

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA

REGARDING:

Proposals to enter into Master Agreements to provide technical staff augmentation services to the Judicial Council of California, Supreme Court, and the six Courts of Appeal.

**RFP Title: MASTER AGREEMENTS FOR TECHNICAL STAFF
AUGMENTATION SERVICES**

RFP Number: IT-2021-80RB

PROPOSALS DUE:

April 13, 2021 NO LATER THAN ***1PM*** PACIFIC TIME

1.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1.1 Background

1.1.1 The Judicial Council of California (JCC), chaired by the Chief Justice of California, is the chief policy making agency of the California judicial system. The California Constitution directs the Council to improve the administration of justice by surveying judicial business, recommending improvements to the courts, and making recommendations annually to the Governor and the Legislature. The Council also adopts rules for court administration, practice, and procedure, and performs other functions prescribed by law.

1.1.2 The JCC is currently responsible for the development, acquisition, implementation, and support of automated systems in the supreme and appellate courts, trial courts, and the JCC. Various technology initiatives are currently being developed and supported. In addition, the JCC has hired a third-party application service provider to host its major applications and continues to move applications to the cloud. The JCC anticipates contracting for technical consultants on an as-needed basis to assist with its various technology initiatives to support automated systems in the California courts and JCC.

1.2 The RFP, including all attachments, and any addenda that may subsequently be issued will be available on the following JCC Court website (“Court Website”):

<http://www.courts.ca.gov/rfps.htm>

1.3 The JCC currently has the following quantities and technical staff classifications performing work. These positions were awarded Work Orders from its Master Agreement for Technical Staff Augmentation Services RFP that will expire June 30, 2021.

Quantity	Classification
2	Application IT Architect
5	Business Analyst
12	Sr. Business Systems Analyst
1	Database Administrator
4	Enterprise IT Architect
2	Infrastructure/Operations IT Architect
5	IT Developer
4	IT Developer Lead
1	IT Program Manager
3	IT Project Manager
2	Network Engineer
5	Technical Analyst
1	TIBCO Development Engineer

2.0 DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES

- 2.1 The JCC seeks to identify and retain qualified technical staff augmentation staffing agencies under an number of master agreements to supply the JCC, Supreme Court, and Appellate courts, each a “Participant,” with high-quality, cost-effective, professional technical staff. The master agreement holders will serve as the qualified bid list for Participant’s professional technical staff requirements for the duration of master agreement contract term. This RFP is the means for prospective technical staff augmentation staffing agencies to submit their qualifications to the JCC and request selection for award of a master agreement as a result of this RFP.
- 2.2 Judicial Council anticipates submissions for this RFP to well exceed thirty (30), and intends to award twelve (12) to sixteen (16) master agreements for an initial two (2) year term, with three (3) consecutive one-year option terms to renew, for a potential maximum term of five (5) years. The initial term and pricing of each master agreement is anticipated to cover the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023. If the Judicial Council elects to extend the term of these master agreements by exercising any of the three (3) one-year options to renew, any agreed upon price adjustment (whether an increase or decrease) may not exceed the average percentage change in the 12-month average of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) below, for the previous three years ending on December 31 of the year just prior to the applicable year of the Option Term.
- http://data.bls.gov/timeseries/CUUR0000SA0?output_view=pct_12mths
- 2.3 Over the last year, the JCC expects to spend in excess of \$8 million for technical staff augmentation personnel. However, the JCC does not guarantee that master agreement awardees will receive a specific volume of work, a specific total contract amount, or a specific order value under any master agreement executed pursuant to this RFP. Additionally, there will be no limit on the number of Work Orders the JCC may issue under a master agreement, nor will there be any specific limitation on the quantity, minimum and/or maximum value of individual Work Orders.
- 2.4 This RFP will cover professional technical staff requirement needs for the JCC located in San Francisco and Sacramento, California and the needs for the Supreme Court located in San Francisco, and the Courts of Appeal located in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Sacramento, San Diego, Fresno, and San Jose. It is the expectation of the JCC that the majority of professional technical staff consultant requirement needs under the master agreements anticipated by this RFP will be at the JCC locations in San Francisco or Sacramento, however, consultants may be based at other locations as set forth in the Work Orders issued pursuant to the master agreements. While a shelter-in-place order is in effect, technical staff consultants may be asked to work remotely until the order is lifted.

