



MEETING AGENDA
Wednesday, June 4, 2025
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 May 7, 2025 Public Procurement Review Board Meeting**
- III. Approval of per diem and expenses for the June 4, 2025 meeting and for any additional expenses incurred prior to the July 2, 2025 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: Blacklidge Emulsions, Inc.; Ergon Asphalt & Emulsions, Inc.
Contract #: 8900002739, 8900002740
Term: 07/01/2025 – 12/31/2025
Total Value: (\$1,025,000.00) \$75,000.00, \$950,000.00

Summary of Request: MDOT solicited competitive sealed bids for certified bituminous materials and wishes to award to all vendors who met specifications allowing for lowest cost selection at the time of need, based on availability and work location. These contracts will be used by MDOT and will be available to other state agencies and governing authorities.

Staff Recommendation: OPTFM recommends approval of this contract.

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

Supplier: Warren Paving, Inc.; Core & Main; Dickerson & Bowen, Inc.; Barriere Construction; APAC Mississippi, Inc.; Lehman-Roberts Co., Inc.; Material Resources, Inc.; Huey P. Stockstill LLC; Seaboard Asphalt Products Company; Advanced Asphalt; Adcamp Inc.; Standard Construction Co., Inc.; Dunn Roadbuilders LLC; Central Pipe Supply, Inc.; Blades Group; John Harreld

Contract #: 8900002769, 8900002766, 8900002765, 8900002764, 8900002763, 8900002762, 8900002761, 8900002760, 8900002759, 8900002792, 8900002791, 8900002797, 8900002796, 8900002795, 8900002794, 8900002793

Term: 07/01/2025 – 12/31/2025

Total Value: (\$7,405,000.00) \$950,000.00, \$50,000.00, \$1,000,000.00, \$150,000.00, \$1,500,000.00, \$1,000,000.00, \$75,000.00, \$75,000.00, \$50,000.00, \$125,000.00, \$400,000.00, \$180,000.00, \$1,000,000.00, \$50,000.00, \$50,000.00, \$750,000.00

Summary of Request: MDOT solicited competitive sealed bid for hot and cold mix asphalt which is used by road maintenance crews at various locations throughout the State. The contract has no extensions and will be awarded to all vendors who met bid requirements and specifications.

Staff Recommendation: OPTFM recommends approval of this contract.

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

Supplier: The Hall Group, Inc.

Contract #: 8200063002

Term: 07/01/2022 – 06/30/2026

Total Value: \$550,000.00

Summary of Request: MDOT solicited competitive sealed bids for Bushwhacker brand mower parts, and the contract was originally approved by PPRB on 06/01/2022 with the first and second extensions approved 06/07/2023 and 06/05/2024, respectively. This will be the third of four (4) possible twelve (12) month extensions.

Staff Recommendation: OPTFM recommends approval of this extension.

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

Supplier: Warren Paving, Inc., Vulcan Construction, Terral River Service, Inc., Nunley Trucking Co, Inc., Miller Materials, Inc., Fullen Dock & Warehouse, Arcosa LW BR LLC, APAC MS, Inc., A&N Enterprises LLC

Contract #: 8900002738, 8900002737, 8900002736, 8900002734, 8900002733, 8900002732, 8900002731, 8900002730, 8900002758

Term: 07/01/2025 – 12/31/2025

Total Value: (\$ 3,385,000.00) \$ \$850,000.00, \$1,500,000.00, \$750,000.00, \$20,000.00, \$50,000.00, \$20,000.00, \$75,000.00, \$100,000.00, \$20,000.00

Summary of Request: MDOT solicited competitive sealed bids for crushed aggregates and wishes to award to all vendors who met specifications allowing for lowest cost selection at the time of need, based on availability and work location. These contracts have no extensions and will be used by MDOT and available to other state agencies and governing authorities.

Staff Recommendation: OPTFM recommends approval of this contract.

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

Supplier: TraxPlus LLC, H & E Equipment, Inc., G&S Holdings LLC, Rent Smart Equipment Rental, Puckett-Rents Hattiesburg, Lyle-Machinery, G&S Holdings, Vermeer Midsouth Inc. Scott Equipment Co LLC

Contract #: 8900002266, 8900002280, 8900002260, 8900002283, 8900002270, 8900002271, 8900002263, 8900002264

Term: 07/05/2023 – 06/30/2026

Total Value: (\$3,290,000.00) \$430,000.00, \$450,000.00, \$85,000.00, \$575,000.00, \$1,500,000.00, \$100,000.00, \$25,000.00, \$125,000.00

Summary of Request: MDOT solicited competitive sealed bids for equipment rental to meet temporary and emergency equipment needs. This contract was originally approved by PPRB on 7/5/2023 with the first extension approved on 6/5/2024. This is the second of two (2) twelve-month extensions.

