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BUREAU OF PURCHASING AND CONTRACTING

CONTRACT *Listings*

OPTFM Contracts by Analyst Responsibilities

Please contact the analysts below if you need assistance with any OPTFM contracts:

ASHLEY SMITH

- Ammunition
- Fire Protection
- MS Recycled Products
- Laundry/Linen Rental Services
- Furniture (H-M)

JAMES BRABSTON

- Traffic Signals
- Ground Maintenance
- Soft Body Armor
- Office Papers
- Furniture (N-Z)

SHAKRITA FIELDS

- MDOT SWC
- Firefighting Uniforms
- Water Treatment

KIZZIE SHORTER

- Furniture (A-G)
- Interior Signage
- Maintenance Repair & Operations
- Panel Systems
- Carbonless Paper

LASHUN SMITH

- Incontinence
- Laundry Chemicals
- Toner
- Janitorial

EASTER HAIMUR

- Copiers
- Mailing Equipment
- Lab
- Office Supplies

CONTRACT AGENCIES LISTINGS

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- **ALCORN STATE**
- **ARTS COMMISSION**
- **BOSWELL REGIONAL CENTER**
- **CONTRACTORS BOARD**
- **COSMETOLOGY BOARD**
- **EXAMINERS LICENSURE BOARD**
- **GRAND GULF MILITARY**
- **JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY**
- **MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION**
- **MS DEPT. OF BANKING AND CONSUMER FINANCE**
- **MS SPECIALIZED TREATMENT FACILITY**
- **OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR**
- **REGISTRATION OF PRO ENG**
- **SENATE**
- **STATUS OF WOMEN**
- **TOMBIGBEE**
- **UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI**
- **VETERANS HOME PURCHASE BOARD**
- **WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS**

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- **AUCTIONEER COMMISSION**
- **BOARD OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS**
- **BOARD OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY**
- **CENTRAL MS RESIDENTIAL CENTER**
- **CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZER BOARD**
- **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**
- **DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**
- **ELLISVILLE STATE SCHOOL**
- **IHL BOARD**
- **LBO**
- **LEGISLATIVE JOINT OPERATIONS**
- **MILITARY**
- **MS DEPT. OF CORRECTIONS**
- **MS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**
- **MS FUNERAL SERVICES BOARD**
- **PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**
- **SOIL AND WATER**
- **STATE ROAD AID**
- **UNIVERSITY OF MS MEDICAL CENTER**
- **VETERANS AFFAIRS BOARD**
- **YELLOW CREEK**



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- ETHICS
- LIBRARY COMMISSION
- MARINE RESOURCES
- MEDICAID
- MS DEPT. OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY
- MS DEPT. OF EDUCATION
- MS DEPT. OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION
- MS GAMING COMMISSION
- MS STATE PERSONNEL BOARD
- MS VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY
- SUPREME COURT
- TRANSPORTATION
- UNIVERSITY PRESS

- ADOLESCENT CENTER OF MS
- BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS
- BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY
- BUREAU OF NARCOTICS
- CAPITAL PAST CONVICTION
- DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY
- DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE
- DEPT. OF ENVIROMENTAL QUALITY
- JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE
- MS COAST COL
- MS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
- MS PORT AUTHORITY
- MS STATE OIL AND GAS BOARD
- PHYSICAL THERAPY
- REAL ESTATE COMM
- REHAB SERVICES
- SOUTH MS REGIONAL CENTER
- STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER
- UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI
- WORKERS COMP

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- CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES
- COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD
- EXAMINERS FOR SOCIAL WORKERS
- FIRE ACADEMY
- HUDSPETH
- JOINT LEGISLATIVE REAPP
- MEDICAL LICENSURE
- MEMA
- MS UNIVERSITY FOR WOMEN
- NORTH MS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
- NURSING BOARD
- PEARL RIVER VALLEY WATER
- PUBLIC BROADCASTING
- PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM
- SEC OF STATE
- VETERINARY MEDICINE
- VOLUNTEER SERVICES COMMISSION

- ARCHITECTURE BOARD
- ATHLETIC COMMISSION
- BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH
- ELLISVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT
- GULF COAST RESEARCH USM
- HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
- INSURANCE
- ITS
- MASSAGE THERAPY
- MENTAL HEALTH
- MS DEPT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY
- MS FORESTRY COMMISSION
- MS STATE HOSPITAL
- MS STATE UNIVERSITY
- PEER
- REGISTERED FORESTERS BOARD
- REVENUE
- TAX APPEALS

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Changes to Negotiated Contract for Laundry and Linen Rental Services

The **Bureau of Purchasing and Contracting** is announcing a change in the procurement process for our **Laundry and Linen Rental Services**. This requirement, previously solicited through a competitive contract, will now be issued as a negotiated contract.

The **RFx** for this commodity will **go live on December 1, 2025**, and will remain open **through January 15, 2026**.

Further details, including submission instructions and evaluation criteria, will be available when the RFx is posted. For any preliminary questions, please contact Ashley Smith at ashley.smith@dfa.ms.gov.





U.S. Hotel Industry Faces Challenges Amid Government Layoffs and Travel Decline

In early 2025, the U.S. hotel industry entered the year with optimism, expecting continued recovery from prior disruptions, but that momentum quickly faded amid weakening demand and government cutbacks. Revenue managers across major hotel groups report that forecasts have been repeatedly revised downward as business and group travel, especially from government and nonprofit sectors, declined following **federal employee layoffs**. This has hit key markets such as Washington, D.C., and San Diego particularly hard. International arrivals and spring break leisure travel also underperformed, while business travel remains well below 2019 levels, establishing a new, lower baseline. Rising travel costs for flights, hotels, and dining are leading consumers to shorten trips and spend less overall. As a result, hotel revenue teams are shifting their strategies to emphasize shorter stays, competitive pricing, and localized demand generation. The industry now faces a challenging adjustment period, balancing softer occupancy and rate growth against higher operating expenses while adapting to a transformed travel landscape.

Important Facts: U.S. travel forecast 6.3 percent decrease in inbound international visits to the US for 2025. As international travel to the state falls, that has a ripple effect on restaurants, hotels, and other businesses that depend on tourists. Cited by: CoStar

If you have any questions or issues with current travel cards or travel related issues please contact your Travel Card

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Happy and Safe Travels!!



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