3.0 TIMELINE FOR THIS RFP

The JCC has developed the following list of key events related to this RFP. All dates are subject to change at the discretion of the JCC.

EVENT	DATE
RFP issued	March 8, 2021
Deadline for questions	March 18, 2021 No later than 1:00pm Pacific Time)
Questions and answers posted (estimate)	March 25, 2021
Latest date and time proposal may be submitted	April 13, 2021 No later than 1:00pm Pacific Time
Evaluation of proposals (<i>estimate only</i>)	April 19, 2021 – April 23, 2021
Public opening of cost portion of proposals	April 27, 2021, 1:00pm Pacific Time
Notice of Intent to Award (<i>estimate only</i>)	May 11, 2021
Negotiations and execution of contract (<i>estimate only</i>)	May 28, 2021
Contract start date (<i>estimate only</i>)	July 1, 2021
Contract end date (<i>estimate only</i>)	June 30, 2023
Three (3) Option Terms of One (1) Year each	July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026

3.1 All key events and dates are subject to change at the JCC’s sole discretion.

3.1.1 Changes to dates listed for key events (deadline for questions, latest date and time proposal may be submitted) set forth above, and on the coversheet of this RFP will only be made by posting an addendum on the Court Website.

3.1.2 The dates listed for key events are estimated dates only and may be changed at the JCC’s sole discretion. Prior to the latest date and time proposal may be submitted, the JCC will communicate any such change by posting a notice to the Court Website.

- 3.1.3 Upon selection of the preferred vendors to which the JCC intends to award master agreements, the JCC will notify all proposers in writing of their selection/non-selection for award of the services set forth in the RFP. The JCC will subsequently post a public “Notice of Intent to Award” announcement on the Court Website, which will identify all selected vendors.
- 3.1.4 It shall be the sole responsibility of prospective proposers to monitor the Court Website to ascertain whether the JCC has issued an addendum changing any element of the RFP, including key events or their key dates.

4.0 RFP ATTACHMENTS

The following attachments are included as part of this RFP:

ATTACHMENT	DESCRIPTION
Attachment 1: Administrative Rules Governing RFPs (IT Goods and Services)	These rules govern this solicitation.
Attachment 2: JCC Standard Terms and Conditions (Master Agreement)	If selected, the person or entity submitting a proposal (the “Proposer”) must sign this JCC Standard Form agreement (Master Agreement)
Attachment 3: Proposer’s Acceptance of Terms and Conditions	On this form, the Proposer must indicate acceptance of the Terms and Conditions or identify exceptions to the Terms and Conditions. Note: Note: A material exception, as determined by the Judicial Council in its absolute and sole discretion, to any of the Terms and Conditions will render a proposal non-responsive.
Attachment 4: General Certifications Form	The Proposer must complete the General Certifications Form and submit the completed form with its proposal.
Attachment 5: Small Business Declaration	The Proposer must complete this form only if it wishes to claim the small business preference associated with this solicitation.
Attachment 6: Payee Data Record Form	This form contains information the JCC requires in order to process payments and must be submitted with the proposal.
Attachment 7: Iran Contracting Act Certification	The Proposer must complete the Iran Contracting Act Certification and submit the completed certification with its proposal.
Attachment 8: Unruh and FEHA Certification	The Proposer must complete and submit with the proposal the Unruh Civil Rights Act and California Fair Employment and Housing Act Certification.
Attachment 9: Darfur Contracting Act Certification	The Proposer must complete the Darfur Contracting Act Certification and submit the completed certification with its proposal.
Attachment 10:	The Proposer must complete and submit with the proposal the Bidder Declaration
Attachment 11:	The Proposer must complete the DVBE Certification and submit the completed certification with its proposal.
Attachment 12	Evaluation Criteria & Proposal Submission Forms
Attachment 12-A	Methodologies
Attachment 12-B	Placement History
Attachment 12-C	Key Staff
Attachment 12-D	Proposer’s Acceptance Of, or Exceptions to, Master Agreement Terms and Conditions
Attachment 12-E	Viability of Firm
Attachment 12-F	Pricing

5.0 SCOPE OF SERVICES

- 5.1 The technical staff augmentation staffing agencies selected as a result of this RFP will be awarded master agreements that will serve as making the master agreement holders, the qualified bidders list for the JCC's professional technical staff augmentation requirements for the duration of master agreement contract term and any option terms.
- 5.2 Pursuant to the Work Order Process and Administration (set forth in Attachment 2 to this RFP), the Participant, as staffing requirements dictate, will solicit master agreement holders for proposals to fill individual professional technical staff augmentation requirements by issuing Work Order Request Forms to the master agreement holders.
- 5.3 Applying the selection criteria set forth in each individual Work Order Request Forms issued pursuant to the Work Order Process and Administration, the Participant will select the proposal that best meets the requirements and award a Work Order to that master agreement holder.