Staff Recommendation: OPTFM recommends approval of this extension.

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

Supplier: Ingevity Corporation

Contract #: 8200080779

Term: 07/01/2025 – 6/30/2026

Total Value: \$650,000.00

Summary of Request: MDOT solicited competitive sealed bids for Traffic Paint. The initial contract is for twelve (12) months with two (2) possible twelve (12) month extensions and shall not exceed thirty-six (36) months. Ingevity Corporation agrees to sell to MDOT along with state agencies and governing authorities.

Staff Recommendation: OPTFM recommends approval of this contract.

7. Requesting Agency: Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (MDMR)

Supplier: Spat-Tech of Mississippi, LLC

Contract #: 8200073244

Term: 03/06/2024 – 12/31/2025

Total Value: \$3,000,000.00

Summary of Request: MDMR is requesting approval to extend the contract with Spat-Tech of Mississippi, LLC (Spat-Tech). The Contractor will use a controlled environment to grow high density oyster larvae which will be deployed onto public reefs resulting in the acceleration of oyster growth and harvesting. The Contractor will also assess the overall feasibility, ongoing operational/maintenance costs, efficiency setting, sampling protocol, and verification process for the grow-out and deployment of seed oysters (*Crassostrea virginica*) The technology and methods used will introduce a large number of healthy oysters in the Mississippi Sound.

Staff Recommendation: OPTFM recommends approval of this extension.

8. Requesting Agency: Mississippi Fire Academy (MFA)

Supplier: KFT Fire Trainer, LLC

Contract #: 8800009933

Term: 06/04/2025 – 06/30/2026

Total Value: \$1,150,850.00

Summary of Request: Mississippi Fire Academy is requesting upgrades to their Gas-Fueled Live Fire Trainer. This purchase will upgrade props and software to their Fire Trainer T2000 to continue to facilitate training. As the designer, manufacturer and installer of the Structural FIRETRAINER T-2000, KFT Fire Trainer maintains the resources, materials and equipment necessary to fully support the trainer.

Staff Recommendation: OPTFM recommends approval of this contract.

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

Supplier: Transportation South

Purchase: 17 Passenger ADA Bus

Contract #: 8200069338

Term: 07/05/2023 – 06/30/2026

Total Value: \$12,849,300.00

Summary of Request: This request is for the second of four (4) possible one (1) year extensions. The original contract was approved by PPRB 7/5/2023, and the first extension was approved 6/5/2024.

Staff Recommendation: OPTFM recommends approval of the extension.

10. Requesting Agency: University of Mississippi (UOM)

Supplier: Clark's Pine Straw

Contract #: 8200080312

Term: 07/01/2025 – 06/30/2028

Total Value: \$1,200,000.00

Summary of Request: The University of Mississippi is requesting approval to purchase seventy (70) loads of pine straw bales per year. Another vendor was the lowest bid; however, due to a previous contract termination, UOM is requesting to contract with Clark's Pine Straw.

Staff Recommendation: OPTFM recommends approval of this contract.

11. Requesting Agency: Mississippi State University (MSU)

Supplier: The Renco Group, Inc

Contract #: 8200080684

Term: 06/04/2025 – 04/29/2026

Total Value: \$649,923.00

Summary of Request: MSU solicited a bid for Stitching Equipment to increase the size and capability of their existing gantry system. MSU received one (1) response from the solicitation and requests to award The Renco Group, Inc.

Staff Recommendation: OPTFM recommends approval of this contract.

12. Requesting Agency: Mississippi Department of Public Safety (DPS)

Supplier: Canon U.S.A., Inc.

Contract #: 8200080864

Term: 07/01/2025 – 06/30/2029

Total Value: \$998,256.00

Summary of Request: DPS would like to utilize the state's copier contract for 130 copiers for various locations throughout the state. This is a four (4) year copier agreement.

Staff Recommendation: OPTFM recommends approval of this contract.

13. Requesting Agency: Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC)

Supplier: Canon U.S.A., Inc.

Contract #: 8200061996

Term: 04/29/2022 – 02/28/2026

Total Value: \$1,960,190.27

New Value: \$2,105,190.27

Summary of Request: This contract was originally approved by PPRB on 4/6/22 with an eleven (11) month extension approved by PPRB on 4/5/23. MDOC is now requesting approval to increase the contract value by \$145,000.00 to accommodate current and projected costs.

Staff Recommendation: OPTFM recommends approval of this increase.

