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## Colorado River Authority of Utah

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Jacobs Engineering Group Inc. Attn: Scott Morrison 6440 South Millrock Drive Salt Lake City, Utah 84121

RE: Management and Technical Consulting for Agricultural Resiliency and Demand Management Pilot Program Solicitation #NS24-43 Notice of Award

Dear Scott Morrison and the Jacobs Team.

Thank you for submitting a proposal in response to the Request for Proposals (RFP) for Management and Technical Consulting for an Agricultural Resiliency and Demand Management Pilot Program (Pilot Program). The Colorado River Authority of Utah (Authority) is pleased to inform you that Jacobs' proposal was voted the best qualified to perform the requested services by the Evaluation Committee and Jacobs is formally selected following successful agreement drafting and negotiations as described in Section 5.3 of the RFP, according to the Evaluation Process described below.

## **Evaluation Process**

The Colorado River Authority of Utah (Authority) and an Evaluation Committee conducted a review of the proposals received and presentations delivered in response to the RFP, according to the Evaluation Process outlined in Section 5.2 of the RFP.

Stage 1. Mandatory Minimum Requirements.

Four responses were received by the response deadline of November 15, 2023, all met the mandatory minimum requirements, and all proceeded to Stage 2.

Stage 2. Written Technical Proposal Evaluation.

The Evaluation Committee met on November 30, 2023 and evaluated the four proposals in accordance with the Proposal and Approach, Experience, and Resources criteria described in Section 5.1 of the RFP. The Evaluation Committee voted to hear presentations on the proposals from all four respondents. The Evaluation Committee identified four areas they wished each firm to expand upon in their presentation based on the written proposals:

- 1. Local Relationship Building
- 2. Economic Impacts of Water Conservation Projects
- 3. Navigating Water Rights and Federal Reservoir Management
- 4. Technical Plan for Quantifying and Tracking Conserved Depletion (or Conserved Consumptive Use)

All four respondents were notified in writing they would proceed to Stage 3 on November 30th, and were asked to focus their presentations on the four areas identified by the Evaluation Committee.

Stage 3. Presentation of Technical Proposal Evaluation.



The Evaluation Committee heard presentations on the proposals from all four respondents on December 6, 2023. Each respondent was given 15 minutes to present, and 10 minutes to answer questions from the Evaluation Committee.

Immediately following the presentations, the four proposals were then re-evaluated based on both the written and presented components of the proposals according to the criteria described in Section 5.1 of the RFP. The Evaluation Committee voted Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. to be the best qualified respondent.

The Evaluation Committee's recommendation was submitted to the Authority Executive Director on December 6, 2023. The Authority Executive Director supported the Evaluation Committee's recommendation, and on December 11, 2023 written notice was provided to each respondent as to whether their proposal was selected to proceed to agreement drafting and negotiations or not. The cost proposal password was requested from Jacobs as part of the written notice of selection and was not a factor in the Evaluation Committee's recommendation.

## Notice of Award

An agreement has been reached between the Authority and Jacobs. This letter for the selected and nonselected responders serves as the public Notice of Award of the Management and Technical Consulting for Agricultural Resiliency and Demand Management Pilot Program contract award from the Colorado River Authority of Utah to Jacobs Engineering Group Inc.

The Colorado River Authority of Utah will not provide the names of nonselected respondents to the public or debriefs to nonselected respondents in alignment with standard State of Utah procurement practices.

Thank you for your interest and participation in this Request for Proposals. If you have any questions, please contact Lily Bosworth (801-824-9037, lbosworth@utah.gov).

Sincerely,

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**Executive Director** 

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