



MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, September 4, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Woolfolk Office Building, Room 138

***This Meeting will be held virtually. Public access to the meeting is available at <https://www.youtube.com/@MSPPRB> ***

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes from the August 7, 2024 Public Procurement Review Board Meeting
- III. Approval of per diem and expenses for the September 4, 2024 meeting and for any additional expenses incurred prior to the October 2, 2024 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. Petition for Relief from Reverse Auction
 - 1. **Requesting Agency:** Yazoo County School District
Supplier: Unknown
Term: One-time purchase
Commodity: Apple Macbooks
Total Value: \$285,000.00

Summary of Request: Yazoo County School District is requesting an exemption from using the reverse auction process for the purchase of Apple Macbooks. Apple does not participate in the reverse auction process. Yazoo County School District will utilize the sealed bid process.

Staff Recommendation: OPTFM recommends approval of this exemption.

B. Consideration of State Agency Contracts for Board Action

1. Requesting Agency: Mississippi Forestry Commission (MFC)

Supplier: McComb Diesel

Contract #: 8200076328

Term: 07/22/2024 through 07/21/2025

Total Value: \$1,610,400.00

Summary of Request: MFC is requesting to purchase twelve (12) Western Star 47x truck tractors from the MDOT Agency contract at the price of \$134,200.00 each. McComb Diesel has agreed to extend the current pricing to governing authorities and state agencies.

Staff Recommendation: OPTFM recommends approval of this purchase request.

2. Requesting Agency: Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks (MDWFP)

Supplier: Courtesy Motors, Inc.

Contract #: 4000707189, 400707212, 400707321, 4000707207

Total Value: \$1,664,404.00

Summary of Request: MDWFP is requesting approval to purchase a total of thirty-six (36) 2024MY F-150s from the current state contract holder (Courtesy Motors).

Staff Recommendation: OPTFM recommends approval of this purchase request.

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

Supplier: TraxPlus LLC

Contract #: 8200067503

Term: 03/01/2023 through 03/31/2025

Total Value: \$1,488,000.00

Summary of Request: MDOT is requesting to extend the contract with TraxPlus for 32,000-pound, .75 cubic yard excavators. The original contract was approved by PPRB on March 1, 2023. This is the third of nine (9) possible six (6) month extensions. The first extension was approved by PPRB on September 6, 2023 while the second extension was approved by PPRB on March 6, 2024.

Staff Recommendation: OPTFM recommends approval of this extension.

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

Supplier: ATMAX Equipment Company

Contract #: 8200076823

Term: 08/12/2024 through 08/11/2025

Total Value: \$616,964.50

Summary of Request: MDOT is requesting authority to purchase (2) Mowermax prime movers, 22ft-26ft w/boom arm (810-2025) and front lift arms (810-4001) with options.

Staff Recommendation: OPTFM recommends approval of this contract.

5. Requesting Agency: Mississippi Department of Health (MSDH)

Supplier: Vehicle Maintenance Program, Inc.

Contract #: 8200076591

Term: 09/05/2024 through 09/04/2025

Total Value: \$792,820.00

Summary of Request: MSDH held a reverse auction on August 08, 2024, for multiple types of infant car seats and booster seats. Two (2) bidders were invited and one (1) participated. MSDH wishes to award the contract to Vehicle Maintenance Program Inc.

Staff Recommendation: OPTFM recommends approval of the contract.

6. Requesting Agency: University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC)

Supplier: Illumina, Inc.

Contract #: 8800009515

Term: 09/06/2024 through 09/05/2027

Total Value: \$825,000.00

Summary of Request: UMMC is requesting approval of a sole source purchase for proprietary reagents, kits, and supplies for sequencing and analysis of multiple assays used on the Illumina sequencing platforms. UMMC advertised in the newspaper and on the procurement portal per the Mississippi Procurement Manual, and there were no objections.

Staff Recommendation: OPTFM recommends approval of this contract.

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

Supplier: Kinro Manufacturing, LLC

Contract #: 8200076455, 8200071135

Term: 06/15/2024 through 10/08/2025 with four (4) optional one (1) year renewals

Total Value: \$4,500,000.00

Summary of Request: MEMA completed the competitive sealed bid process for emergency standby bottled water to utilize during disaster events. The contract was approved by the PPRB on 10/04/2023 with NEX-XOS. The company is now DBA Kinro Manufacturing, LLC.