B. Request for Exemption from Regulation

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

Scope of Request: Exemption to Chapter 8, "Disposal of Personal Property," Section 8.101.01.2 of the Procurement Manual

Purchase Method: Group Purchasing Organization (GPO)

Summary of Request: UMMC is requesting an exemption for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, to the requirements of the regulations found in Mississippi Procurement Manual under Chapter 8 entitled "Disposal of Personal Property", specifically Section 8.101.01.2, which requires advertising of certain personal property which becomes surplus to the agency or is obsolete or inoperable, but still has a residual value. Agencies must determine whether the value of the trade-in exceeds \$1,000.00, in which case quotes are required. Property with an estimated value of over \$5,000.00 must be advertised. Since UMMC has authority to purchase through a GPO and is exempt from bid requirements, they are asking to be exempt regarding the disposal advertising requirements as well. This will enable them to trade-in items on the GPO without having to bid separately for the sale of those items which have a residual value of greater than \$1,000.00.

Staff Recommendation: OPTFM recommends approval of this exemption.

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

Summary of Request: MDOT is requesting the Public Procurement Review Board (Board) delegate authority to the Office of Purchasing, Travel and Fleet Management (OPTFM) for

any subsequent spending limit approvals for Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) contracts for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. These contracts are for the commodities listed below and will have line-item pricing only with no contract total. Since these approvals are for internal spending limits only and are not related to contract amendments for pricing or quantity increases, we are requesting the Board delegate approval authority of these spending limits to OPTFM. The following commodities are awarded as indefinite quantity, unit-priced contracts:

Aerial Truck Rental
Aluminum Sign Blanks
Attenuator Parts
Break-a-way Sign Supports
Certified Bituminous Materials
Crushed Aggregates
Equipment Rental
Glass Beads
Guard Rail End Terminal Parts
Herbicides for Vegetation Control
High-build Traffic Paint
Hot and Cold Mix Asphalt
Mower Parts
Pavement Marking Materials
Polyethylene and Polypropylene Pipe
Reflecting Sheeting
Refurbished Sign Blanks
Rock Salt
Sand and Gravel
Thermoplastic Materials
Traffic Paint
Vehicle Safety Lighting

Staff Recommendation: OPTFM recommends approval of the delegation.

C. Master Lease Purchase

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

Master Lease Purchase: \$3,200,000.00

Term of Contract: Master Lease Purchase Series 2023A

Summary of Request: Pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. Section 31-7-10, as amended, MDOT is requesting authority to revise/amend a previously approved Master Lease Purchase Planning Form. The Planning Form was approved at the 1/4/2023 PPRB meeting. In addition to having already purchased the equipment listed on the original planning form, MDOT wishes to include the purchase of a zero-turn mower 48" deck with the total remaining balance in their Acquisition Fund of \$7,446.00.

Staff Recommendation: OPTFM approves granting authority to proceed with procuring and financing the additional equipment listed using the Master Lease Purchase Program.

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

A. Consideration of Construction Contract for Board Action

1. **Using Agency:** Mississippi Veterans Affairs

Project Number: GS# 507-064

Project Title: Nursing Home Mechanical Improvements

General Contractor: Upchurch Plumbing, LLC

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

Total Value of Award: \$8,600,600.00 (Base Bid and 2 alternates)

Scope: HVAC system upgrades and replacements at Kosciusko, Collins and Oxford nursing homes. Kosciusko is 77,059 square feet; Collins is 71,059 square feet; and, Oxford is 77,059 square feet.

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

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

B. Consideration of Change Order for Board Action

1. **Using Agency:** North Mississippi State Hospital

Project Number: GS# 426-026

Project Title: ARPA Mitigation

General Contractor: Terry Services, Inc.

Original Contract Sum: \$592,565.00

Net Change by Previous Change Orders: \$26,250.00

Total Value of Award before this Change Order: \$618,815.00

Total Value of this Change Order: \$458,900.00

Construction Days to Date [Term]: 410 (including 140 days for this Change Order)

Change Order Scope: Replace the existing 98 VAV terminal units and associated piping specialties. Create four isolation rooms with associated fans and room pressure monitors in the men's and women's wings of the building.

Note: Board Action is required when Change Orders exceed \$1,000,000.00, when cumulative Change Orders exceed 25% of original bid or when total project exceeds \$5,000,000.00.

Staff Recommendation: BOB recommends PPRB approval, contingent upon executable Change Order.

C. RPM Succeeding Leases

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

Lease #: 515-441-30A

Lessor: Allred Investments, LLC

Term: 11-01-2025 thru 10-31-2030

Proposed Total Yearly Cost: \$142,500.00

Previous Yearly Cost: \$112,248.00

Proposed Cost PSF: \$15.00 + Utilities & Janitorial

Previous Cost PSF: \$11.82 + Utilities & Janitorial

Total Space per Occupant: 237

Federal Funds: 50%

Proposed Square Footage: 9,500

Address of Property: 603 Leigh Drive, Columbus, MS

Purpose of Lease: This location will serve as the Medicaid Regional office for this part of the state.