6.0 EXISTING WORK ORDERS

It is the intent of the JCC that existing contracted professional technical staff will remain under their current existing Work Orders until such Work Orders expire, and not be transitioned to a subsequent Master Agreement should the existing contracted professional technical staff's contractor be awarded a Master Agreement.

7.0 EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS

- 7.1 The JCC will conduct a comprehensive, fair, and impartial evaluation of proposals received in response to this RFP. All proposals received from vendors will be reviewed and evaluated by a committee of qualified personnel ("Evaluation Committee"). The name, units, or experience of any individual members of the Evaluation Committee will not be made available to any vendor.
- 7.2 Evaluation Criteria. A total of 100 possible points has been assigned to the criteria set forth in Attachment 12, Evaluation Criteria & Proposal Submission Forms, of the RFP; maximum possible points are included for each criterion listed. The points indicate relative weight or importance given to each criterion. The Evaluation Committee will score each proposal, based upon the proposed information for each specified criterion and total possible number of points for that criterion. The evaluation criteria, including the maximum points for each criterion, and the required information to be submitted for this solicitation is set forth in Attachment 12 of the RFP.

CRITERION	MAXIMUM NUMBER OF POINTS
Pricing (Attachment 12-F)	50
Placement History (Attachment 12-B)	15
Proposers Acceptance of Master Agreement Terms and Conditions (Attachments 3 and 12-D)	15
Key Staff (Attachment 12-C)	6
Methodologies (Attachment 12-A)	6
Viability of Firm (Attachment 12-E)	5
DVBE (Attachments 10 & 11)	3
Maximum Number of Points	100

8.0 SPECIFICS OF A RESPONSIVE PROPOSAL

- 8.1 A proposer’s proposal shall contain the information specified under each evaluation criterion in Attachment 12, Evaluation Criteria & Proposal Submission Forms, and Attachment 12-F, Pricing.
- 8.2 Responsive proposals should provide straightforward, concise information that satisfies the requirements noted under each evaluation criteria set forth in Attachment 12. Emphasis should be placed on conformity to the state’s instructions, requirements of this RFP, and completeness and clarity of content.
- 8.3 A proposer’s pricing proposal, including discount structure, shall be based strictly on the RFP as posted, including Attachment 2, Master Agreement Terms and Conditions, and **NOT** on any exceptions that the vendor may propose to the Master Agreement Terms and Conditions or any other portion of the RFP.
- 8.4 Should a proposer make their submission under the Pricing evaluation criteria conditional on the JCC accepting proposer’s proposed changes to the Master Agreement Terms and Conditions or any other portion of the RFP, the JCC may deem such conditions to be non-responsive to the requirements of the RFP, and may result in the proposer’s proposal being disqualified for further evaluation.
- 8.5 Certifications, Attachments, and other requirements.

- 8.5.1 The Proposer must complete the General Certifications Form and submit the completed form with its proposal.
- 8.5.2 If Contractor is a California corporation, limited liability company (“LLC”), limited partnership (“LP”), or limited liability partnership (“LLP”), proof that Contractor is in good standing in California.
- If Contractor is a foreign corporation, LLC, LP, or LLP, and Contractor conducts or will conduct (if awarded the contract) intrastate business in California, proof that Contractor is qualified to do business and in good standing in California.
- If Contractor is a foreign corporation, LLC, LP, or LLP, and Contractor does not (and will not if awarded the contract) conduct intrastate business in California, proof that Contractor is in good standing in its home jurisdiction.
- 8.5.3 Copies of the Proposer’s (and any subcontractors’) current business licenses, professional certifications, or other credentials.
- 8.5.4 The Proposer must complete the Iran Contracting Act Certification and submit the completed certification with its proposal.

