



The City of Coral Gables

Procurement Division

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

May 5, 2025

Via Email

Pantin GOV
300 Sevilla Avenue
Suite 215
Coral Gables, FL 33134
c/o Les Pantin, Managing Partner
les@pantingov.com

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

Dear Mr. Pantin,

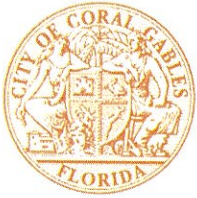
I write on behalf of the City of Coral Gables (City) in response to a communication you sent on April 11, 2025 regarding the above referenced solicitation.

On November 19, 2024, the referenced project was formally advertised, and your client JOLT Charge Inc. 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.

Your email and the attached correspondence from Jolt Charge, Inc. (Exhibit B) addressed members of the selection 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 code of silence, or any of the City's policies, procedures, or ordinances may subject you to debarment.

This letter will permanently be a part of the file for your firm 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", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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
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