Note: This is a five (5) year lease with no renewal. This agency has been at this location since 11-01-2020.

Staff Recommendation: RPM recommends approval of this lease.

2. Requesting Agency: Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services

Lease #: 725-243-26F

Lessor: Long Beach Station

Term: 06-05-2025 thru 06-04-2026

Proposed Total Yearly Cost: \$12,000.00

Previous Yearly Cost: \$12,000.00

Proposed Cost PSF: \$16.44 + Utilities & Janitorial

Previous Cost PSF: \$16.44 + Utilities & Janitorial

Total Space per Occupant: N/A

Federal Funds: 80%

Proposed Square Footage: 730

Address of Property: 210 Second Ave., Apt. 311 Long Beach, MS

Purpose of Lease: MDRS blind clients will be living in the apartment as part of a residential training model. This agency has been at this location since 06-05-2024.

Note: This is a one-year lease with no renewal. This lease is contingent on receiving a signed contract.

Staff Recommendation: RPM recommends approval of this lease.

3. Requesting Agency: Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services

Lease #: 725-243-26D

Lessor: Long Beach Station

Term: 06-05-2025 thru 06-04-2026

Proposed Total Yearly Cost: \$12,000.00

Previous Yearly Cost: \$12,000.00

Proposed Cost PSF: \$16.44 + Utilities & Janitorial

Previous Cost PSF: \$16.44 + Utilities & Janitorial

Total Space per Occupant: N/A

Federal Funds: 80%

Proposed Square Footage: 730

Address of Property: 210 Second Ave., Apt. 511, Long Beach, MS

Purpose of Lease: MDRS blind clients will be living in the apartment as part of a residential training model.

Note: This is a one-year lease with no renewal. The agency has been at this location since 02-05-2024. This lease is contingent on receiving a signed contract.

Staff Recommendation: RPM recommends approval of this lease.

4. Requesting Agency: Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services

Lease #: 725-243-26G

Lessor: Long Beach Station

Term: 07-07-2025 thru 07-06-2026

Proposed Total Yearly Cost: \$12,000.00

Previous Yearly Cost: \$12,000.00

Proposed Cost PSF: \$16.44 + Utilities & Janitorial

Previous Cost PSF: \$16.44 + Utilities & Janitorial

Total Space per Occupant: N/A

Federal Funds: 80%

Proposed Square Footage: 730

Address of Property: 210 Second Ave., Apt. 612 Long Beach, MS

Purpose of Lease: MDRS blind clients will be living in the apartment as part of a residential training model.

Note: This is a one-year lease with no renewal. The agency has been at this location since 07-07-2024. This lease is contingent on receiving a signed contract.

Staff Recommendation: RPM recommends approval of this lease.

5. Requesting Agency: Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services

Lease #: 725-243-26H

Lessor: Long Beach Station

Term: 08-07-2025 thru 08-06-2026

Proposed Total Yearly Cost: \$12,000.00

Previous Yearly Cost: \$12,000.00

Proposed Cost PSF: \$16.44 + Utilities & Janitorial

Previous Cost PSF: \$16.44 + Utilities & Janitorial

Total Space per Occupant: N/A

Federal Funds: 80%

Proposed Square Footage: 730

Address of Property: 210 Second Ave., Apt. 501 Long Beach, MS

Purpose of Lease: MDRS blind clients will be living in the apartment as part of a residential training model.

Note: This is a one-year lease with no renewal. The agency has been at this location since 08-07-2024. This lease is contingent on receiving a signed contract.

Staff Recommendation: RPM recommends approval of this lease.

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

A. Petition for Relief from Competitive Sealed Bidding

1. Requesting Agency: Boswell Regional Center

Rfx Number: 3180002631

Procurement Request: Request for Qualifications

Anticipated Term: Five Years with No Option to Renew

Summary of Request: The Agency is seeking one Contractor to provide medical care for the Brookhaven and Wesson Group Homes as well as the Mississippi Adolescent Center in Brookhaven. The Contractor will also serve as Medical Director for Boswell Medical Center. The Agency contends the use of an Invitation for Bids (IFB) is neither practicable nor advantageous because the Agency needs to evaluate based on experience not only as a medical doctor but also with the IDD community, and price is not the most important factor to consider for these services. Offerors will be evaluated on the following factors: Technical weighted at 30%, Management weighted at 35%, and Cost (Price) weighted at 35%.

Staff Recommendation: OPSCR recommends approval of this request.

