 hours of any confirmed breaches or issues regarding the security of systems that maintain JEA or JEA's customer data, or within 12 hours in the event of a ransomware incident.

However, any such notification by the Company shall not affect the Company's obligations to secure JEA's data as provided under the Contract. The Company shall notify JEA within 48 hours if it learns that JEA or any of JEA's customers has been, have been, or may have been, the subject of a Security Incident (which is defined below) of any kind which may compromise data of JEA or its customers, except in the event of a ransomware incident, in which case the Company shall notify JEA within 12 hours of such incident. In any such event, the Company shall: (i) investigate the incident(s) and provide a report to JEA within 48 hours; (ii) conduct a forensic investigation to determine a cause and what data/systems are implicated; (iii) provide daily updates of its investigation to JEA and permit JEA reasonable access to the investigation; (iv) communicate and cooperate with JEA concerning communication with outside parties such as law enforcement and media; and (v) cooperate with JEA in determining whether and how notice, if any, will be provided to JEA's customers with all applicable laws and regulations.

The term "Security Incident" means the potentially unauthorized access by non-authorized persons to Personal Data or Non-Public Data that the Company believes could reasonably result in the use, disclosure, or theft of unencrypted Personal Data or Non-Public Data of JEA or its customers within the possession or control of the Company. If a Data Breach (defined below) with respect to Personal Data or Non-Public data has occurred, the Company shall promptly implement necessary remedial measures and document responsive actions taken related to the Data Breach, including any post-incident review and actions taken to make changes in business practices in providing the Work, if necessary.

If a Data Breach is a result of the Company's breach of its obligation to encrypt Personal Data or Non-Public Data or otherwise prevent the release of Personal or Non-Public Data or the Company's failure to comply with any of the security requirements comply with the Contract, the Company shall bear the costs associated with (i) the investigation and resolution of the Data Breach; (ii) notifications to individuals, regulators or others required by state law; (iii) a credit monitoring service required by state or federal law; (iv) a website or toll-free number and call center for affected individuals required by state law; and (v) completing all corrective actions as reasonably determined by the Company based on root cause.

The term "Data Breach" means the unauthorized access by a non-authorized person or persons that results in the use, disclosure or theft of unencrypted Personal Data, Non-Public Data or JEA's customer information.

## **2.80) Confidentiality & Public Records Laws**

### **CONFIDENTIALITY & PUBLIC RECORDS LAWS**

#### **Access to Public Records.**

All Documents, data and other records received by JEA in connection with the Contract are public records and available for public inspection unless specifically exempt by law. The Company shall allow public access to all documents, data and other records made or received by the Company in connection with the Contract unless the records are exempt from Section 249(a) of Article I of the Florida Constitution or subsection 119.07(1), Florida Statutes. JEA may unilaterally terminate the Contract of the Company refuses to allow public access as required under the Contract.

#### **Redacted copies of Confidential Information.**

If the Company believes that any portion of any documents, data or other records submitted to JEA are exempt from disclosure under Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, the Florida Constitution and related laws ("Florida's Public Records Laws"), Company must (1) clearly segregate and mark the specific sections of the document, data and records as "Confidential", (2) cite the specific Florida Statute or other legal authority for the asserted exemption, and (3) provide JEA with a separate redacted copy of the documents, data, or records (the "Redacted Copy"). The Redacted Copy shall contain JEA's contract name and number, and shall be clearly titled "Redacted Copy". Bidder should only redact those portions of records that Bidder claims are specifically exempt from disclosure under Florida's Public Records Laws. If the Company fails to submit a redacted copy of documents, data, or other records it claims is confidential, JEA is authorized to produce all documents, data, and other records submitted to JEA in answer to a public records request for these records.

#### **Request for Redacted Information.**

In the event of a public records or other disclosure request under Florida's Public Records Laws or other authority to which the Company's documents, data or records are responsive, JEA will provide the Redacted Copy to the requestor. If a Requestor asserts a right to any redacted information, JEA will notify the Company that such an assertion has been made. It is the Company's responsibility to respond to the requestor to assert that the information in 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.

