



**PPRB**  
**PUBLIC PROCUREMENT**  
**REVIEW BOARD**  
**MEETING AGENDA**

**Wednesday, December 7, 2022**  
**9:00 a.m.**

**Woolfolk Office Building, Room 145**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Approval of Minutes from the November 2, 2022 Public Procurement Review Board Meeting**
- III. Approval of per diem and expenses for the December 7, 2022 meeting and for any additional expenses incurred prior to the January 4, 2023 meeting**
- IV. Reports**
  - A. OPTFM Emergency Purchases Reported to the Board**
  - B. OPTFM Sole Source Purchases Reported to the Board**
  - C. OPTFM Staff Approvals Reported to the Board**
  - D. BOB Staff Approvals Reported to the Board**
  - E. OPSCR Emergency Contracts Reported to the Board**
  - F. OPSCR Sole Source Contracts Reported to the Board**
  - G. OPSCR Staff Approvals Reported to the Board**
- V. DFA Office of Purchasing, Travel and Fleet Management (OPTFM)**
  - A. Consideration of State Agency Contracts for Board Action**
    - 1. Requesting Agency:** Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT)  
**Supplier:** TraxPlus LLC  
**Contract #:** 8200063458  
**Term:** 7/1/2022 through 6/30/2023  
**Total Value:** \$1,434,897.00  
**Summary of Request:** MDOT completed the sealed bid process for three (3) trailer-mounted, whole tree chippers at a value of \$478,299.00 each. This contract was approved by PPRB on

7/6/2022. This contract has nine (9) possible six (6) month extensions and MDOT is requesting approval of the first extension of the contract.

**Staff Recommendation:** This request has been reviewed for compliance and has been determined to comply with all rules and regulations and legal requirements by DFA staff. Based on the information submitted, OPTFM recommends approval of the contract extension.

**2. Requesting Agency:** Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT)

**Supplier:** TraxPlus LLC

**Contract #:** 8200066251

**Term:** 12/7/2022 through 5/31/2023

**Total Value:** \$996,000.00

**Summary of Request:** MDOT completed the sealed bid process for the purchase of a motor grader. The total quantity of units to be purchased by MDOT is not known. The minimum purchase shall be one (1) unit and the maximum purchase shall be four (4) units, with a value of \$249,000.00 each. This contract shall not exceed sixty (60) months. MDOT received two (2) bids and wishes to award to the lowest bidder.

**Staff Recommendation:** This request has been reviewed for compliance and has been determined to comply with all rules and regulations and legal requirements by DFA staff. Based on the information submitted, OPTFM recommends approval of this contract.

**3. Requesting Agency:** Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT)

**Supplier:** Blacklidge Emulsions Inc., Ergon Asphalt & Emulsions Inc.

**Contract #:** 8900002072, 8900002073

**Term:** 1/1/2023 through 6/30/2023

**Total Value:** \$2,250,000.00 (\$2,100,000.00, \$150,000.00)

**Summary of Request:** MDOT solicited competitive sealed bids for certified bituminous materials and wishes to award to all vendors who met specifications. This allows for lowest cost selection at the time of need, based on availability and the location of work. These contracts will be used by MDOT, other state agencies, and governing authorities. This is a six (6) month contract with no extensions.

**Staff Recommendation:** This request has been reviewed for compliance and has been determined to comply with all rules and regulations and legal requirements by DFA staff. Based on the information submitted, OPTFM recommends approval of these contracts.

**4. Requesting Agency:** Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT)

**Supplier:** Huey Stockstill LLC., Lehman Roberts Co. Inc., Seaboard Asphalt Products Co., Warren Paving, Material Resources Inc., APAC Mississippi Inc., ADCAMP Inc., Core & Main LLC., Dickerson and Bowen Inc., Dunn Roadbuilders LLC., Barriere Construction Co., Quikrete Holdings Inc

**Contract #:** 8900002074, 8900002075, 8900002081, 8900002082, 8900002083, 8900002084, 8900002085, 8900002086, 8900002087, 8900002088, 8900002089, 8900002100

**Term:** 1/1/2023 through 6/30/2023

**Total Value:** \$4,830,000.00 (\$100,000.00, \$1,500,000.00, \$50,000.00, \$600,000.00, \$200,000.00, \$1,000,000.00, \$30,000.00, \$50,000.00, \$700,000.00, \$400,000.00,

\$150,000.00, \$50,000.00)

**Summary of Request:** MDOT completed the sealed bid process for the purchase of hot and cold mix asphalt. This enabled all vendors to be awarded a contract, allowing MDOT to make a determination at the time of purchase for lowest cost based on its location. Hot and cold asphalt mixes are used by MDOT road maintenance crews at various locations throughout the state. The location of the work, type of asphalt mix needed, and plants producing at that time must be known to determine lowest cost. These contracts have no extensions.

