

Amendment One

Professional Nursing Services

IFB No. 2016-02

The Personal Service Contract Review Board, on behalf of the State of Mississippi, plans to develop a Preapproved List of Providers for Professional Nursing Services, and invites your bid.

Section 10 “Removal from Preapproved List of Vendors for Professional Nursing Services” has been modified. The modification is underlined below.

Section 10 - Vendors added to the preapproved list may be removed from the list for cause by the PSCRB or added to the debarment list pursuant to Section 5-101, Debarment or Suspension, of the *Mississippi Personal Service Contract Review Board’s Rules and Regulations*. **Vendor’s failure to honor submitted rates through December 31, 2021 may result in removal from the preapproved vendor list and/or debarment.**

Questions and Answers for the Professional Nursing Services Invitation for Bids are attached.

No other changes are made to the Invitation for Bids (IFB).

Please acknowledge receipt of this amendment by returning it, along with your original bid, by **Wednesday, October 26, 2016 at 1:00 PM CST**. This acknowledgment should be enclosed in your bid packet following the submission instructions located in the IFB. **Failure to submit this acknowledgment may result in rejection of the bid.**

Signed by: _____

Company: _____

Date: _____

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1	5.2	Page 3	Refer to page 3, Section 5.2 of IFB: Can a list of all facilities eligible to utilize the Preferred Vendors which may be awarded as a result of this IFB be provided, including type of facility and number of beds, and by region, prior to bid submittal?	Pursuant to Section 5.2 of the IFB, the preapproved vendor list will be region-specific. Attachment A provides a map of the eight different regions of the state and a listing of counties in each region for purposes of issuing the preapproved vendor lists. The region names are North Delta, Northeast, South Delta, East Central, Central, Pinebelt, Southwest, and Coastal. A vendor may submit a bid for one, multiple, or all regions. The Professional Nursing Services Preapproved Vendor List is for use by state agencies under the purview of the PSCRB. The PSCRB will not contract with the vendors; contracts will be between the vendors and the Contracting Agencies using the preapproved vendor list. Preapproved vendor usage varies according to agency need and use of preapproved vendor lists is optional. Being placed on the preapproved vendor list does not guarantee contracts will be issued. Information regarding state agency contracts may be found at www.transparency.mississippi.gov . A list of the state agencies and entities under the purview of the PSCRB eligible to use the preapproved vendor lists, may be found in Appendix A of the PSCRB Rules and Regulations located on the PSCRB page of the Mississippi State Personnel Board website at www.mspb.ms.gov .	Transparency Mississippi Appendix A, Agencies under PSCRB Purview
2			Are all such facilities administered by state (public) agencies/funds?	Funding varies at agency discretion. Payment and performance obligations are subject to the availability and appropriation of funds as indicated within the Availability of Funds clause provided in Section 2 of Attachment G of the IFB (Required Clauses for Service Contracts Resulting from this IFB). The Professional Nursing Services Preapproved Vendor List is for use by state agencies under the purview of the PSCRB. The PSCRB will not contract with the vendors; contracts will be between the vendors and the Contracting Agencies using the preapproved vendor list. Preapproved vendor usage varies according to agency need and use of preapproved vendor lists is optional. Being placed on the preapproved vendor list does not guarantee contracts will be issued. Information regarding state agency contracts may be found at www.transparency.mississippi.gov . A list of the state agencies and entities under the purview of the PSCRB eligible to use the preapproved vendor lists, may be found in Appendix A of the PSCRB Rules and Regulations located on the PSCRB page of the Mississippi State Personnel Board website at www.mspb.ms.gov .	Transparency Mississippi Appendix A, Agencies under PSCRB Purview
3			Are the typical requested needs for staffing generally defined as PRN, temp-to-perm, or full-time augmentation of staffs, with a set period (i.e. 13 weeks, 26 weeks) etc.?	Any contract resulting from the Professional Nursing Services Preapproved Vendor List and entered into with a Contracting Agency is at the discretion of the Contract Agency. Detailed scope and specific requirements of the work required will be provided by the Contracting Agency when a Vendor on the preapproved vendor list is selected for consideration with respect to a specific project or need. Anotherwords, vendor selection and usage varies at agency discretion. The Professional Nursing Services Preapproved Vendor List is for use by state agencies under the purview of the PSCRB. The PSCRB will not contract with the vendors; contracts will be between the vendors and the Contracting Agencies using the preapproved vendor list. Preapproved vendor usage varies according to agency need and use of preapproved vendor lists is optional. Being placed on the preapproved vendor list does not guarantee contracts will be issued. Information regarding state agency contracts may be found at www.transparency.mississippi.gov . A list of the state agencies and entities under the purview of the PSCRB eligible to use the preapproved vendor lists, may be found in Appendix A of the PSCRB Rules and Regulations located on the PSCRB page of the Mississippi State Personnel Board website at www.mspb.ms.gov .	Transparency Mississippi Appendix A, Agencies under PSCRB Purview