2. Requesting Agency: Office of the State Treasurer

Rfx Number: 3180002634

Procurement Request: Request for Proposals

Anticipated Term: Three Years with Two Optional One-Year Renewals

Summary of Request: The Agency is seeking no more than two Contractors to serve as communication and marketing consultants for OST, which will include the Executive Office, the Mississippi Prepaid Affordable College Tuition Program (MPACT), the Mississippi Affordable College Savings Program (MACS), Unclaimed Property, and all other operations of the Office. The Contractors will be responsible for public affairs, media relations, digital and social media communications and advertising, direct mail marketing, and telephone marketing, that exceed the capabilities of agency staff. The Agency contends the use of an Invitation for Bids (IFB) is neither practical nor advantageous because the Agency needs to evaluate based knowledge and technical skills to provide this type of strategic communication and marketing plan. Offerors will be evaluated on the following factors: Management weighted at 25%, Technical weighted at 30%, Interview weighted at 10%, and Cost (Price) weighted at 35%.

Staff Recommendation: OPSCR recommends approval of this request.

3. Requesting Agency: Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration

Rfx Number: 3180002650

Procurement Request: Request for Qualifications

Anticipated Term: Two Years with Three Optional One-Year Renewals

Summary of Request: The Agency is seeking multiple Contractors to provide handyman services for buildings managed by the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration. The Agency contends the use of an Invitation for Bids (IFB) is neither practicable nor advantageous because the Agency needs to evaluate based on experience, and price is not the most important factor to consider for these services. Offerors will be evaluated on the following factors: Management weighted at 65%, and Cost (Price) weighted at 35%.

Staff Recommendation: OPSCR recommends approval of this request.

B. Consideration of Contracts for Board Action

1. Requesting Agency: Mississippi Development Authority

Supplier: Regions Bank

Contract #: 8200058073

Term: 08/04/2021 - 08/03/2025

Total Value: \$596,000.00

Modification

\$20,000.00

Summary of Request: The term of the original contract is two years with an optional 24-month renewal. The Contractor provides new investment opportunities from Europe, expansion of existing firms in Mississippi, and promotion of Mississippi exports to Europe. Amendment Two has been submitted to increase the maximum compensation from \$576,000.00 to \$596,000.00 for the Contractor to participate in business missions led by Agency leadership and for special promotional activities. All other terms and conditions of the original contract remain the same.

Staff Recommendation: OPSCR recommends approval of this request contingent upon receipt of the required proof of regulatory board approval.

Projected Budget for the Life of the Contract: \$596,000.00 (two years with 24-months renewal)

Current Contractor: N/A

2. Requesting Agency: Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration

Supplier: Merative US L.P.

Contract #: 8200080008

Term: 07/01/2025 - 06/30/2030

Total Value: \$1,811,700.00

New

\$1,811,700.00

Summary of Request: The term of this contract is five years with no option to renew. The Contractor will provide decision support and related health care analysis consulting services to the Mississippi State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board (Board) relating to the Mississippi State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan and any other plans/programs for which the Board is or becomes responsible for during the term of this Contract. The Contractor was selected through an Invitation for Bids (IFB) with two Respondents. One Respondent was deemed non-responsive and/or non-responsible. The contract was awarded to the responsive and responsible Respondent.

Staff Recommendation: OPSCR recommends approval of this request.

Projected Budget for the Life of the Contract: \$1,811,700.00 (five years with no renewals)

Current Contractor: Health Data and Management Solutions, Inc.

3. Requesting Agency: Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration

Supplier: Keystone Peer Review Organization, LLC d/b/a Acentra Health

Contract #: 8200080917

Term: 10/01/2025 – 06/30/2025

Total Value: \$188,100.00

New

\$188,100.00

Summary of Request: The term of the contract will be for nine months effective October 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. The Contractor will provide maternity management services including staffing/account services, a maternity education and monitoring program for eligible participants, designing, printing, and mailing informational materials, data transfers and file maintenance, standard/ad hoc reporting, and audits. The Agency has determined that exigent circumstances exist due to the expiration of the current emergency contract and the need to extend those services to match the contract end dates of the case management and health and wellness contracts in order to ensure the most competitive and transparent process for the future health and wellness solicitation.

Staff Recommendation: Based on the Agency's determination that the requirements for exigent circumstances have been met, OPSCR recommends approval of this request.

Projected Budget for the Life of the Contract: \$188,100.00 (nine months with no renewals)

Current Contractor: Keystone Peer Review Organization, LLC

4. Requesting Agency: Mississippi Department of Education

Supplier: Michael D. Kent

Contract #: 10142327

Term: 07/01/2025 - 06/30/2026

Total Value: \$156,092.00

New

\$156,092.00

Summary of Request: The term of the contract is one year with four optional one-year renewals. The contract worker will provide District consolidation services and District transformation services. The responsibilities of the contract worker include, but are not limited to, working with school district consolidations as required by the Legislature, working with schools in Districts of Transformation, adhering to duties assigned by the Office of School and District Transformation and the State Superintendent of Education including serving as a hearing office for MDE as requested. The position will pay \$100.00 per hour for up to 1,040 hours per year, inclusive of travel \$25,000.00, for the time period July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. The contract worker was selected through a Request for Applications (RFA) and was the sole respondent.