**Staff Recommendation:** This request has been reviewed for compliance and has been determined to comply with all rules and regulations and legal requirements by DFA staff. Based on the information submitted, OPTFM recommends approval of these contracts.

**5. Requesting Agency:** Mississippi State University (MSU)

**Supplier:** Philip Holding USA, LLC

**Contract #:** 8200066176

**Term:** 12/7/2022 through 10/26/2023

**Total Value:** \$2,478,865.00

**Summary of Request:** MSU advertised for competitive sealed bids for the purchase of a new 3.0T Short Bore MRI System. They received one bid and wish to award to Phillips Holdings USA, Inc.

**Staff Recommendation:** This request has been reviewed for compliance and has been determined to comply with all rules and regulations and legal requirements by DFA staff. Based on the information submitted, OPTFM recommends approval of the contract.

**6. Requesting Agency:** Mississippi State University (MSU)

**Supplier:** Anatomage, Inc.

**Contract #:** 8200008573

**Term:** One-time purchase

**Total Value:** \$ 659,600.00

**Summary of Request:** MSU is requesting a sole source approval for the purchase of ten (10) human 3D anatomy systems and five (5) VR systems produced by Anatomage Inc. MSU advertised the proposed sole source in compliance with Section 3.109.02 of the OPTFM Procurement Manual. MSU states, in the absence of a cadaver lab, the Anatomage Table is the only fully segmented human 3D anatomy system. No objections to the sole source were received.

**Staff Recommendation:** This request has been reviewed for compliance and has been determined to comply with all rules and regulations and legal requirements by DFA staff. Based on the information submitted, OPTFM recommends approval of the contract.

**7. Requesting Agency:** Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (MEMA)

**Supplier:** Regional Enterprises, LLC

**Contract #:** 8200054525

**Term:** 1/6/2021 through 12/31/2023

**Total Value:** \$28,579,500.00

**Summary of Request:** This contract was approved at the January 6, 2021, PPRB meeting. This is a standby contract for manufactured housing for use during natural disasters. The

contract includes transportation to and from the designated staging area, installation, and utility connections. This will be the second of four (4) possible twelve (12) month extensions.

**Staff Recommendation:** This request has been reviewed for compliance and has been determined to comply with all rules and regulations and legal requirements by DFA staff. Based on the information submitted, OPTFM recommends approval of the contract extension.

**8. Requesting Agency:** Alcorn State University

**Supplier:** Farber Specialty Vehicles

**Contract #:** 8200065328

**Term:** 12/27/2022 through 9/29/2023

**Total Value:** \$767,478.40

**Summary of Request:** ASU advertised for competitive sealed bids for the purchase of a new 45 foot mobile medical unit for their Health Academy. They received two bids, one of which did not meet specifications. They wish to award to Farber Specialty Vehicles.

**Staff Recommendation:** This request has been reviewed for compliance and has been determined to comply with all rules and regulations and legal requirements by DFA staff. Based on the information submitted, OPTFM recommends approval of the contract.

**9. Requesting Agency:** Mississippi Department of Health (MSDH)

**Supplier:** DiaSorin Inc.

**Contract #:** 8200065845

**Term:** 1/5/2023 through 12/31/2028

**Total Value:** \$843,750.00

**Summary of Request:** MSDH advertised for competitive sealed bids to enter into a reagent rental agreement for an FDA approved 4<sup>th</sup> generation immunoassay system. They received four (4) responses and wish to award to the low bidder DiaSorin Inc.

**Staff Recommendation:** This request has been reviewed for compliance and has been determined to comply with all rules and regulations and legal requirements by DFA staff. Based on the information submitted, OPTFM recommends approval of the contract.

**10. Requesting Agency:** Mississippi Veterans Affairs (MSVA)

**Supplier:** Twin Med, LLC d/b/a GroveMed, Clock Medical Supply, Standard Textile Co., Inc., Buyer's Point LLC

**Contract #:** 8200066542, 8200066544, 8200066548, 8200066624

**Term:** 12/7/2022 through 11/30/2024

**Total Value:** \$4,000,000.00 (\$1,000,000.00, \$1,000,000.00, \$1,000,000.00, \$1,000,000.00)

**Summary of Request:** MSVA advertised for competitive sealed bids for the purchase of medical supplies and equipment. They wish to award to the low bidder as primary and second lowest as alternate for each item. This will be a two (2) year contract with three (3) possible one (1) year extensions.