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4			How many state holidays are typically observed by state facilities per annum? Which named holidays are included in this number?	The State of Mississippi observes the following ten legal holidays: New Year's Day (January 1), Robert E. Lee's Birthday and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday (The Third Monday of January), Washington's Birthday (The Third Monday of February), Confederate Memorial Day (The Last Monday of April), National Memorial Day and Jefferson Davis' Birthday (The Last Monday of May), Independence Day (July 4), Labor Day (The First Monday of September), Armistice or Veterans' Day (November 11), Thanksgiving Day (A day fixed by proclamation by the Governor of Mississippi as a day of Thanksgiving, which shall be fixed to correspond to the date proclaimed by the United States President), and Christmas Day (December 25).	
5	Optional Clause #1	Page 32	Refer to page 32, Paragraph 1: Does the IFB assume that all nurses will be employees of selected Vendors, with all the employer obligations named by law and within the RFP, or does it assume that some Vendors may only establish an Independent Contractor relationship with its nurse staffs, with permission?	The PSCRB will not contract with the vendors; contracts will be between the vendors and the Contracting Agencies using the preapproved vendor list. Therefore, the allowance of subcontracting is at the Contracting Agency's discretion.	
6			Regarding the current existing workforce of nurses at state facilities, what percentage of staffs are state-employed, and what percentage are staffed by staffing agencies?	The PSCRB will not contract with the vendors; contracts will be between the vendors and the Contracting Agencies using the preapproved vendor list. There is no record of individual agency contractual staff.	
7			Who is/are your current vendors?	The current Professional Nursing Services Preapproved Vendor List may be obtained by going to: http://www.mspb.ms.gov/media/33380/nursing%20services%20pvl.pdf .	Current Professional Nursing Preapproved Vendor List
8			What was last year's expenditure ?	There is no record of annual spending. The Professional Nursing Services Preapproved Vendor List is for use by state agencies under the purview of the PSCRB. The PSCRB will not contract with the vendors; contract will be between the vendors and the Contracting Agencies using the preapproved vendor list. Being placed on the preapproved vendor list does not guarantee contracts will be issued. Preapproved vendor usage varies at agency discretion. Information regarding state agency contracts may be found at www.transparency.mississippi.gov . A list of the state agencies and entities under the purview of the PSCRB eligible to use the preapproved vendor lists, may be found in Appendix A of the PSCRB Rules and Regulations located on the PSCRB page of the Mississippi State Personnel Board website at www.mspb.ms.gov .	Transparency Mississippi Appendix A. Agencies under PSCRB Purview
9	7.1.6	Page 4	Are the orientation hours billable?	If required to attend agency-specific orientation, this training will be provided and conducted on-site by the Contracting Agency; therefore, it will be billable time. See Section 7.1.6 of the IFB.	
10			This email is to obtain detailed specification for the Invitation for Bids for The Mississippi Personal Service Contract Review Board in regards to professional nursing services.	The IFB for a Preapproved List of Vendors for Professional Nursing Services may be obtained by going to: http://www.mspb.ms.gov/media/68077/pscrb%20ifb%20for%20professional%20nursing%20services%20202016-02.pdf .	IFB for a Preapproved List of Vendors for Professional Nursing Services
11			I saw on the MS Personnel Board website a post about nursing. I was unable to open the link. Could you send me information? Thank you.	The IFB for a Preapproved List of Vendors for Professional Nursing Services may be obtained by going to: http://www.mspb.ms.gov/media/68077/pscrb%20ifb%20for%20professional%20nursing%20services%20202016-02.pdf .	IFB for a Preapproved List of Vendors for Professional Nursing Services
12	11.2	Page 8	It seems the last time we bid it was mandated we do this on line at your portal. Do we need to do this on line or deliver the bids?	All sealed bid packets must be mailed or hand-delivered as indicated in Section 11.2 of the IFB.	

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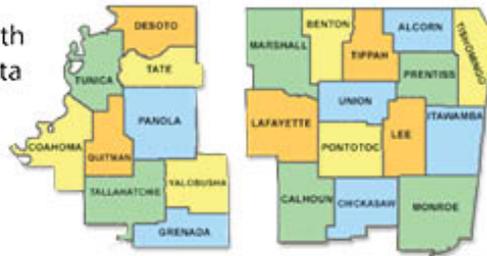
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13	5	Page 2	Where can I go to find more information. Are you talking about RNs, LPNs, CNAs, PCAs?	As indicated in Section 5 of the IFB, Scope of Services, professional nursing services are to be provided in three categories: RNs, LPNs, and CNAs.	

ATTACHMENT A

North Delta

Coahoma
Desoto
Grenada
Panola
Quitman
Tallahatchie
Tate
Tunica
Yalobusha

North
Delta



Northeast

Alcorn
Benton
Calhoun
Chickasaw
Itawamba
Lafayette
Lee
Marshall
Monroe
Pontotoc
Prentiss
Tippah
Tishomingo
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Sharkey
Sunflower
Washington

South
Delta



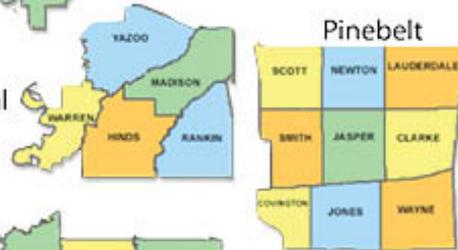
East Central

Attala
Choctaw
Clay
Kemper
Leake
Lowndes
Montgomery
Neshoba
Noxubee
Oktibbeha
Webster
Winston

Central

Hinds
Madison
Rankin
Warren
Yazoo

Central



Pinebelt

Clarke
Covington
Jasper
Jones
Lauderdale
Newton
Scott
Smith
Wayne

Southwest

Adams
Amite
Claiborne
Copiah
Franklin
Jefferson
Jefferson Davis
Lawrence
Lincoln
Pike
Simpson
Walthall
Wilkinson

Southwest



Coastal

Forrest
George
Greene
Hancock
Harrison
Jackson
Lamar
Marion
Pearl River
Perry
Stone