Staff Recommendation: OPSCR recommends approval of this request contingent upon proof of regulatory board approval and the required PERS forms.

Projected Budget for the Life of the Contract: \$780,460.00 (one year with four one-year renewals)

5. **Requesting Agency:** Mississippi State Hospital

Supplier: Elior, Inc dba Cura Hospitality, LLC

Contract #: 8200080644

Term: 11/01/2025 - 10/31/2029

Total Value: \$18,400,000.00

New

\$18,400,000.00

Summary of Request: The term of the contract is four years with one optional one-year renewal. The Contractor will provide food management services for the Mississippi State Hospital. The Contractor was selected through a Request for Proposals with two respondents and awarded to the highest score.

Staff Recommendation: OPSCR recommends approval of this request.

Projected Budget for the Life of the Contract: \$23,000,000.00 (four years with one one-year renewal)

Current Contractor: Cura Hospitality, LLC

6. **Requesting Agency:** Mississippi State Hospital

Term: 07/01/2025 - 06/30/2026

Total Value: \$96,096.00 (Per Contract)

New

\$96,096.00

Summary of Request: The term of each contract is one year with renewals. The Contract Workers are Registered Nurses who will provide nursing services at the Jaquith Nursing Home two or more weekends a month. The weekends consist of Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays with a minimum of 24 to 40 hours, plus a minimum of 6 state-mandated holidays. The Contract Workers were selected through a Request for Applications (RFA) with five responsive and responsible Respondents and all were awarded a contract. Each Contract Worker will be paid \$42.00 per hour. The Agency requests an exception to PPRB OPSCR Rules & Regulation chapter 7.3.1, because the Period of Performance for the term of the contract was not included in RFA solicitation. OPSCR has reviewed the request and has no concerns that granting the exception would affect the competition, fairness, or transparency of the procurement.

a. **Supplier:** Akelia Williams

Contract #: 10142172

b. **Supplier:** Angela Applewhite

Contract #: 10142167

c. **Supplier:** Srisuporn Lidla

Contract #: 10142168

d. **Supplier:** Fredetria Carson

Contract #: 10142171

- e. Supplier:** Bilishia Powell
Contract #: 10142169

Staff Recommendation: OPSCR recommends approval of this request, contingent upon the exception request being granted.

Projected Budget for the Life of the Contract: \$96,096.00 (one year with no renewals)

7. Requesting Agency: Mississippi State Hospital

Term: 07/01/2025 - 06/30/2026

Total Value: \$96,096.00 (Per Contract)

New

\$96,096.00

Summary of Request: The term of each contract is one year with no renewals. The Contract Workers are Registered Nurses who will provide inpatient psychiatric nursing services two or more weekends a month. Weekends consist of Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays with a minimum of 24 to 40 hours, plus a minimum of 6 state-mandated holidays. The Contract Workers were selected through a Request for Applications (RFA) with five responsive and responsible Respondents, all five were awarded a contract. Each Contract Worker will be paid \$42.00 per hour. The Agency requests an exception to PPRB OPSCR Rules & Regulation chapter 7.3.1, because the Period of Performance for the term of the contract was not included in RFA solicitation. OPSCR has reviewed the request and has no concerns that granting the exception would affect the competition, fairness, or transparency of the procurement.

- a. Supplier:** Patrice Brown-Wilson
Contract #: 10142175
- b. Supplier:** Teresa Veasley
Contract #: 10142176
- c. Supplier:** Anitra Bullock
Contract #: 10142173
- d. Supplier:** Darlisa Hubbard-Lewis
Contract #: 10142166
- e. Supplier:** Sharron King
Contract #: 10142170

Staff Recommendation: OPSCR recommends approval of this request, contingent upon the exception request being granted.

Projected Budget for the Life of the Contract: \$96,096.00 (one year with no renewals)

8. Requesting Agency: Mississippi State Hospital

Term: 07/01/2025 - 06/30/2029

Summary of Request: The term of each contract is four years with no renewals. The Contract Workers are physicians who will serve as Medical Officers of the Day. The Contract Workers were selected through a Request for Applications (RFA) with eight Respondents and seven responsive and responsible Respondents were awarded a contract. Each Contract Worker will be paid \$90.00 per hour.

a. Supplier: Dr. Reese Bulmash, D.O.

Contract #: 10142297

Total Value: \$185,328.00

New

\$185,328.00

Projected Budget for the Life of the Contract: \$185,328.00 (four years with no renewals)

b. Supplier: Dr. Scott Carlton, M.D.

Contract #: 10142295

Total Value: \$195,624.00

New

\$195,624.00

Projected Budget for the Life of the Contract: \$195,624.00 (four years with no renewals)

c. Supplier: Dr. Derrick Edwards, M.D.

