§ 1500-g. Contract for employees. The authority is hereby authorized to enter into contracts under which such contractor would provide employees to the authority for the purpose of operation and maintenance of the projects of the authority. All employees currently employed by the city or by a contractor to support operations currently managed by the city shall be retained by any contractor retained pursuant to this section. The authority shall not begin operation of any project until such a contract shall be in force. Such contract shall provide that all employees engaged in the operation and maintenance of any authority project shall be employees of the contractor and not employees of the authority. Such employees shall receive their total compensation and any employee benefits directly from the contractor for whom they are employed provided any relevant local regulation, rule or ordinance related to wage shall apply. Except for roles considered to be management or confidential pursuant to article fourteen of the civil service law, including the board of the authority, established by section fifteen hundred-c of this title, the authority shall have no employees other than the employees of the contractor pursuant to any contract authorized by this section.