**Staff Recommendation:** This request has been reviewed for compliance and has been determined to comply with all rules and regulations and legal requirements by DFA staff. Based on the information submitted, OPTFM recommends approval of the contract.

**11. Requesting Agency:** Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT)

**Supplier:** Creative Bus Sales

**Contract #:** 8200066117

**Term:** 12/7/2022 through 5/31/2023 with nine (9) six (6) month extensions not to exceed sixty (60) months.

**Total Value:** \$7,422,100.00

**Summary of Request:** MDOT completed the competitive sealed bid process to establish an agency contract for the procurement of up to one hundred (100) 6 (six) Passenger ADA Accessible Minivans. Two (2) vendors submitted responses. The low bidder was declared nonresponsive for failure to meet specifications. MDOT wishes to award to Creative Bus Sales. The contract term is for six (6) months and will have nine (9) possible six (6) month extensions, not to exceed sixty (60) months. This contract is available to quasi state agencies or other political subdivisions of the State of Mississippi, agencies of the United States Government, Public Procurement Units, and other recipients of funds from the Federal Transit Administration.

**Staff Recommendation:** This request has been reviewed for compliance and has been determined to comply with all rules and regulations and legal requirements by DFA staff. Based on the information submitted, OPTFM recommends approval of the contract.

**VI. DFA Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management (BOB/RPM)**

**NOTE:** Standard Operating Procedures established by the BOB in April 2004, require PPRB approval of fees in excess of \$250,000.00. The following Professionals were selected by interview by the Using Agency and Bureau of Building, et al, procedures. (Fees may or may not be anticipated to be beyond \$250,000.00; however, the Bureau of Building, et al, has established an interoffice procedure to bring RFP/RFQ selections to PPRB for approval or ratification.)

**A. Consideration of BOB Contracts for Project Professionals**

- 1. Using Agency:** Alcorn State University  
**Project Number:** GS# 101-313  
**Title:** Eunice Hall Child Development Center Renovations  
**Location:** Lorman, Mississippi  
**Budget:** \$4,397,250.00  
**Funding Sources:** HB 1729 (Regular Session 2016), HB 1649 (Regular Session 2018), SB 3065 (Regular Session 2019)  
**Professional Fee:** C+ (estimated fees \$319,707.03)  
**Professional:** Salmon Architect PLLC  
**Scope:** Preplanning for renovations to the Eunice Powell Hall to include window repairs or replacements, mechanical upgrades, and a potential addition to the building.  
**Note:** The Professional was selected via a competitive qualification-based selection process from three eligible firms. This item is being brought to PPRB because fees for this project are now anticipated to exceed \$250,000.00 due to increase in scope/budget.

**Staff Recommendation:** This request has been reviewed for compliance and has been determined to comply with all rules and regulations and legal requirements by DFA staff. BOB has reviewed the documentation and recommends PPRB approval, contingent upon IHL Board approval.

2. **Using Agency:** Jackson State University  
**Project Number:** GS# 103-319  
**Title:** Preplan Residence Hall Renovations  
**Location:** Jackson, Mississippi  
**Budget:** \$10,000,000.00  
**Funding Sources:** SB 2971 (Regular Session 2021)  
**Professional Fee:** C+ (estimated fees \$690,000.00)  
**Professional:** Foil Wyatt Architects & Planners PLLC, Jackson, Mississippi  
**Scope:** Preplanning through Design Development phase to perform interior and exterior improvements at various student housing facilities on the JSU main campus. This design effort will address envelope, aesthetic, deferred maintenance, mechanical, electrical, plumbing, conveying systems, life safety systems, and other miscellaneous improvements as funds permit.

**Staff Recommendation:** The Professional was selected via a publicly noticed competitive qualification-based selection process. This request has been reviewed for compliance and has been determined to comply with all rules and regulations and legal requirements by DFA staff. BOB has reviewed the documentation and recommends PPRB approval, contingent upon IHL Board approval and the execution of completed contracts.

3. **Using Agency:** Mississippi Veterans Affairs  
**Project Number:** GS# 507-060  
**Title:** Preplan New Nursing Home - Rankin  
**Location:** Pearl, Mississippi  
**Budget:** \$8,000,000.00  
**Funding Sources:** Agency Funding  
**Professional Fee:** D (estimated fees \$509,916.57)  
**Professional:** Allred Stolarski Architects, PA – Ocean Springs  
**Scope:** Preplanning through Schematic Design Phase of a new 100 private bed nursing home for veterans to be located in Rankin County.