#### **Indemnification for Redacted Information.**

The Company shall protect, defend, and indemnify JEA from and against all claims, demands, actions, suits, damages, liabilities, losses, settlements, judgments, costs, and expenses (including but not limited to reasonable attorney's fees and costs) arising from or relating to the Company's assertion that all or any portion of its information is not subject to disclosure.

#### **Public Records Clause for Service Contracts.**

If, under the Contract, the Company is providing services and is acting on behalf of JEA as contemplated by subsection 119.011(2), Florida Statutes, the Company shall:

- I. Keep and maintain public records that ordinarily and necessarily would be required by JEA in order to perform service;
- II. Provide the public with access to public records on the same terms and conditions that JEA would provide the records and at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, or otherwise prohibited by law;
- III. Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law; and
- IV. Meet all requirements for retaining public records and transfer, at no cost, to JEA all public records in possession of the Company upon termination of the contract and destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. All records stored electronically shall be provided to JEA in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of JEA.

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

**JEA**

**Attn: Public Records**

**225 North Pearl Street**

**Jacksonville, Florida 32202**

**Ph: 904-665-8606**

**[publicrecords@jea.com](mailto:publicrecords@jea.com)**

**2.81) Intellectual Property**

The Company grants to JEA an irrevocable, perpetual, royalty free and fully paid-up right to use (and such right includes, without limitation, a right to copy, modify and create derivative works from the subject matter of the grant of the right to sublicense all, or any portion of, the foregoing rights to an affiliate or a third party service provider) the Company's intellectual property including, without limitation, all trade secrets, patents, copyright and know-how ("Intellectual Property"), that is contained or embedded in, required for the use of, that was used in the production of or is required for the reproduction, modification, maintenance, servicing, improvement or continued operation of any applicable unit of Work.

If the Work contains, has embedded in, requires for the use of any third party Intellectual Property, or if the third party Intellectual Property is required for the reproduction, modification, maintenance, servicing, improvement or continued operation of the Work, the Company shall secure for JEA an irrevocable, perpetual, royalty free and fully paid-up right to use all third party Intellectual Property. The Company shall secure such right for JEA at the Company's expense and prior to incorporating any third party Intellectual Property into any Work, including, without limitation, all drawings or data provided under the Contract, and such right must include, without limitation, a right to copy, modify and create derivative works from the subject matter of the grant of the right and a right to sublicense all or any portion of the foregoing rights to an affiliate or a third party service provider.

The Company will, at its expense, defend all claims, actions or proceedings against JEA based on any allegation that the Work, or any part of the Work, constitutes an infringement of any patent or any other intellectual property right, and will pay to JEA all costs, damages, charges, and expenses occasioned to JEA by reason thereof. JEA will give the Company written notice of any such claim, action or proceeding and, at the request and expense of the Company, JEA will provide the Company with available information, assistance and authority for the defense.

If, in any action or proceeding, the Work, or any part thereof, is held to constitute an infringement, the Company will, within 30 days of notice, either secure for JEA the right to continue using the Work or will, at the Company's expense, replace the infringing items with non-infringing Work or make modifications as necessary so that the Work no longer infringes.

The Company will obtain and pay for all patent and other intellectual property royalties and license fees required in respect of the Work.

#### **2.82) 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.

#### **2.83) 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.

#### **2.84) 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.

#### **2.85) Meetings and Public Hearings**

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

### **2.86) 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.

### **2.87) Nondiscrimination**

The Company represents that it has adopted and shall maintain throughout the Term a policy of nondiscrimination against employees or applicants for employment on account of race, religion, sex, color, national origin, age or handicap, in all areas of employee relations. The Company shall, on written request from JEA, allow JEA reasonable access to the Company's records of employment, employment advertisement, application forms and other pertinent data and records for the purpose of investigation to ascertain compliance with the nondiscrimination provisions of the Contract; provided however, the Company shall not be required to produce, for inspection, records covering periods of time more than one year from the effective date of the Contract.