Staff Recommendation: OPTFM recommends approval of the contract name change.

8. Requesting Agency: Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (MEMA)

Supplier: Hope Springs

Contract #: 8200071137

Term: 10/09/2023 through 10/08/2024 with four (4) optional one (1) year renewals

Total Value: \$4,500,000.00

Summary of Request: MEMA completed the competitive sealed bid process for emergency standby bottled water to utilize during disaster events. The contract was approved by the PPRB on 10/04/2023. This is the first of four (4) possible extensions.

Staff Recommendation: OPTFM recommends approval of this extension.

9. Requesting Agency: Mississippi State Hospital (MSH)

Supplier: RICOH USA

Contract #: 8200077087

Term: 09/04/2024 through 08/31/2029

Total Value: \$645,140.00

Summary of Request: MS State Hospital is requesting approval to enter into a five (5) year copier rental agreement. The agreement is with a vendor that is on a current OPTFM state copier contract.

Staff Recommendation: Based on the information submitted, OPTFM recommends approval of this contract.

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

A. Consideration of Construction Contract for Board Action

1. Using Agency: Northwest Mississippi Community College

Project Number: GS# 213-063

Project Title: Library Renovation

General Contractor: Murphy & Sons, Inc.

Construction Days from Notice to Proceed [Time]: 270 days

Total Value of Award: \$3,756,672.00 (Base Bid and 3 alternates)

Scope: A complete interior renovation of the existing 16,030 square foot Pugh Library including finishes and mechanical and electrical systems. Exterior work includes replacing all windows with historical replica windows approved by Mississippi Department of Archives and History. New construction includes a new entry porch with an ADA ramp.

Staff Recommendation: BOB recommends PPRB approval, contingent upon a fully executable Contract.

2. Using Agency: Department of Public Safety

Project Number: GS# 331-190

Project Title: DPS ARPA North MS ME Office

General Contractor: Hills Construction LLC

Construction Days from Notice to Proceed [Time]: 365 days

Total Value of Award: \$6,493,000.00 (Base Bid only)

Scope: Planning through Warranty Phase to renovate/repurpose existing 10,986 square foot structure to create The North Mississippi Medical Examiner's Office in Oxford, Mississippi for the Mississippi Department of Public Safety. Purpose of renovation is to establish a 1,700 square foot morgue to serve north Mississippi. Project to include examining rooms, coolers, ambulance portal, office space, meeting room, restrooms, fencing, relocate entrance, resurface drive and parking area, generator, new roof and façade.

Staff Recommendation: BOB recommends PPRB approval, contingent upon a fully executable Contract.

B. Consideration of Change Order for Board Action

1. Using Agency: Pearl River Community College

Project Number: GS# 214-079

Project Title: ARPA Infr. – Waste Coll. U Conv.

General Contractor: L J Construction Inc.

Original Contract Sum: \$302,152.38

Net Change by Previous Change Orders: \$0.00

Total Value of Award before this Change Order: \$302,152.38

Total Value of this Change Order: \$249,050.72

Construction Days to Date [Time]: 222 (including 102 days for this Change Order)

Scope: Additional 905 linear feet of PVC sewer line and precast manholes added to the New Wastewater Collection and Conveyances at Pearl River Community College, Poplarville, Mississippi.

Note: Board Action is required when cumulative Change Orders exceed 25% of original bid.

Staff Recommendation: BOB has reviewed the documentation and recommends PPRB approval contingent upon executable Change Order.

2. Using Agency: Mississippi State Penitentiary

Project Number: GS# 321-271

Project Title: ARPA Infr. – Waste Cent. Treatment

General Contractor: Hemphill Construction Company, Inc.

Original Contract Sum: \$11,066,818.00

Net Change by Previous Change Orders: \$42,079.03

Total Value of Award before this Change Order: \$11,108,897.03

Total Value of this Change Order: \$2,830,400.00

Construction Days to Date [Time]: 690 (including 150 days for this Change Order)

Scope: Decommissioning of the 50-acre main wastewater treatment lagoon spray field. A new treatment has been built and the existing spray field will no longer be used.

Note: Board Action is required when Change Orders exceed \$1,000,000.00 and when cumulative Change Orders exceed 25% of original bid.

Staff Recommendation: BOB has reviewed the documentation and recommends PPRB approval contingent upon executable Change Order.