Contract #: 10142296

Total Value: \$617,760.00

New

\$617,760.00

Projected Budget for the Life of the Contract: \$617,760.00 (four years with no renewals)

d. Supplier: Dr. Vincent Herrin, M.D.

Contract #: 10142294

Total Value: \$597,168.00

New

\$597,168.00

Projected Budget for the Life of the Contract: \$597,168.00 (four years with no renewals)

e. Supplier: Dr. Marlee Wadsworth, M.D.

Contract #: 10142293

Total Value: \$185,328.00

New

\$185,328.00

Projected Budget for the Life of the Contract: \$185,328.00 (four years with no renewals)

f. Supplier: Dr. Joshua Walls, M.D.

Contract #: 10142291

Total Value: \$185,328.00

New

\$185,328.00

Projected Budget for the Life of the Contract: \$185,328.00 (four years with no renewals)

g. **Supplier:** Dr. Patrick Whipple, M.D.

Contract #: 10142292

Total Value: \$195,624.00

New
\$195,624.00

Projected Budget for the Life of the Contract: \$195,624.00 (four years with no renewals)

Staff Recommendation: OPSCR recommends approval of this request.

9. Requesting Agency: Mississippi State Hospital

Term: 07/01/2025 - 06/30/2029

Summary of Request: The term of each contract is four years with no renewals. The Contract Workers are Psychiatrists who will serve as attending physicians supervising residents in outpatient clinics and/or as attending physicians providing care to inpatient psychiatric patients, provide lectures to the residents and serve on the faculty of Mississippi State Hospital psychiatry residency program. The Contract Workers were selected through a Request for Applications (RFA) with three responsive and responsible Respondents, all three were awarded a contract. Each Contract Worker will be paid \$275.00 per hour.

a. **Supplier:** Hunter McLendon, M.D.

Contract #: 10142289

Total Value: \$1,887,600.00

New
\$1,887,600.00

Projected Budget for the Life of the Contract: \$1,887,600.00 (four years with no renewals)

b. **Supplier:** Jefferson Rogers, M.D.

Contract #: 10142290

Total Value: \$467,060.00

New
\$467,060.00

Projected Budget for the Life of the Contract: \$467,060.000 (four years with no renewals)

c. **Supplier:** Jeffrey Ali, M.D.

Contract #: 10142288

Total Value: \$1,698,840.00

New
\$1,698,840.00

Projected Budget for the Life of the Contract: \$1,698,840.00 (four years with no renewals)

Staff Recommendation: OPSCR recommends approval of this request.

10. Requesting Agency: Mississippi Department of Public Safety

Supplier: Bode Cellmark Forensics, Inc.

Contract #: 8200080868

Term: 06/11/2025 – 06/10/2025

Total Value: \$450,000.00

New
\$450,000.00

Summary of Request: The term of the contract is one year with four optional one-year renewals. The Contractor will provide customized testing and reporting services for human DNA testing services for the Mississippi Forensics Laboratory. The Contractor was selected through an Invitation for Bids with two respondents; contract awarded to the lowest bidder

Staff Recommendation: OPSCR recommends approval of this request.

Projected Budget for the Life of the Contract: \$2,250,000.00 (one year with four one-year renewals)

Current Contractor: N/A

11. Requesting Agency: Mississippi Division of Medicaid

Supplier: Sally Harrison

Contract #: 21117005

Term: 07/01/2025 - 06/30/2031

Total Value: \$843,919.20

New

\$843,919.20

Summary of Request: The term of the contract is six years with renewals for successive one-year periods unless either party terminates. Ms. Harrison is a contract worker that was selected through a Request for Applications with seven applicants; six were deemed non-responsive, non-responsible and/or did not meet the requirements. Ms. Harrison will act as a Platform Administrator in the Office of Information Technology and will be paid \$70.00 per hour.

Staff Recommendation: OPSCR recommends approval of this request.

Projected Budget for the Life of the Contract: \$843,919.20 (six years with successive renewals)

Current Contractor: Sally Harrison

12. Requesting Agency: Mississippi Division of Medicaid

Supplier: Medical Review of North Carolina dba Constellation

Contract #: 8200080874

Term: 06/04/2025 – 06/04/2026

Total Value: \$2,259,070.00

New

\$2,259,070.00

Summary of Request: The term of the contract is one year with no optional renewals. The Contractor will conduct annual reviews for Coordinated Care Organization (CCOs), assure the quality of data collected from CCOs for MississippiCAN and MississippiCHIP programs achieve measurable improvements in the health status of MississippiCAN and MississippiCHIP beneficiaries, and assures that enrollees and beneficiaries have access to and the availability of an adequate provider network. The Agency has determined that exigent circumstances exist that prevent it from running a competitive solicitation before the expiration of its current contract due to several unforeseen and significant factors. Specifically, significant staffing changes within Managed Care, demands of MCO implementation, new procurement rules, evolving CMS requirements, and resource allocation.