The Company shall comply with the following:

1. The provisions of Presidential Order 11246, as amended, and the portions of Executive Orders 11701 and 11758 as applicable to Equal Employment Opportunity;
2. The provisions of section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); and
3. The provisions of the Employment and Training of Veterans Act, 38 U.S.C. 4212 (formerly 2012).

The Company agrees that if any of the Work of the Contract will be performed by a Subcontractor, then the provisions of this subsection shall be incorporated into and become a part of the subcontract.

### **2.88) 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.

### **2.89) Hiring of Other Parties Employees**

Each party recognizes that the other party has incurred or will incur significant expenses in training its own employees and agrees that it will not pursue or hire, without the other party's consent, the other party's employees or the employees of its subsidiaries for a period of two years from the termination date of this Agreement. It shall not be considered a breach of this Section for either party to make employment solicitations to the general public or groups that may include employees of the other party. Nor shall it be considered a breach of this Section for either party to respond to, act upon, or accept inquiries and applications resulting from, or make offers of employment resulting from, (i) such solicitations to the general public or groups or (ii) unsolicited employment inquiries or applications.

### **2.90) 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.

**2.91) Personnel and Changes in Company's Professional Personnel**

Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the parties, all Services shall be rendered by employees: (a.) who are full time employees of Company or approved subcontractors; (b.) qualified to perform the Services, and (c.) fluent in the English language. Subsequent to the execution of this Contract, Company shall notify the JEA Project Manager in writing prior to making changes in professional personnel assigned, or to be assigned, as provided in Company's Response to manage or perform Work under this Contract. The JEA Project Manager shall have the right to reject any personnel assigned by Company to perform work under this Contract. If the right of rejection is exercised by the JEA Project Manager, Company shall submit replacement of professional personnel to the JEA Project Manager for approval. The JEA Project Manager shall have the right to require the removal of Company's previously assigned personnel and Company shall promptly replace the same, subject to the JEA Project Manager's approval at no cost to JEA.

**2.92) 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.

**2.93) Amendments**

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

**2.94) Applicable State Law; Venue; Severability**

Company shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations as the same exist or as may be amended from time to time. The rights, obligations and remedies of JEA and the Company as specified under the Contract will be interpreted and governed in all respects exclusively by the laws of the State of Florida without giving effect to the principles of conflicts of laws thereof. Should any provision of the Contract be determined by the courts to be illegal or in conflict with any law of the State of Florida, the validity of the remaining provisions will not be impaired. Litigation involving the Contract or any provision thereof shall take place in the State or Federal Courts located exclusively in Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida.

With regard to any provision in this agreement pertaining to damages, equitable or otherwise, under no circumstances shall there be recovery by the Company for home office overhead. Any damages claimed shall be proven by discreet accounting of direct project costs and no theoretical formula or industry estimating reference manuals shall be permissible.

**2.95) 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.

**2.96) Continuing Services**

The Company shall carry on the Work and maintain the progress schedules during disputes or disagreements with JEA. No Work shall be delayed or postponed pending resolution of any disputes or disagreements, except as JEA and Company may otherwise agree in writing. Suspension of the Work or portion thereof by Company shall entitle JEA to terminate the Contract for Default

**2.97) 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.

**2.98) 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.

## **2.99) Compliance With JSEB and Diverse Business Requirements**

The Company shall achieve the JSEB participation requirements as set forth in the Solicitation, except as allowed under the good faith efforts exception as defined in the City of Jacksonville Ordinance. In no case shall the Company make changes to the JSEB firms listed in its Response, revise the JSEB Scope of Work or Dollar Amount of Work as stated in its Response without prior written notice to the JEA Project Manager and JEA Manager Supplier Diversity Programs.

The City of Jacksonville requirements, as outlined in the City of Jacksonville Ordinance relating to JSEBs, shall apply in their entirety to this Contract. Where the City of Jacksonville ordinance refers to "Chief", it shall be construed to mean, for purposes of this Contract, JEA's Chief Procurement Officer. In a like manner, where it refers to "City", or "City of Jacksonville", it shall be construed to mean JEA.