C. Consideration of Construction Contract Amendment for Board Action

1. Using Agency: Department of Finance and Administration

Project Number: GS# 371-166

Project Title: Job Order Contracting Program

General Contractors: Brown & Root Industrial Services, LLC

Paul Jackson & Son, Inc.

Ergon Construction Group, Inc. dba Alliant Construction, division of
Ergon Construction Group, Inc. – Jackson, Mississippi

Term: 1 year with up to four (4) additional one (1) year renewals. Original approval was March 1, 2023, PPRB, and 1st renewal February 7, 2024, PPRB.

Total Value of Award: Not to Exceed \$50,000,000.00 Annually

Scope: Indefinite delivery / indefinite quantity term contracts based upon a nationally published and recognized cost index (Job Order Contract) for the construction, repair, renovation, demolition, and improvement of buildings, facilities and infrastructure for state agencies and institutions, universities, and community colleges statewide in accordance with Section 31-7-13(n) of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated. The BOB is requesting to raise the Annual Job Order limit because we are nearing a cap on 2 of the 3 Job Order Contractors and this will allow time for DFA/BOB to re-solicit the program, increasing the number of Job Order Contractors. Annual Job Orders will be not more than \$50,000,000.00 and Individual Job Orders will be not more than \$5,000,000.00 and not less than \$25,000.00. The cost for all work is based upon the established cost index multiplied by the Bidder's pricing coefficient. This will also be documented on the first page, in 1.2.1 Basic Services, and 2.5.4 Preliminary Scoping Phase of the Job Order Professional Contract by Amendments authorized by mutual consent depending upon actual utilization of each professional.

Note: Board Action is required for renewals and maximum annual contract amount amendment in Instructions to Bidders 1.01.

Staff Recommendation: BOB has reviewed the documentation and recommends PPRB approval contingent upon executable Amendments.

D. RPM New Leases

1. Requesting Agency: Mississippi Department of Corrections

Lease #: 170-812-29A

Lessor: C & S Enterprises

Term: 10-01-2024 thru 09-30-2029

Total Yearly Cost: \$28,825.00

Cost PSF: \$11.53 + Utilities & Janitorial

Total Space per Occupant: N/A

Federal Funds: 0%

Proposed Square Footage: 2,500

Address of Property: 635 South Main Street, Water Valley, MS

Purpose of Lease: This is the parole and probation office for the Water Valley/Yalobusha County area.

Note: This is a five (5) year lease with no renewals. This lease was advertised, and one response was received. This is a new location for MDOC.

Staff Recommendation: RPM recommends the approval of this lease.

E. RPM Amended Leases

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

Lease #: 170-481-29A

Lessor: Parker & Randolph Investments, LLC

Term: 12-01-2024 thru 11-30-2029

Total Yearly Cost: \$10,200.00

Previous Yearly Cost: \$7,800.00

Cost PSF: \$4.72 + Utilities & Janitorial

Previous Cost PSF: \$3.61 + Utilities & Janitorial

Total Space per Occupant: N/A

Federal Funds: 0%

Proposed Square Footage: 2,161

Address of Property: 209 East Commerce Street, Aberdeen, MS

Purpose of Lease: This is the parole & probation office for the Aberdeen/Monroe County Area.

Note: This is a five-year lease extension with no renewals. This agency has been at this location since 12-01-2014.

Staff Recommendation: RPM recommends the approval of this lease.

F. Non-Competitive Leases

1. **Requesting Agency:** Mississippi Department of Public Safety

Lease #: 670-573-26A

Lessor: Pike County Board of Supervisors

Term: 10-01-2024 thru 09-30-2026

Total Yearly Cost: \$1.00

Cost PSF: N/A

Total Space per Occupant: N/A

Federal Funds: 0%

Proposed Square Footage: 2,100

Address of Property: 708 Laurel Street, Summit, MS

Purpose of Lease This is a license renewal and testing center for MDPS.

Note: This is a two-year lease with no renewals. The Pike County Board of Supervisors pays the rent on this location.

Staff Recommendations: RPM recommends the approval of this lease.