**Staff Recommendation:** The Professional was selected via a publicly noticed competitive qualification-based selection process. This request has been reviewed for compliance and has been determined to comply with all rules and regulations and legal requirements by DFA staff. BOB has reviewed the documentation and recommends PPRB approval, contingent upon the execution of completed contracts.

## B. Consideration of Construction Contracts for Board Action

**Note:** Board Action is required when award is over \$5,000,000.00.

- Using Agency:** Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College  
**Project Number:** GS# 211-065  
**Title:** STEM Facility HC Campus  
**General Contractor:** Drace Construction Corp.  
**Construction Days from Notice to Proceed [Time]:** 600 days  
**Total Value at Award:** \$20,337,700.00

**Scope:** Construction through warranty for a new 65,435 square foot classroom and laboratory building, including cyber security.

**Note:** This award, including base bid and alternates 1 and 2, is the lowest responsive/responsible bid of 4 bids received.

**Staff Recommendation:** This request has been reviewed for compliance and has been determined to comply with all rules and regulations and legal requirements by DFA staff. BOB has reviewed the documentation and recommends PPRB approval, contingent upon executable Contract.

## C. RPM New Leases

- Requesting Agency:** Mississippi Department of Corrections

**Lease #:** 170-491-28A

**Lessor:** BBL Properties, LLC.

**Term:** 01-01-2023 thru 12-31-2028

**Total Yearly Cost:** \$28,560.00

**Cost PSF:** \$8.16+ Utilities & Janitorial

**Previous Cost PSF:** N/A

**Total Space per Occupant:** N/A

**Federal Funds:** 0%

**Square Footage Proposed:** 3,500

**Previous Square Footage:** N/A

**Address of Property:** 108 N. Applegate Street, Winona, MS.

**Purpose of Lease:** This will be the Parole and Probation office for the Winona/Montgomery County area.

**Note:** This is a five (5) year lease with no renewals. The Agency advertised and received two responses.

**Staff Recommendation:** This request has been reviewed for compliance and has been determined to comply with all rules, regulations, and legal requirements by DFA staff. RPM recommends the approval of this lease.

- Requesting Agency:** Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services

**Lease #:** 725-621-26A

**Lessor:** Corbert Hollingsworth

**Term:** 05-01-2023 thru 4-30-2026  
**Total Yearly Cost:** \$45,600.00  
**Previous Yearly Cost:** N/A  
**Cost PSF:** \$10.48 + Utilities & Janitorial  
**Previous Cost PSF:** N/A  
**Total Space per Occupant:** N/A  
**Federal Funds:** 80%

**Square Footage Proposed:** 4,350  
**Previous Square Footage:** N/A

**Address of Property:** 2047 Hwy 35 South, Forest, MS.

**Purpose of Lease:** This location interviews and counsels disabled clients. There are three MDRS offices within this location: the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, the Office of Special Disability Programs, and the Department of Finance.

**Note:** This is a three (3) year lease with two (2) optional five (5) year renewals. The first option to renew will be \$4,400.00 per month (\$52,800.00 yearly) and the second option will be \$5,100.00 per month (\$61,200.00 yearly). The Agency advertised and received one response.

**Staff Recommendation:** This request has been reviewed for compliance and has been determined to comply with all rules, regulations, and legal requirements by DFA staff. RPM recommends the approval of this lease.

#### **D. RPM Non-Competitive Leases**

##### **1. Requesting Agency:** Mississippi Development Authority

**Lease #:** 225-251-23A

**Lessor:** Douglas, Inc.

**Term:** 01-01-2023 thru 12-31-2023

**Total Yearly Cost:** \$30,000.00

**Cost PSF:** \$6.11 Inclusive

**Previous Total Yearly Cost:** \$21,600.00

**Previous Cost PSF:** \$4.40 Inclusive

**Total Space per Occupant:** N/A

**Federal Funds:** 0%

**Square Footage Proposed:** 4,909

**Previous Square Footage:** 4,909

**Address of Property:** 4225 Industrial Drive, Jackson, MS.

**Purpose of Lease:** This facility receives and stores tourism brochures and other advertising information that is eventually distributed throughout the State via Douglas Express Delivery.

**Note:** This is a one (1) year lease with no renewals.

**Staff Recommendation:** This request has been reviewed for compliance and has been determined to comply with all rules, regulations, and legal requirements by DFA staff. RPM recommends the approval of this lease.

