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Arkest LLC Awarded Third Contract With JAXPORT

In the competitive world of government contracting, a small business that secures multiple projects from any one agency must be doing something right. Jacksonville-based firm Arkest LLC recently began its third project at JAXPORT-site preparation, drainage, and new paving on a two acre site at Blount Island Marine Terminal.

Arkest LLC was founded in 2002 in Miami Florida as a residential and commercial construction company. By 2005, the company was specializing in design/build commercial projects. Rafael Caldera, the company founder, visited Jacksonville and recognized the opportunity for growth and decided to relocate the company to Jacksonville.

JAXPORT awarded Arkest LLC their first project in 2012. The company performed design and build work at Talleyrand Marine Terminal. They were awarded their second project in 2014 which was replacing a Blount Island gutter and downspout system.

Today, the company has four full time employees in Jacksonville and satellite offices in Rockville, MD and Aventura, FL. Mr. Caldera believes strongly in giving back to the community. He currently chairs the Downtown Development Review Board and the Mayor's Hispanic American Advisory Board. In addition, he is the former Chair of Corporate Social Responsibility of the First Coast Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Congratulations Arkest LLC!
JAXPORT Magazine 2016

JAXPORT Bid Opportunities:

Consultant for Local & State Government	1st Quarter of 2017
Various Type Filters	1st Quarter of 2017
Banking Services	1st Quarter of 2017
Financial Advisory Services	1st Quarter of 2017
Investment Advisory Services	1st Quarter of 2017
Vehicle Towing Services	1st Quarter of 2017
Certified Fitness Trainer	1st Quarter of 2017

JAA Bid Opportunities:

Financial Investment Advisor Service	1st Quarter of 2017
Cecil Airport –Design ATC Tower	1st Quarter of 2017
Police Booth	1st Quarter of 2017
Cabling Contractor	1st Quarter of 2017
Cecil Airport– Herbicide Vegetation Management	1st Quarter of 2017

JEA Bid Opportunities:

Bid Description	Tentative Bid Date
Renovation of Plant and Office Buildings	1st Quarter of 2017
Water & Waste Water Underground Utility & Plant Construction	1st Quarter of 2017
Water & Waste Water Plant Engineering Projects	1st Quarter of 2017

"Don't limit yourself. Many people limit themselves to what they think they can do. You can go as far as your mind lets you. What you believe, remember, you can achieve."
– Mary Kay Ash, Founder Mary Kay Cosmetics

JTA Bid Opportunities:

Suspension Parts	January 2017
Portable Light Rental	January 2017
Bus Stop Signage	January 2017
Bus Stop Bench Lease	January 2017
JTAMW-Kernan Blvd. Construction (Atlantic to McCormick)	February 2017
Financial Advisor (Pension)	February 2017
Skyway HVAC	February 2017
JTAW-Collins Road Improvement Construction (Shindler to Rampart)	March 2017
JTAW-Collins Road Improvement Construction Old Middleburg to Shindler)	March 2017
JTAW– San Pablo Road Design (Beach to Atlantic)	March 2017
Passenger Amenities	March 2017

JTA Business Development Academy Seminar

Financial Management – January 10th, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the Career Source Building, 215 N. Market Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32202

You must sign up with Anita McGoogin (904) 633-8533 / Diane Hansen (904) 632-5221 to attend. These classes are designed for small and disadvantaged businesses, with goal of creating new job opportunities.

PURPOSE OF NEWSLETTER

Designed to create awareness, engage constructive dialogue, inform the small business community of our efforts towards eliminating any persistent barriers towards small business inclusion and success regarding the award of both public and private sector contracting opportunities.

JEA Highlights:

JEA welcomes A Real Unique Enterprise LLC as a new vendor. This company was awarded one of our sheltered landscaping awards and joins returning JSEB landscaping companies, Advanced Technology Management, K and J Lawn Care, LLC, and Eagle Lawn Care of NE Florida.

JEA is continuing to bid out numerous Water and Wastewater Constructions projects that will include JSEB participation goals. Information on upcoming bids and pre-bid meetings can be found on our website. Our monthly seminar provides an overview of how to use our Procurement website. [See listing of seminar dates in this newsletter's Calendar of Events section.]

JEA requires background screening checks for vendors who need access to JEA facilities on an ongoing basis to perform work under a JEA contract. Contracts falling in this category typically include JEA facilities maintenance and construction contracts, e.g., janitorial, landscaping, facility renovations, etc. Additional information regarding this process is covered during our monthly seminars.

Most companies awarded contracts will also be required to become JEA Safety Qualified within ten (10) business days of being notified by JEA of awards. Qualification requires completion of a Questionnaire that provides evidence of a drug free work environment and the completion of OSHA safety training for employees. Potential bidders should review the requirements prior to bidding in order to develop an action plan to meet these requirements.

For more information regarding this process go to: https://www.jea.com/About/Procurement/Become_a_Vendor/Contractor_Safety/ or e-mail safety@jea.com Jerry Fulop at 904-665-5810 is the Safety contact should you have additional questions.

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Calendar of Events:

City of Jacksonville Workshops

"Financial Management" - January 10, 2017 5:30pm to 7:30 pm. Location: Career Source 215 N. Market Street.

"Grow Your Business with Email & Social Media" - January 25, 2017 9:00 am—11:00am. Location: FSBDC at UNF 12000 Alumni Dr.

"Business Development Program Certification Boot Camp" January 10, 2017 10:00am—12:30pm. Location: SBA 7825 Baymeadows Way, Suite 100B

"Business Development Program Certification Boot Camp" February 14, 2017 10:00am—12:30pm. Location: SBA 7825 Baymeadows Way, Suite 100B

"Business Development Program Certification Boot Camp" March 14, 2017 10:00am—12:30pm. Location: SBA 7825 Baymeadows Way, Suite 100B

Duval County Public Schools Workshops

"How To Do Business With DCPS" - January 17, 2017 6:00 pm –7:30 pm Location: Wells Fargo Historic Springfield Community Learning Center 1601 N. Main Street.

"How To Do Business With DCPS" - February 28, 2017 9:00 am - 10:30 am Location: 1701 Prudential Drive room 307.

JAA Workshops

"Doing Business with JAA" - January 9, 2017 2:00 pm- 3:00 pm. Location: JAA Administration Building

"Doing Business with JAA" February 13, 2017 2:00 pm- 3:00 pm Location: JAA Administration Building

"Doing Business with JAA" - March 13, 2017 2:00pm -3:00 pm Location: JAA Administration Building

JAXPORT Workshops

Mason Construction Small Business Training "The Making of a Successful Proposal" - February 8, 2017 8:00 am—3:30 pm Location: JAXPORT Cruise Terminal, 9810 August Drive. RSVP
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JEA Workshops

Seminar for Potential New Vendors and Jacksonville Small Emerging Businesses - January 19, 2017 3:00-5:00. Location: JEA 21 W. Church St. 1st Floor Bid Office

Seminar for Potential New Vendors and Jacksonville Small Emerging Businesses - February 16, 2016 3:00-5:00. Location: JEA 21 W. Church St. 1st Floor Bid Office

Seminar for Potential New Vendors and Jacksonville Small Emerging Businesses - March 16, 2017 3:00-5:00. Location: JEA 21 W. Church St. 1st Floor Bid Office

JTA Workshops

"Supplier Information Workshop" - January 17, 2017 2:00 pm- 3:00pm Location: 121 W. Forsyth Street, JTA Board Room - 3rd Floor

"Supplier Information Workshop" - March 14, 2017 2:00 pm- 3:00pm Location: 121 W. Forsyth Street, JTA Board Room - 3rd Floor