2. **Requesting Agency:** Mississippi Department of Finance & Administration/Mississippi Office of Air Transport Services

Lease #: 055-251-54A

Lessor: Jackson Municipal Airport Authority

Term: 09-04-2024 thru 06-30-2054

Total Yearly Cost: \$29,109.15. The rate will increase by 2% per year

Cost PSF: \$0.59

Current Yearly Cost: Hangar and land for office trailer \$55,851.04

Federal Funds: 0%

Proposed Square Footage: 49,653

Address of Property: Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport West Ramp

Purpose of Lease: When finished the Emergency Air Response Station will fulfill a multi-faceted assignment. The station will be the home of the Air Transportation Office and serve to store and maintain the State aircraft in the adjacent hangar. The building will also be fitted to accommodate numerous agencies such as MDEQ, MEMA, MSDH and MDPS that are charged with responding to various types of emergencies. MDA will also be able to host meetings at the airport with potential business clients investing in the State. The two current leases at the airport will be terminated at the time of occupancy.

Note: This is a thirty-year lease with no renewals.

Staff Recommendation: RPM recommends the approval of this lease.

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

A. Petition for Relief from Competitive Sealed Bidding

1. Requesting Agency: Mississippi Division of Medicaid

RFx #: 3180002420

Procurement Request: Request for Proposal

Anticipated Term: Three Years with Two Optional One Year Renewals

Summary of Request: The Agency is seeking a Contractor to conduct external quality review activities consistent with federal regulations for the managed care programs with the goal to improve healthcare for the MississippiCAN and Mississippi CHIP enrollees by increasing access to care, enhancing service quality, and controlling costs. The Agency contends the use of an Invitation for Bids (IFB) is neither practicable nor advantageous because the Agency needs to evaluate based on technical and performance capabilities and price is not the most important factor to consider for these services. Offerors will be evaluated on the following factors: Technical weighted at 35%, Management weighted at 30%, and Cost (Price) weighted at 35%. The Agency requests all factors to be scored openly pursuant to SB 2486.

Staff Recommendation: OPSCR recommends approval of this request.

B. Consideration of Contracts for Board Action

1. Requesting Agency: Mississippi Division of Medicaid

Supplier: Ascend Management Innovations, LLC

Contract #: 8200054150

Term: 01/01/2021 - 12/31/2025

Total Value: \$4,772,305.24

Renewal
\$1,092,890.54

Summary of Request: The term of the original contract was two years with two optional one-year renewals. Amendment Two has been submitted to exercise the final renewal. The Contractor provides Preadmission Screening and Resident Reviews. Amendment Two also updates the Entire Agreement, Period of Performance, and Cost for Services clauses. All other terms and conditions of the original contract remain the same.

Staff Recommendation: OPSCR recommends approval of this request.

Projected Budget for the Life of the Contract: \$4,772,305.24 (two years with two one-year renewals)

2. Requesting Agency: Mississippi State Hospital

Supplier: Jackson HMA, LLC d/b/a Merit Health Central

Contract #: 8200053788

Term: 11/05/2020-11/04/2025

Total Value: \$350,000.00

**Renewal
\$70,000.00**

Summary of Request: The term of the original contract was four years with one optional one-year renewal. Addendum One has been submitted to exercise the only renewal. The Contractor provides professional hospital transfer services to Mississippi State Hospital patients/residents and/or any Mississippi Department of Mental Health sister facilities' patients during admissions to MSH in accordance with accepted professional standards and practices. Addendum One also updates Representation Regarding Gratuities, Procurement Regulations, Stop Work Order, Compliance with Laws, and Approval clauses. All other terms and conditions remain the same.

Staff Recommendation: OPSCR recommends approval of this request contingent upon receipt of required Certificate of Insurance.

Projected Budget for the Life of the Contract: \$350,000.00 (four years with one one-year renewal)

3. Requesting Agency: Mississippi State Hospital

Supplier: River Oaks Hospital, LLC d/b/a Merit River Oaks

Contract #: 8200053800

Term: 11/05/2020-11/04/2025

Total Value: \$175,000.00

**Renewal
\$35,000.00**

Summary of Request: The term of the original contract was four years with one optional one-year renewal. Addendum One has been submitted to exercise the only renewal. The Contractor provides professional hospital transfer services to Mississippi State Hospital patients/residents and/or any Mississippi Department of Mental Health sister facilities' patients during admissions to MSH in accordance with accepted professional standards and practices. Addendum One also updates Representation Regarding Gratuities, Procurement Regulations, Stop Work Order, Compliance with Laws, and Approval clauses. All other terms and conditions remain the same.

Staff Recommendation: OPSCR recommends approval of this request contingent upon receipt of required Certificate of Insurance.

