




OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
CITY OF JACKSONVILLE

DATE: October 4, 2019

TO: Aaron F. Zahn, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer
JEA

FROM: Lisa A. Green, Inspector General
Office of Inspector General 

SUBJECT: JEA's ITN - 127-19 Strategic Alternatives
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The deadline for replies to *ITN - 127-19 Strategic Alternatives* is Monday, October 7, 2019. Per the *ITN - 127-19 Strategic Alternatives*, Section 2.12, Ethics, "...*The Respondent shall comply with all JEA and City of Jacksonville ordinances, policies, and procedures regarding business ethics.*"

In accordance with Chapter 602, Part 3, §602.303, the duties and functions of the Office of Inspector General (OIG), shall include the authority, power and responsibility, in part, to conduct contract oversight and reviews pertaining to activities of the Consolidated Government, including those of the Independent Authorities. In particular, including but not limited to §602.303(p), the OIG has the authority to "*Monitor, inspect and review, without limitation, the operations, activities, performance, and procurement processes including, but not limited to, bid specifications, bid submittals, activities of the contractor, their subcontractors and lower tier contractors, its officers, agents and employees, lobbyists, officials and staff of any office, agency, department, or part of the entire consolidated government, in order to ensure compliance with contract specifications and detect waste, fraud and abuse.*"

In addition, per §602.303(d), the OIG has the authority to "*receive full and unrestricted access to the records of any and all officials and employees, contractors, including their subcontractors and lower tier subcontractors, of any office, agency, department, or part of the entire consolidated government and other parties doing business with any office, agency, department, or part of the entire consolidated government or receiving funds from any office, agency, department, or part of the entire consolidated government.*"

In accordance with §602.621(k), the Director of the Office of Ethics, Compliance and Oversight (Office of Ethics) is authorized, in part, to "*Investigate, review and report on City issues, and past, present and proposed programs, activities, accounts, records, contracts and transactions all as related to the prevention and remediation of conflicts of interest, fraud, waste, and corruption.*"

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Pursuant to the authorities outlined above, the OIG and the Office of Ethics will attend meetings related to JEA's *ITN - 127-19 Strategic Alternatives* in order to monitor and ensure compliance with applicable laws, rules and/or policies.

The OIG and the Office of Ethics respectfully request advance notification of all upcoming meeting dates, times and locations for any scheduled Evaluation Committee and Negotiation Team meetings pertaining to JEA's *ITN - 127-19 Strategic Alternatives*. In addition, please notify our respective offices no later than forty-eight hours prior to any future meeting dates. In the event that you have questions, please contact me directly at 904-630-8038, or via e-mail at lgreen@coj.net and please courtesy copy Director Miller (CarlaM@coj.net).

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and assistance in this matter.

cc:

April Green, Chair, JEA Board of Directors
Herschel Vinyard, Chief Administrative Officer
Ted Hobson, Vice-President and Chief Compliance Officer
The Honorable Scott Wilson, President, City Council
The Honorable Tommy Hazouri, Vice-President, City Council
The Honorable Danny Becton, Council Member, City Council
Jason Gabriel, General Counsel, Office of General Counsel
Carla Miller, Director, Office of Ethics, Compliance and Oversight
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