9.0 SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

- 9.1 Proposals should provide straightforward, concise information that satisfies the requirements of this Section. Emphasis should be placed on conformity to the RFPs instructions and requirements, and completeness and clarity of content.
- 9.2 The Proposer must submit its proposal *in two parts*, the technical proposal, and the cost proposal.
- 9.2.1 **Technical Proposal**. The Proposer must submit **copies of the technical proposal to:**

solicitations@jud.ca.gov

It must be signed by an authorized representative of the Proposer. The Proposer must **i)** write the RFP title and RFP number on the heading of the email; and **ii)** identify it as “**Technical Proposal**”.

- 9.2.2 **Cost Proposal**. The Proposer must submit **copies of the cost proposal in a separate email from the Technical Proposal, to:**

RFP-IT-2021-80RB-COSTS@jud.ca.gov

It must be signed by an authorized representative of the Proposer.

9.3 Proposals must be emailed by the date and time listed on the coversheet of this RFP to:

Bid Desk
Judicial Council of California
Branch Accounting and Procurement
RFP# IT-2021-80RB
455 Golden Gate Avenue, 6th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94102-3688

9.4 Late proposals will not be accepted. The date and time will be based on when the email was received.

9.5 Proposals received after the Proposal Due Date & Time will be deemed non-responsive and will not be considered. The JCC shall not be responsible for any delivery errors or delays or missed delivery.

9.6 The proposer must prepare a cover letter on the prime proposer's business letterhead to accompany the proposal. The purpose of this letter is to transmit the proposal; therefore, it should be brief. The letter must be signed by an individual who is authorized to bind his or her firm to all statements contained in the proposal. The cover letter must state who the proposed prime contractor is (legal business name), name the proposed subcontractors, if any, and provide the name, title, physical address, email address, and telephone number of one individual who is the proposer's designated representative and single point of contact.

9.7 The proposer's technical proposal, including proposer's cost/fee proposal must be submitted using Attachment 12, Evaluation Criteria & Proposal Submission Form.

9.8 A vendor's submitted proposal shall constitute an irrevocable offer for **120 days** following the Proposal Due Date & Time as set forth on the coversheet to this RFP.

9.9 The proposer is solely responsible for ensuring that the full and complete proposal is received by the JCC in accordance with the solicitation requirements prior to the Proposal Due Date & Time and at the place specified.

9.10 Any proposal containing information that proposer considers confidential and/or proprietary must comply with the requirements set forth in Attachment A, Administrative Rules Governing Requests for Proposals.

9.11 Master agreements with the successful firms will be signed by the parties on a Judicial Council of California Standard Agreement form and will include terms appropriate for this project. Terms and conditions for the requested services are

in Attachment 2, Master Agreement Terms and Conditions.

9.12 Proposers shall follow and be bound by the rules set forth in Attachment 1, Administrative Rules Governing Requests for Proposals, in preparation of their proposals.

10.0 PROPOSAL CONTENTS

10.1 Non-Cost Portion. The following information must be included in the non-cost portion of the proposal. A proposal lacking any of the following information may be deemed non-responsive.

- a. The Proposer's name, address, telephone and fax numbers, and federal tax identification number. Note that if the Proposer is a sole proprietor using his or her social security number, the social security number will be required before finalizing a contract.
- b. Name, title, address, telephone number, and email address of the individual who will act as the Proposer's designated representative for purposes of this RFP.
- c. For each key staff member: a resume describing the individual's background and experience, as well as the individual's ability and experience in conducting the proposed activities.
- d. Acceptance of the Terms and Conditions.
 - i. On Attachment 3, the Proposer must check the appropriate box and sign the form. If the Proposer marks the second box, it must provide the required additional materials. An "exception" includes any addition, deletion, or other modification.
 - ii. If exceptions are identified, the Proposer must also submit (a) a red-lined version of the Terms and Conditions that implements all proposed changes, and (b) a written explanation or rationale for each exception and/or proposed change.
- e. Certifications, Attachments, and other requirements.
 - i. The Proposer must complete the General Certifications Form (Attachment 4) and submit the completed form with its proposal.
 - ii. If Contractor is a California corporation, limited liability company ("LLC"), limited partnership ("LP"), or limited liability partnership ("LLP"), proof that Contractor is in good standing in California. If Contractor is a foreign corporation, LLC, LP, or LLP, and Contractor conducts or will conduct (if

awarded the contract) intrastate business in California, proof that Contractor is qualified to do business and in good standing in California. If Contractor is a foreign corporation, LLC, LP, or LLP, and Contractor does not (and will not if awarded the contract) conduct intrastate business in California, proof that Contractor is in good standing in its home jurisdiction.