## E. RPM Succeeding Leases

### 1. Requesting Agency: Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services

**Lease #:** 725-541-25A

**Lessor:** Montgomery & Montgomery, LLC.

**Term:** 01/01/2023 thru 12/31/2025

**Total Yearly Cost:** \$26,400.00

**Previous Yearly Cost:** \$24,000.00

**Cost PSF:** \$6.95 + Utilities & Janitorial

**Previous Cost PSF:** \$6.32 + Utilities & Janitorial

**Total Space per Occupant:** N/A

**Federal Funds:** 80%

**Square Footage Proposed:** 3,800

**Previous Square Footage:** 3,800

**Address of Property:** 103 Bates Street, Batesville, MS.

**Purpose of Lease:** This location interviews and counsels disabled clients.

**Note:** This is a three (3) year lease with no renewals. The Agency has been at this location since 01-01-2020.

**Staff Recommendation:** This request has been reviewed for compliance and has been determined to comply with all rules, regulations, and legal requirements by DFA staff. RPM recommends the approval of this lease.

## F. RPM Amended Lease

### 1. Requesting Agency: Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services

**Lease #:** 725-461-25A

**Lessor:** Donnell Rental Company, LLC.

**Term:** 01-01-2023 thru 12-31-2025

**Total Yearly Cost:** \$30,000.00

**Cost PSF:** \$12.00 + Utilities & Janitorial

**Previous Yearly Cost:** \$30,000.00

**Previous Cost PSF:** \$12.00 + Utilities & Janitorial

**Total Space per Occupant:** N/A

**Federal Funds:** 80%

**Square Footage Proposed:** 2,500

**Previous Square Footage:** 2,500

**Address of Property:** 710 Broad Street, Columbia, MS.

**Purpose of Lease:** This location interviews and counsels disabled clients.

**Note:** This is a three (3) year lease with no renewals. The Agency has been at this location since 01-01-2020.

**Staff Recommendation:** This request has been reviewed for compliance and has been determined to comply with all rules, regulations, and legal requirements by DFA staff. RPM recommends the approval of this lease.

## VII. DFA Office of Personal Service Contract Review (OPSCR)

### A. Petitions for Relief from Competitive Sealed Bidding

1. **Requesting Agency:** Office of the State Treasurer

**RFx Number:** 3180001891

**Procurement Request:** Request for Proposals

**Anticipated Term:** Four Years with One Optional One-Year Renewal

**Anticipated Contract Amount:** \$3,350,000.00

**Summary of Request:** The Agency is seeking to contract with one Contractor to serve as Records Administrator for the Mississippi Prepaid Affordable College Tuition (MPACT) Program and the Mississippi Affordable College Savings (MACS) Program. Among other services, the Records Administrator will provide customer service, application processing, financial processing, matriculation services, program reports, annual statements, tax reporting, and web services. The Agency contends the use of an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to procure this service is neither practical nor advantageous because few vendors provide specialized services for prepaid college and savings plans and the vendors need to be comparatively evaluated. The Agency wishes to evaluate the Offeror's experience, expertise, resources, and overall ability to provide the service. Offerors will be evaluated on Management factors weighted at 35%, Technical factors weighted at 30%, and Cost (Price) factors weighted at 35%.

**Staff Recommendation:** This request has been reviewed for compliance by OPSCR staff and complies with PPRB OPSCR Rules and Regulations and all legal requirements. OPSCR recommends granting the Agency's petition for relief from competitive sealed bidding requirements, as allowed by Miss. Code Ann. § 31-7-403(4), and approval of the use of a Request for Proposals as the procurement method.

### B. Consideration of Contracts for Board Action

1. **Requesting Agency:** Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality

**Supplier:** Center for Toxicology and Environmental Health, LLC

**Contract #:** 8200055225

**Term:** 02/03/2021 – 01/31/2024

**Total Value:** \$1,100,000.00

**Renewal  
\$0.00**

**Summary of Request:** The term of the original contract was approximately two years with one optional one-year renewal. Modification Number One has been submitted to exercise the optional renewal period. The Contractor responds to and remediates emergency incidents involving hazardous materials and pollutants. All other terms and conditions of the original contract remain the same.

**Staff Recommendation:** This request has been reviewed for compliance by OPSCR staff and complies with PPRB OPSCR Rules and Regulations and all legal requirements. OPSCR recommends approval of the contract renewal as requested.