Use of brokering, as defined in the City of Jacksonville Ordinance, or other techniques that do not provide a commercially useful function are strictly prohibited as means of achieving the JSEB participation requirements of the Contract.

Only the amount of fees or commissions charged by a JSEB for providing a bona fide service such as professional, technical, consultant, or managerial services, or for providing bonds or insurance specifically required for the performance of a contract shall be counted towards a JSEB participation requirement, provided the fee is reasonable and not excessive as compared with fees customarily charged for similar services.

Payment terms for participating JSEB firms shall be the same or better than the payment terms the Company receives from JEA, except that in all cases JSEB firms shall be allowed to submit invoices to the Company at least bimonthly, and the Company shall pay proper invoices no later than 3 days after its receipt of JEA payment. The Company shall obtain written approval from the JEA Project Manager and JEA Manager Supplier Diversity Programs prior to withholding any payment from the JSEB firm.

Any solicitation award with a JSEB participation requirement may be subject to contract compliance per the details outlined on the List of Subcontractors Form. The Company will be required to self-report all payments made to the JSEB Subcontractors. Reporting of Diverse Subcontractors (Tier 2 and Tier 3) shall be optional. The payment data will be entered into the B2Gnow JSEB Compliance & Diversity Outreach System (JCDOS) located at the following website: <https://jea.gob2g.com/>. This system tracks contract payments made by the Company to any subcontractor (i.e. JSEB or Diverse Business), the timeliness of those payments and the payments JEA makes to the Company.

The Company is required to submit the monthly payments made to the JSEB Subcontractors and has the option to include the Diverse Subcontractors (Tier 2 and Tier 3) by the audit date of the 30<sup>th</sup> of each month, for the life of the contract and respond to any requests for information within the B2Gnow JSEB Compliance & Diversity Outreach System (JCDOS). The JCDOS must be checked frequently.

The successful Company, JSEB Subcontractors and Diverse Subcontractors will be provided with access information for the JCDOS post the contract award. B2Gnow provides vendor training, and additional information can be obtained by contacting JEA's Manager Supplier Diversity Programs.

The Company agrees to let JEA audit its financial and operating records with one day of notice, and during normal business hours, at its corporate offices for the purpose of determining compliance with all JSEB participation requirements of the Contract Documents.

If the Company violates any provision regarding JSEB, including, but not limited to, program intent, the Company shall be subject to any or all of the following, plus any other remedies available to JEA under law:

- I. Terminate the Contract for default
- II. Suspend the Respondent from bidding any JEA projects as follows:
  - A. First offense: six months
  - B. Second offense: one year
  - C. Third offense: three year
- III. Revoke Respondent's JSEB Certification if the Respondent itself is certified as a JSEB.

**2.100) Dispute**

Per the JEA Procurement Code, if a dispute occurs between JEA and the Company over a contractual issue that cannot be mediated by the JEA Representative the dispute may be taken to court for resolution.

**2.101) 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.

**2.102) 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.

**2.103) Headings**

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

**2.104) 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.

**2.105) 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.

**2.106) 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.

**2.107) 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.

**2.108) 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.

**2.109) Right to Audit and Financial Reporting****Accounting System**

The Company shall establish and maintain a reasonable accounting system that enables JEA to readily identify the Company's assets, expenses, cost of goods, and use of funds.

**Audited Financial Statements**

The Company shall provide to JEA audited financial statements for its most recent fiscal year not later than five days after receipt of written request from JEA.

#### Content and Retention of Records

The Company's records shall include, but not be limited to, accounting records; written policies and procedures; subcontract files (including proposals of successful and unsuccessful Respondents, bid recaps, etc.); all paid vouchers including those for out-of-pocket expenses; invoices as support for other reimbursement; ledgers; cancelled checks; deposit slips; bank statements; journals; original estimates; estimating work sheets; contract amendments and change order files; back-charge logs and supporting documentation; insurance documents; payroll documents; timesheets; memoranda; and correspondence. Company shall, at all times during the term of the Contract and for a period of five years after the completion of the Contract, maintain such records, together with such supporting or underlying documents and materials.