- iii. Copies of the Proposer's (and any subcontractors') current business licenses, professional certifications, or other credentials.
- iv. The Proposer must complete the Iran Contracting Act Certification (Attachment 7) and submit the completed certification with its proposal.
- v. The Proposer must complete the Unruh Civil Rights Act and California Fair Employment and Housing Act Certification (Attachment 8) and submit the completed certification with its bid.
- vi. The Proposer must complete the Darfur Contracting Act Certification (Attachment 9) and submit the completed certification with its proposal
- vii. The Proposer must finish and finalize all documents required to be completed in this RFP package including Attachment 12 A-F.

NOTE: It is unlawful for any person engaged in business within this state to sell or use any article or product as a "loss leader" as defined in Section 17030 of the Business and Professions Code.

11.0 OFFER PERIOD

A Proposer's proposal is an irrevocable offer for one hundred and twenty (120) days following the proposal due date. In the event a final contract has not been awarded within this period, the JCC reserves the right to negotiate extensions to this period.

12.0 CONFIDENTIAL OR PROPRIETARY INFORMATION

PROPOSALS ARE SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE PURSUANT TO APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC CONTRACT CODE AND RULE 10.500 OF THE CALIFORNIA RULES OF COURT. The JCC will not disclose (i) social security numbers, or (ii) balance sheets or income statements submitted by a Proposer that is not a publicly traded corporation. All other information in proposals will be disclosed in response to applicable public records requests. Such disclosure will be made regardless of whether the proposal (or portions thereof) is marked "confidential," "proprietary," or otherwise, and regardless of any statement in the proposal (a) purporting to limit the JCC's right to disclose information in the proposal, or (b) requiring the JCC to inform or obtain the consent of the Proposer prior to the disclosure of the proposal (or

portions thereof). Any proposal that is password protected, or contains portions that are password protected, may be rejected. Proposers are accordingly cautioned not to include confidential, proprietary, or privileged information in proposals.

13.0 DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE INCENTIVE

Qualification for the DVBE incentive is not mandatory. Failure to qualify for the DVBE incentive will not render a proposal non-responsive.

Eligibility for and application of the DVBE incentive is governed by the JCC's DVBE Rules and Procedures. Proposer will receive a DVBE incentive if, in the JCC's sole determination, Proposer has met all applicable requirements. If Proposer receives the DVBE incentive, a number of points will be added to the score assigned to Proposer's proposal. The number of points that will be added is specified in Section 7 above.

To receive the DVBE incentive, at least 3% of the contract goods and/or services must be provided by a DVBE performing a commercially useful function. Or, for solicitations of non-IT goods and IT goods and services, Proposer may have an approved Business Utilization Plan ("BUP") on file with the California Department of General Services ("DGS").

If Proposer wishes to seek the DVBE incentive:

1. Proposer must complete and submit with its proposal the Bidder Declaration (Attachment 10). Proposer must submit with the Bidder Declaration all materials required in the Bidder Declaration.
2. Proposer must submit with its proposal a DVBE Declaration (Attachment 11) completed and signed by each DVBE that will provide goods and/or services in connection with the contract. If Proposer is itself a DVBE, it must complete and sign the DVBE Declaration. If Proposer will use DVBE subcontractors, each DVBE subcontractor must complete and sign a DVBE Declaration. **NOTE:** The DVBE Declaration is not required if Proposer will qualify for the DVBE incentive using a BUP on file with DGS.

Failure to complete and submit these forms as required will result in Proposer not receiving the DVBE incentive. In addition, the JCC may request additional written clarifying information. Failure to provide this information as requested will result in Proposer not receiving the DVBE incentive.

If this solicitation is for IT goods and services, the application of the DVBE incentive may be affected by application of the small business preference. For additional information, see the JCC's Small Business Preference Procedures for the Procurement of Information Technology Goods and Services.

If Proposer receives the DVBE incentive: (i) Proposer will be required to complete a post-contract DVBE certification if DVBE subcontractors are used; (ii) Proposer must use any

DVBE subcontractor(s) identified in its proposal unless the JCC approves in writing the substitution of another DVBE; and (iii) failure to meet the DVBE commitment set forth in its proposal will constitute a breach of contract.