2. **Requesting Agency:** Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks

**Supplier:** Wiregrass Ecological Associates

**Contract #:** 8200047855

**Term:** 03/04/2020-12/31/2023

**Renewal**

**Total Value:** \$116,690.00

**\$0.00**

**Summary of Request:** The term of the original contract was one year with three optional one-year renewals. Amendment Four has been submitted to exercise the final full renewal year. The Contractor is conducting a coastal invasive species inventory and is providing a management plan for the Ward Bayou Wildlife Management Area in Jackson County. No additional funds were requested for the renewal period. All other terms and conditions of the original contract remain the same.

**Staff Recommendation:** This request has been reviewed for compliance by OPSCR staff and complies with PPRB OPSCR Rules and Regulations and all legal requirements. OPSCR recommends approval of the contract renewal as requested, contingent upon receipt of the required Certificate of Insurance.

**3. Requesting Agency:** Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks

**Supplier:** Enmon Enterprises, LLC dba Jani-King of Jackson

**Contract #:** 8200060310

**Term:** 12/8/2021-12/7/2023

**Renewal**

**Total Value:** \$134,537.78

**\$67,268.89**

**Summary of Request:** The term of the original contract was one year with four optional one-year renewals. Amendment One has been submitted to exercise the first renewal period. The Contractor provides janitorial services at the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science. The Contractor was selected through an Invitation for Bids (IFB) with six respondents. The Contractor submitted the lowest price and was deemed responsive and responsible. This is the first time this contract has been submitted to the Board because the original contract value was under the \$75,000.01 threshold requiring PPRB approval. Amendment One updates the consideration, period of performance, renewal of contract, and approval clauses. All other terms and conditions of the original contract remain the same.

**Staff Recommendation:** OPSCR staff has reviewed both the original contract and Amendment One for compliance, and the request complies with PPRB OPSCR Rules and Regulations and all legal requirements. OPSCR recommends approval of the contract renewal as requested

**4. Requesting Agency:** Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality

**Supplier:** CCSI, Inc.

**Contract #:** 8200066089

**Term:** 01/01/2023-12/31/2026

**New**

**Total Value:** \$604,032.00

**\$604,032.00**

**Summary of Request:** The term of the contract is four years with one optional one-year renewal. The Contractor will provide professional security services at two locations in Jackson, Mississippi. The Contractor was selected through an Invitation for Bids (IFB) with four respondents. The Contractor was the lowest bidder.

**Staff Recommendation:** This request has been reviewed for compliance by OPSCR staff and complies with PPRB OPSCR Rules and Regulations and all legal requirements. OPSCR recommends approval of the contract as requested.

5. **Requesting Agency:** Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services

**Supplier:** Johnson Controls, Inc.

**Contract #:** 8200043632

**Term:** 03/26/2019-03/25/2024

**Total Value:** \$555,771.73

**Renewal**  
**\$46,286.39**

**Summary of Request:** The term of the original contract was four years with one optional one-year renewal. Amendment One has been submitted to exercise the renewal period. The Contractor provides mechanical and equipment maintenance in the Agency's offices on Eastwood Drive in Jackson, Mississippi. The Robert E. Lee Building was originally included in the scope of this contract, but the Agency notified the vendor on October 19, 2020 that the services were no needed at that building as DFA took over maintenance of the items in that location. The Agency is now formalizing the scope reduction in Amendment One. Amendment One updates the Period of Performance, Method of Payment, and Notices clauses as well as Exhibit C, "Compensation." All other terms and conditions of the original contract remain the same.

**Staff Recommendation:** This request has been reviewed for compliance by OPSCR staff and complies with PPRB OPSCR Rules and Regulations and all legal requirements. OPSCR recommends approval of the contract renewal as requested.

6. **Requesting Agency:** Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services

**Supplier:** Public Catalyst Group Corporation

**Contract #:** 8800008051

**Term:** 01/01/2022-12/31/2023

**Total Value:** \$3,308,000.00

**Renewal**  
**\$1,654,000.00**

**Summary of Request:** The term of the original contract was one year with four optional one-year renewals. Modification Number One has been submitted to exercise the first renewal. The Contractor monitors compliance with the master settlement agreement in the *Olivia Y* lawsuit approved by the United States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi. Amendment One updates the Consideration, Period of Performance, Renewal of Contract, and Entire Agreement clauses. All other terms and conditions of the original contract remain the same.

**Staff Recommendation:** This request has been reviewed for compliance by OPSCR staff and complies with PPRB OPSCR Rules and Regulations and all legal requirements. OPSCR recommends approval of the contract renewal as requested.

