



## The City of Coral Gables

### Procurement Division

2800 S.W. 72ND AVENUE  
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33155

May 5, 2025

### ***Via Email***

JOLT Charge, Inc.  
850 New Burton Road, Suite 201  
Dover, Delaware 19904  
c/o William Watts, US Lead  
[william.watts@joltcharge.com](mailto:william.watts@joltcharge.com)

### ***RE: Cone of Silence Violation – RFP 2024-046 Electric Vehicle Charging Stations***

Dear Mr. Watts,

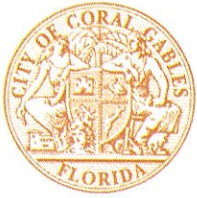
I write on behalf of the City of Coral Gables (City) in response to your letter dated and issued on April 11, 2025 regarding the above referenced solicitation.

On November 19, 2024, the referenced project was formally advertised, and your company submitted a response to the project on January 17, 2024. Specifically, page 6 of the solicitation document (Exhibit A), the City's code provision 2-1027 regarding the Cone of Silence and the prohibitions surrounding communications associated with the project were outlined.

On April 11, 2025, the city received an electronic copy of your letter (Exhibit B) dated the same sent on your behalf by your registered lobbyist. Please know that both the letter and email addressed members of the solicitation committee - in violation of the cone of silence provisions.

Please know that this matter is considered as a serious infraction and that this correspondence is being issued as an official reprimand for that action pursuant to the following 2-1027 (5) Penalties:

*Violation of the cone of silence by a particular bidder or offeror shall render any award to said person voidable by the city commission. In addition to any other penalty provided by law, violation of any provision of this division by a city employee shall subject said employee to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal. Any person who violates a provision of this division shall be prohibited from serving on a city competitive selection or evaluation committee unless such appointment is approved by a four-fifths vote of the city commission. **A violation of this section by a particular bidder, offeror, lobbyist or consultant shall subject such person to potential debarment pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.***



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At this time the City will not be pursuing debarment, but wishes to strongly caution you that future violations of the cone of silence, or any of the City's policies, procedures, or ordinances may subject Jolt to debarment.

As of this letter an official recommendation from the city has not been issued and therefore the project continues to be under the "Cone of Silence". A copy of this letter will be included with the Manager's recommendation to the City Commission.

This letter will permanently be a part of the file for your company with the city. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please follow the appropriate procedures to do so.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Celeste S. Walker-Harmon".

Celeste S. Walker-Harmon  
Chief Procurement Officer

cc: Cristina M. Suarez', City Attorney  
Stephanie Throckmorton, Deputy City Attorney  
Alberto N. Parjus, City Manager  
Joe L. Gomez, Deputy City Manager  
Diana M. Gomez, Finance Director  
Tanya D. Donigan, Assistant Chief Procurement Officer  
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