Projected Budget for the Life of the Contract: \$175,000.00 (four years with one one-year renewal)

4. **Requesting Agency:** Mississippi State Hospital
Supplier: Brandon HMA, Inc d/b/a Merit Health Rankin
Contract #: 8200053787
Term: 11/05/2020-11/04/2025
Total Value: \$600,000.00

Renewal
\$120,000.00

Summary of Request: The term of the original contract was four years with one optional one-year renewal. Addendum One has been submitted to exercise the only renewal. The Contractor provides professional hospital transfer services to Mississippi State Hospital patients/residents and/or any Mississippi Department of Mental Health sister facilities' patients during admissions to MSH in accordance with accepted professional standards and practices. Addendum One also updates Representation Regarding Gratuities, Procurement Regulations, Stop Work Order, Compliance with Laws, and Approval clauses. All other terms and conditions remain the same.

Staff Recommendation: OPSCR recommends approval of this request contingent upon receipt of required Certificate of Insurance.

Projected Budget for the Life of the Contract: \$600,000.00 (four years with one one-year renewal)

5. **Requesting Agency:** Mississippi State Hospital
Supplier: Elior, Inc. d/b/a Cura Hospitality, LLC
Contract #: 8200053761
Term: 11/01/2020-10/31/2025
Total Value: \$19,066,588.70

Renewal
\$4,000,000.00

Summary of Request: The term of the original contract was four years with one optional one-year renewal. Addendum One has been submitted to exercise the only renewal. The Contractor provides food management services for the Mississippi State Hospital. Addendum One also updates Representation Regarding Gratuities, Procurement Regulations, Stop Work Order, Compliance with Laws, and Approval clauses. All other terms and conditions remain the same.

Staff Recommendation: OPSCR recommends approval of this request.

Projected Budget for the Life of the Contract: \$19,066,588.70 (four years with one-year renewal)

6. **Requesting Agency:** Mississippi State Hospital
Supplier: Bilishia Powell
Contract #: 10140897
Term: 09/04/2024 - 06/30/2025
Total Value: \$81,312.00

New
\$81,312.00

Summary of Request: The term of the contract is ten months with no option to renew. The Contract Worker is a Registered Nurse who will provide nursing services at the Jaquith Nursing Home. The Contract Worker was selected through a Request for Applications (RFA)

with ten respondents. Eight applicants were deemed non-responsive, and one applicant withdrew. One contract was awarded. The Contract Worker will be paid \$42.00 per hour with a minimum of 32 to 40 hours per week.

Staff Recommendation: OPSCR recommends approval of this request.

Projected Budget for the Life of the Contract: \$81,312.00 (ten months with no renewals)

7. Requesting Agency: Mississippi Department of Marine Resources

Supplier: Wren's Construction, LLC

Contract #: 8200076050

Term: 09/04/2024 - 09/03/2025

Total Value: \$134,500.00

New

\$134,500.00

Summary of Request: The term of the contract is one year that may be extended subject to the availability of funds. The Contractor will provide services to create a staging area and entrance to improve safety for firefighters and the public by getting fire equipment off the road and to provide a defensible space for firefighters and fire equipment during wildland fire activities. The Contractor was selected through an Invitation for Bids (IFB) with two respondents. The contract was awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

Staff Recommendation: OPSCR recommends approval of this request contingent upon receipt of the required Certificate of Insurance.

Projected Budget for the Life of the Contract: \$134,500.00 (one year with no renewals)

Current Contractor: N/A

8. Requesting Agency: Mississippi Department of Marine Resources

Supplier: P2G Farms, LLC

Contract #: 8200076018

Term: 09/04/2024 - 09/03/2025

Total Value: \$206,046.00

New

\$206,046.00

Summary of Request: The term of the contract is one year that may be extended subject to the availability of funds. The Contractor will provide services to reduce areal coverage of woody and invasive vegetation using combinations of mechanical, chemical, and prescribed fire treatments and thus promote recovery of native herbaceous communities. The Contractor was selected through an Invitation for Bids (IFB) with ten respondents. The contract was awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

Staff Recommendation: OPSCR recommends approval of this request contingent upon receipt of the required Certificate of Insurance.

Projected Budget for the Life of the Contract: \$206,046.00 (one year with no renewals)

Current Contractor: N/A

9. Requesting Agency: Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality

Supplier: Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc.