7. **Requesting Agency:** Mississippi Department of Corrections

**Supplier:** S&S Management Group, LLC

**Contract #:** 8200065528

**Term:** 1/01/2023 - 12/31/2025

**Total Value:** \$10,200,000.00

**New**  
**\$10,200,000.00**

**Summary of Request:** The term of the contract is three years with two optional one-year renewals. The Contractor will provide security services as guards for inmates who are hospitalized or receiving outpatient services in a clinic or hospital. The Contractor was selected through an Invitation for Bids (IFB) with two respondents, one of which was rejected as non-responsible due to failure to meet the minimum experience requirements.

The Agency requests an exception to Section 3-202.03.4 for failure to obtain a signed acknowledgement of amendment from the unsuccessful bidder. OPSCR has reviewed this request and has no concerns that granting the exception would affect the competition, fairness, or transparency of the procurement. The unsuccessful bidder did not meet the minimum qualifications in the IFB, and therefore would not have been eligible for a contract award regardless of whether the amendment was received.

**Staff Recommendation:** This request has been reviewed for compliance by OPSCR staff and, upon granting the requested exception, it complies with PPRB OPSCR Rules and Regulations and all legal requirements. OPSCR recommends granting the exception to Section 3-202.03.4 and approval of the contract as requested, contingent upon receipt of the required Certificate of Insurance.

**8. Requesting Agency:** Mississippi Department of Education

**Supplier:** Path Company, LLC

**Contract #:** 8200066202

**Term:** 12/08/2022 - 12/07/2026

**Total Value:** \$3,600,000.00

**New  
\$3,600,000.00**

**Summary of Request:** The term of the contract is four years with one optional one-year renewal. The Contractor will create and administer the Educational Facilities Revolving Loan Fund Program, which was established by the Legislature to provide a funding mechanism for public school districts to improve educational facilities. The Contractor was selected through a Request for Proposals (RFP) and was the only respondent. The State Board of Education approved this contract on November 10, 2022.

**Staff Recommendation:** This request has been reviewed for compliance by OPSCR staff and complies with PPRB OPSCR Rules and Regulations and all legal requirements. OPSCR recommends approval of the contract as requested, contingent upon receipt of the required performance bond and proof of the regulatory board’s approval.

**9. Requesting Agency:** Mississippi Department of Education

**Supplier:** Reading and Language Arts Center, Inc. dba Brainspring

**Contract #:** 8200065656

**Term:** 01/01/2023 - 12/31/2023

**Total Value:** \$1,204,700.00

**New  
\$1,204,700.00**

**Summary of Request:** The term of the contract is one year with four optional one-year renewals. The Contractor will provide professional development services to train K-12 educators of students with disabilities regarding the Orton-Gillingham based methodology to improve reading proficiency. The Contractor was selected through a Request for Proposals (RFP) and was the only respondent. The State Board of Education will meet on December 15, 2022 to approve this contract.

**Staff Recommendation:** This request has been reviewed for compliance by OPSCR staff and complies with PPRB OPSCR Rules and Regulations and all legal requirements. OPSCR recommends approval of the contract as requested, contingent upon receipt of the required performance bond and proof of the regulatory board’s approval.

**10. Requesting Agency:** Mississippi Division of Medicaid

**Supplier:** Alliant Health Solutions, Inc.

**Contract #:** 8200036104

**Term:** 02/01/2019 - 01/31/2024

**Total Value:** \$19,997,817.00

**Renewal**  
**\$4,412,412.00**

**Summary of Request:** The term of the original contract was three years with two optional one-year renewals. Amendment Two has been submitted to exercise the final renewal period. The Contractor is the Agency's Utilization Management and Quality Improvement Organization and conducts prior authorization and repayment review of claims for Medicaid beneficiaries. Amendment Two updates the Period of Performance, Cost for Services, and Terms and Conditions clauses. All other terms and conditions of the contract remain unchanged.

**Staff Recommendation:** This request has been reviewed for compliance by OPSCR staff and complies with PPRB OPSCR Rules and Regulations and all legal requirements. OPSCR recommends approval of the contract renewal as requested.

**11. Requesting Agency:** Mississippi Division of Medicaid

**Supplier:** University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy

**Contract #:** 8200048860

**Term:** 01/01/2020 – 12/31/2023

**Total Value:** \$3,188,026.00

**Renewal**  
**\$830,876.00**

**Summary of Request:** The term of the original contract was three years with two optional one-year renewals. Amendment One has been submitted to exercise the first renewal period. The Contractor provides drug utilization review services and reports certain quality metrics to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on behalf of the Agency. Amendment One updates the Scope of Work clause to reflect the Agency's recent transition to a new fiscal agent, updates the Inspections clause to include additional state and federal entities allowed to audit the Contractor's records, and updates the Period of Performance and Cost for Services clauses to reflect the renewal year. All other terms and conditions of the contract remain unchanged.