#### Inspection /Audit of Records

Upon JEA's request, the Company shall allow JEA to audit, to examine, and to make copies of or extracts from its financial and operating records (in whatever form they may be kept, whether written, electronic, or other) kept by the Company, its employees, agents, assigns, successors, and subcontractors, for the purpose of determining invoice accuracy, or otherwise assessing compliance with the Contract Documents.

The Company shall at any time requested by JEA, whether during or after completion of the Contract, and at Company's own expense make such records available for inspection and audit (including copies and extracts of records as required) by JEA. Such records shall be made available to JEA during normal business hours at the Company's office or place of business in a workspace suitable for the audit on three days' prior written notice. In the event that no such location is available, then the financial records, together with the supporting or underlying documents and records, shall be made available for audit at a time and location that is convenient for JEA. The Company shall have knowledgeable personnel available to answer questions for the auditors during the time they are performing the audit and for a period of two weeks thereafter. Company shall ensure JEA has these rights with Company's employees, agents, assigns, successors, and subcontractors, and the obligations of these rights shall be explicitly included in any subcontracts or agreements formed between the Company and any subcontractors to the extent that those subcontracts or agreements relate to fulfillment of the Company's obligations to JEA.

#### Cost of Audits

If the audit identifies (i) overpricing or overcharges of any nature by the Company to JEA in excess of one-half of one percent (.5%) of the total billings under the Contract at the time of the audit or (ii) fraud, misrepresentation or non-performance, the Company shall reimburse JEA for the total costs of the audit.

#### Billing Adjustments and Recoveries

The Company shall pay JEA all amounts identified as owing to JEA as a result of any such audit or inspection of the Company's invoices and records no later than 90 days after the Company's receipt of JEA's findings.

#### City of Jacksonville Office of the City Council Auditor

A Company providing contractual services purchased by JEA agrees and be deemed to have agreed by virtue of doing business under contract with JEA to be subject to audit upon request by the Office of the City Council Auditor pursuant to Article 5 of the JEA Charter.

### **2.110) Safety Qualification Requirement**

Respondent shall be approved as JEA Safety Qualified. JEA may reject the company's Bid, and proceed to Award to the next responsive and responsible Respondent.

JEA Safety Qualification information is available online at [http://www.jea.com/About/Procurement/Contractor\\_Safety](http://www.jea.com/About/Procurement/Contractor_Safety) under Contractor Safety Reference Materials. A Respondent must have a three-year average Experience Modification Rating (EMR) of 1.0 or less and agree to the provisions of the Contractor Safety Management Process (CSMP) in order to become JEA Safety Qualified. It is the Respondent's responsibility to ensure it is JEA Safety Qualified. A list of the JEA's Safety Qualified vendors can be found on [https://www.jea.com/About/Procurement/Contractor\\_Safety/](https://www.jea.com/About/Procurement/Contractor_Safety/). For additional information, contact Jim Fisher at (904) 226-5045 or Curtis Stothers at (904) 665-7736.

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

#### **2.111) Subcontracting and Assignment**

The Company shall not subcontract, assign, delegate, or otherwise dispose of the Contract, the duties to be performed under the Contract, or the monies to become due under the Contract without JEA's prior written consent.

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

In the event the Company obtains JEA approval to use Subcontractors, the Company shall provide Subcontractors possessing the skills, certifications, registrations, licenses, training, tools, demeanor, motivation and attitude to successfully perform the Work for which they are subcontracted. The Company shall remove Subcontractors from performing Work under the Contract when the Company recognizes that a Subcontractor is failing to work in a manner consistent with the requirements of the Contract, or when JEA notifies the Company that JEA has determined a Subcontractor is failing to work in a manner consistent with the requirements of the Contract.

#### **2.112) 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.

#### **2.113) Time of Essence**

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

#### **2.114) 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.