Contract #: 8200075813

Term: 09/04/2024 – 09/03/2027

Total Value: \$249,700.00

**New
\$249,700.00**

Summary of Request: The term of the contract is three years with two optional one-year renewals. The Contractor will provide professional services to prepare and conduct a study for the purposes of developing a plan to improve material recovery and recycling in Mississippi. The Contractor was selected through a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) with two Respondents. The Contractor was awarded to the highest scoring respondent.

Staff Recommendation: OPSCR recommends approval of this request, contingent upon receipt of the required Certificate of Insurance.

Projected Budget for the Life of the Contract: \$416,166.66 (three years with two one-year renewals)

Current Contractor: N/A

10. Requesting Agency: Mississippi Emergency Management Agency

Supplier: ATKINSRealis USA, Inc.

Contract #: 8200070967

Term: 10/09/2023 – 10/08/2025

Total Value: \$3,000,000.00

**Renewal
\$0.00**

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. The Contractor provides professional services to assist the Public Assistance staff with managing and administering the Public Assistance (PA) Program for the final few projects and sole remaining subrecipient for FEMA-1604, Hurricane Katrina. Amendment One updates the Period of Performance clause. All other terms and conditions of the original contract remain the same.

Staff Recommendation: OPSCR recommends approval of this request.

Projected Budget for the Life of the Contract: \$12,000,000.00 (one year with four one-year renewals)

11. Requesting Agency: Mississippi Department of Corrections

Supplier: Health Connect America, Inc.

Contract #: 8200057199

Term: 07/12/2021 - 09/30/2025

Total Value: \$532,444.50

**Renewal
\$0.00**

Summary of Request: The term of the original contract was two years and three months with two optional one-year renewals. The Contractor works in four coastal counties, providing support and treatment services for inmates with co-occurring substance abuse and mental illness. Amendment Two updates the Period of Performance clause. All other terms and conditions of the contract remain the same.

Staff Recommendation: OPSCR recommends approval of this request, contingent upon receipt of the required Certificate of Insurance.

Projected Budget for the Life of the Contract: \$532,444.50 (two years and three months with two one-year renewals)

12. Requesting Agency: Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration/BEAM

Supplier: Michael Baker International, Inc.

Contract #: 8200076988

Term: 09/05/2024 – 09/04/2025

Total Value: \$400,000.00

New

\$400,000.00

Summary of Request: The term of the contract is one year with no optional renewals. The Contractor will provide BEAD (Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment) Program Challenge Adjudication Services which include receiving, analyzing, and fully adjudicating challenges as well as completing and submitting all required and requested reports in accordance with the NTIA (National Telecommunication and Information Administration) and BEAM/BEAD related requests and requirements. The Contractor was selected through a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) with five respondents. The contract was awarded to the highest scoring Respondent

Staff Recommendation: OPSCR recommends approval of this request, contingent upon receipt of the required Certificate of Insurance.

Projected Budget for the Life of the Contract: \$400,000.00 (one year with no renewals)

Current Contractor: N/A

C. Preapproved Vendor List

1. Service Type: Lawn and Landscaping Services

Effective Dates of PVL: 07/07/2022 – 06/30/2025

Renewable Through: 06/30/2027

Summary of Request: OPSCR established a preapproved vendor list (PVL) to provide lawn and landscaping services on an as-needed basis. Pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 27-104-7(2)(i), Agencies under the purview of the PPRB can contract with vendors on the PVL without bidding or other solicitation. On July 6, 2022, PPRB approved this lawn and landscaping services list. As set forth in Section 14 of IFB No. 2022-03, OPSCR will allow for rolling awards by continuously accepting bids for potential placement on the PVL. The IFB provided that OPSCR would recommend awards be made to all responsive and responsible bidders whose average bid price is less than 125% of the mean of the lowest five average bid prices for inclusion on the original PVL. Two bidders responded to the IFB, and OPSCR determined that all were responsive and responsible. Out of these two, one submitted prices that exceeded the maximum bid price allowed by the IFB. This bidder was deemed ineligible. OPSCR recommends that Elite Construction, LLC be placed on the PVL for the Central, East Central, Pinebelt, and Southwest Regions. Prices will remain firm, valid and renewable through June 30, 2027.

Staff Recommendation: OPSCR recommends approval of this request.

VIII. Other Business

A. Next Regular PPRB Meeting October 2, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

IX. Adjournment