**Staff Recommendation:** This request has been reviewed for compliance by OPSCR staff and complies with PPRB OPSCR Rules and Regulations and all legal requirements. OPSCR recommends approval of the contract renewal as requested.

**C. Request for Exceptions to PPRB OPSCR Rules and Regulations**

**1. Requesting Agency:** Mississippi Division of Medicaid

**Service:** Utilization Management/Quality Improvement Organization (UM/QIO)

**Procurement Method:** Invitation for Bids

**Regulation:** Section 3-502(a), Specified Period

**“Unless otherwise provided by law, a contract for services may be entered into for a period of time not to exceed four (4) years with an option to renew for one year, provided the term of the contract and conditions of renewal or extension, if any, are included in the solicitation and funds are available for the first fiscal period at the time of contracting. Payment and performance obligations for succeeding fiscal periods shall be subject to the availability and appropriation of funds.”**

**Summary of Request:** The Agency intends to issue an Invitation for Bids to solicit Utilization Management and Quality Improvement services and requests an exception to the five-year time limitation in Section 3-502(a) for the contract resulting from that IFB. The contract will involve an implementation period at no cost to the Agency and which the Agency expects to last approximately seven months. The implementation period allows the Contractor and the Agency to collaborate in preparation for the operational phase of the contract to create work plans, develop utilization policies, integrate the Contractor's information technology systems with the Agency's IT systems, and prepare for transition from the incumbent vendor. The IFB will require that the successful bidder bear all costs associated with the implementation period.

The Agency wishes to solicit for an initial contract term which includes an implementation period of no more than one year and an operational period of no more than four years, with an option to renew for a total operational period of no more than five years (i.e., no more than six years total). The term of the implementation period will be determined by the actual time required for implementation and all costs associated with the implementation period will be borne by the Contractor. The term of the operational period to be included in the original contract and any subsequent renewal(s) shall be at the sole discretion of the Agency.

The Agency requests that the Board grant an exception to Section 3-502(a) such that the five-year time limitation applies to the operational period of the contract only. The Agency has determined a longer contract period will serve the best interests of the State because it promotes competition, is expected to result in lower costs to the Agency, will allow for stabilization of the Contractor's workforce, will promote consistency and quality in the Contractor's work product, and will give the Agency the opportunity to properly assess the Contractor's performance and determine the Agency's needs for the next procurement cycle.

**Staff Recommendation:** OPSCR has reviewed the requested exception to Section 3-502(a) of the PPRB OPSCR Rules and Regulations and has no concerns that granting the exception would affect the competition, fairness, or transparency of the procurement process. Should the Board agree with the Agency's determination that granting the requested exception is in the best interest of the State, OPSCR recommends approval of the exception to Section 3-502(a) for the Agency's UM/QIO procurement and the resulting contract.

## VIII. Other Business

### A. Annual Report to Legislature

Miss. Code § 31-7-407(4) requires the DFA to monitor agency websites and the Mississippi Procurement Portal to ensure that agencies are posting notice of pending procurements through Requests for Proposals or Requests for Qualifications and to report its findings to the Chairs of the House of Representatives and Senate Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees and House of Representatives and Senate Appropriations Committees by December 31 of each year.

The DFA found one instance of noncompliance in 2022. The agency failed to include the due date for responses on its website as required by Miss. Code § 31-7-407(1)(a). The agency was informed of the noncompliance and canceled the solicitation to resolicit with the required information posted.

**Staff Recommendation:** Authorization of filing of the Report.

**B. Adoption of 2023 Meeting and Submission Deadline Dates**

<u>PPRB Meeting Date</u>	<u>Submission Deadlines</u>
January 4, 2023	December 7, 2022
February 1, 2023	January 4, 2023
March 1, 2023	February 1, 2023
April 5, 2023	March 1, 2023
May 3, 2023	April 5, 2023
June 7, 2023	May 3, 2023
July 5, 2023	June 7, 2023
August 2, 2023	July 5, 2023
September 6, 2023	August 2, 2023
October 4, 2023	September 6, 2023
November 1, 2023	October 4, 2023
December 6, 2023	November 1, 2023
	December 6, 2023

**Staff Recommendation:** Adoption of 2023 meeting dates and submission deadlines.

**C. Election of Officers**

**D. Next Regular PPRB Meeting January 4, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.**

**IX. Adjournment**