FRAUDULENT MISREPRETATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE DVBE INCENTIVE IS A MISDEMEANOR AND IS PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT OR FINE, AND VIOLATORS ARE LIABLE FOR CIVIL PENALTIES. SEE MVC 999.9.

14.0 SMALL BUSINESS PREFERENCE

Small business participation is not mandatory. Failure to qualify for the small business preference will not render a proposal non-responsive.

Eligibility for and application of the small business preference is governed by the JCC's Small Business Preference Procedures for the Procurement of Information Technology Goods and Services. The Proposer will receive a small business preference if, in the JCC's sole determination, the Proposer has met all applicable requirements. If the Proposer receives the small business preference, the score assigned to its proposal will be increased by an amount equal to 5% of the points assigned to the highest scored proposal. If a DVBE incentive is also offered in connection with this solicitation, additional rules regarding the interaction between the small business preference and the DVBE incentive apply.

To receive the small business preference, the Proposer must be either (i) a Department of General Services ("DGS") certified small business or microbusiness performing a commercially useful function, or (ii) a DGS-certified small business nonprofit veteran service agency.

If the Proposer wishes to seek the small business preference, the Proposer must complete and submit with its proposal the Small Business Declaration (Attachment 5). The Proposer must submit with the Small Business Declaration all materials required in the Small Business Declaration.

Failure to complete and submit the Small Business Declaration as required will result in the Proposer not receiving the small business preference. In addition, the JCC may request additional written clarifying information. Failure to provide this information as requested will result in the Proposer not receiving the small business preference.

If the Proposer receives the small business preference, (i) the Proposer will be required to complete a post-contract report; and (ii) failure to meet the small business commitment set forth in its proposal will constitute a breach of contract.

FRAUDULENT MISREPRETATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE SMALL BUSINESS PREFERNCE IS UNLAWFUL AND IS PUNISHABLE BY CIVIL PENALTIES. SEE GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 14842.5.

15.0 PREVAILING WAGE

15.1 Prevailing Wage

15.1.2 As applicable, Proposer and all subcontractors under the Proposer shall pay all workers on work performed pursuant to any agreement resulting from this RFP not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages and the general prevailing rate for holiday and overtime work as determined by the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations, State of California, for the type of work performed and the locality in which the work is to be performed, pursuant to sections 1770 et seq. of the California Labor Code. Copies of the general prevailing rates of per diem wages for each craft, classification, or type of worker potentially needed under any agreement resulting from this RFP, as determined by Director of the State of California Department of Industrial Relations, are on file at the Judicial Council of California's principal office. Prevailing wage rates are also available on the internet at (<http://www.dir.ca.gov>).

15.1.3 Some of the work under any agreement resulting from this RFP may be subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations. As applicable, Proposer shall post job site notices, as prescribed by regulation. Proposer shall comply with all requirements of Labor Code section 1771.4, except the requirements that are exempted by the Labor Commissioner for the applicable work.

15.2 Registration

As applicable, Proposer shall comply with the registration and compliance monitoring provisions of Labor Code section 1771.4, including furnishing its certified payroll records (“**CPR(s)**”) to the Labor Commissioner of California and complying with any applicable enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations (“**DIR**”). Labor Code section 1771.1(a) states the following:

“A contractor or subcontractor shall not be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, subject to the requirements of Section 4104 of the Public Contract Code, or engage in the performance of any contract for public work, as defined in this chapter, unless currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5. It is not a violation of this section for an unregistered contractor to submit a bid that is authorized by Section 7029.1 of the Business and Professions Code or by Section 10164 or 20103.5 of the Public Contract Code, provided the contractor is registered to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5 at the time the contract is awarded.”

16.0 PROTESTS

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Any protests will be handled in accordance with Chapter 7 of the Judicial Branch Contracting Manual (see www.courts.ca.gov/documents/jbcl-manual.pdf). Failure of a Proposer to comply with the protest procedures set forth in that chapter will render a protest inadequate and non-responsive and will result in rejection of the protest. The deadline for the JCC to receive a solicitation specifications protest is **March 15, 2021**. Protests must be sent to:

Attn: The Protest Officer/Contracts Manager
RFP# IT-2021-80RB
Branch Accounting and Procurement | Administrative Division
Judicial Council of California
455 Golden Gate Ave., San Francisco, CA 94102-3688