

**December 31, 2024**

**ADDENDUM 3**

The purpose of this Addendum is provide information in response to Queries received.

1. **Question:** How will payment be made for the removal of debris?

**Answer:** Labour cost to remove debris is included in rates for bushing. Monthly payments will be made separately as follows: Vehicles: Fixed cost per vehicle, Fuel: Fuel cost will be reimbursed upon presentation of receipt, and Dump fee: Fees will also be reimbursed upon presentation of receipt.

Labor cost quoted in rates must make provision for carting debris to dump.

1. **Question:** If a contractor has more than one contract with JPSco, and there is an accident with one contract, will both contracts be stood down?

**Answer**: Each contract will be treated on its own merit. However, this is a matter under careful consideration, given the fact that some breaches may require an assessment if it is prudent to conduct any business with the offending firm, JPS will make this explicit decision before contract signing.

1. **Question:** Contractors need to have a say in quoting jobs because sometimes what is on paper is not what is in the field.

**Answer**: JPS has already define the scope as presented in the bid document. Notwitstanding, JPS will only pay for the actual work done in the field aligned with the definition of bushing and the independent assessors report supported by aerial and or drone photos.

1. **Question:** Will contractors be considered if they do not have all the necessary equipment for viewing?

**Answer**: yes

1. **Question:** Are we using benchmark rates for the cost of bushing?

**Answer**: A number of factors are considered. This include engineering rates, market rates as well as bid proposal.

1. **Question:** Why are you capping the number of vehicles that can be used?

**Answer**: We have to place a cap for efficiency. We do expect that firms use vehicles per need across parish assignment.

1. **Question:** Can contractors use other resources to include sub-contractors to work on feeders?

**Answer**: Yes. However, the agreement with JPS is with the principal contractor.

1. **Question:** What if more equipment is used than what was originally planned for, how will payment be made?

**Answer**: Pre-planning is required for approval to be granted.

1. **Question:** Where/ how will JPS select people for training?

**Answer**: JPS is only facilitating the training for personnel to be available for genral employment. These personnel will be recommended by HEART, JPS foundation etc. For the purpose of this bid, potential firms shall not depend on JPS training initiative.

1. **Question:** When and how will chemicals be applied.

**Answer**: JPS has permits to apply herbicides in designated areas and information will be given to contractors working in these areas for the application of chemicals.

1. **Question**:What are customer substations.

**Answer**: These are small substations, owned by JPS with transformer sizes ranging from 100KVA to 5MVA Pad Mounts that serves individual commercial properties. A list of these substations will be provided to the contractors with responsibility for the area they are in. At a minimum, potential firms shall provide unit rates for bushing a customer substation.

 **Question**: Please provide clarifications on the regional divisions mentioned in the RFP

**Answer:**

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| **Regions** | **Work packages**  | **Parishes (all feeders in each parish)** |
| Region East | Work Package 1 | St Mary, KSAN |
| Work Package 2 | KSAS, St Thomas, Portland |
| Region West | Work Package 1 | Hanover, Westmoreland, St Elizabeth |
| Work Package 2 | Trelawny, St James  |
| Region Central | Work Package 1 | Manchester, Clarendon  |
| Work Package 2 | St Catherine, St Ann, Portmore  |

**Question 12:** What is the approximate square footage or acreage for a region that is to be maintained for vegetation control?

Answer: The effective length in kilometers is indicated in the pricing schedule.

* Please note that updates were made to Appendix 3, refer to updated RFP attached.
* Please find attached document outlining access to feeder maps attached
* Updated pricing schedule attached.

Regards,

**PURCHASING DEPARTMENT**

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