Staff Recommendation: Based on the Agency's determination that the requirements for exigent circumstances have been met, OPSCR recommends approval of this request contingent upon receipt of the required Certificate of Insurance.

Projected Budget for the Life of the Contract: \$2,259,070.00 (one year with no renewals)

Current Contractor: Medical Review of North Carolina

13. Requesting Agency: Mississippi Division of Medicaid

Term: 08/12/2024 – 08/11/2028

Modification

Total Value: \$11,282,429,784.00

\$0.00

Summary of Request: The term of the contract is four years with two optional one-year renewals. Amendment One has been submitted to update various sections of the contract associated with the Financial Requirements such as SFY 2026 Capitation Payments and Monthly Payments to ensure compliance with Federal and State regulations. All other terms and conditions remain the same.

a. **Supplier:** Molina Healthcare of Mississippi, Inc.

Contract #: 8200074439

b. **Supplier:** Magnolia Health Plan, Inc.

Contract #: 8200074450

c. **Supplier:** Mississippi True

Contract #: 8200074451

Staff Recommendation: OPSCR recommends approval of this request.

Projected Budget for the Life of the Contract: \$18,804,049,638.00 (four years with two one-year renewals)

14. Requesting Agency: Mississippi State Department of Health

Supplier: Pace Analytical Services, LLC

Contract #: 8200080197

Term: 06/04/2025 – 06/03/2027

Total Value: \$845,000.00

New

\$845,000.00

Summary of Request: The term of the contract is two years with no option to renew. The contractor will provide Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR) Analysis and Reporting of Drinking Water Sample Results for its components for Previously Unmonitored Systems. The Contractor was selected from an Invitation for Bids (IFB) with three Bidders. The contract was awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible Bidder. The Agency requests an exception to PPRB OPSCR Rules and Regulations Section 5.2 because the IFB wasn't directly furnished to three potential bidders and was advertised less than 30 days and Section 5.6.1, due to the Notice of Intent to Award not listing the names of bidders who submitted a bid in order of overall price. OPSCR has reviewed the requests and has no concerns that granting the exception would affect the competition, fairness, or transparency of the procurement.

Staff Recommendation: OPSCR recommends approval of this request, contingent upon receipt of the required Certificate of Insurance and exception requests being granted.

Projected Budget for the Life of the Contract: \$784,903.94 (nine months with no renewals)

Current Contractor: Mississippi State University

15. Requesting Agency: Mississippi State Department of Health

Supplier: Mississippi State University

Contract #: 8200078993

Term: 10/01/2024 – 06/30/2025

Total Value: \$784,903.94

New

\$784,903.94

Summary of Request: The term of the contract is nine months with no option to renew. The Contractor administers surveillance and evaluation services for the Mississippi Comprehensive Tobacco Control Program project to develop and implement a system of surveillance and evaluation for programs and services. Pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 27-104-7(2)(i), agencies under the purview of the PPRB may contract with Government Entities not under the purview of the PPRB, without bidding or other solicitation. The Agency has determined the price represents a fair market value for this service. Due to the sub-grant structure and urgent nature of the services provided by Contractor, an interagency agreement was executed effective October 1, 2024 as a short-term procurement solution. This was necessary while the long-term procurement strategy via competitive solicitation was being developed through a Request for Proposal for services to commence in Fiscal Year 2026.

Staff Recommendation: OPSCR recommends approval of this request.

Projected Budget for the Life of the Contract: \$784,903.94 (nine months with no renewals)

Current Contractor: Mississippi State University

16. Requesting Agency: Mississippi Development Authority

Supplier: Maris, West, & Baker, Inc.

Contract #: 8200081084

Term: 07/07/2025 – 03/31/2026

Total Value: \$2,200,000.00

New

\$2,200,000.00

Summary of Request: The term of the contract is approximately nine months with no renewals. The Contractor serves as an agency of record for Tourism related to promotion, marketing and advertisement and all related services while the Agency is actively in the process of issuing an RFQ. The Agency has determined that exigent circumstances exist that prevented it from running a competitive solicitation before the expiration of its current contract due to the uncertainty of potential restructuring of the Tourism Division during the 2025 legislative session.

Staff Recommendation: Based on the Agency's determination that the requirements for exigent circumstances have been met, OPSCR recommends approval of this request.

Projected Budget for the Life of the Contract: \$2,200,000.00 (approximately nine months with no renewals)

Current Contractor: Maris, West, & Baker, Inc.

VIII. DFA Office of Statewide Strategic Source (OSSS)

A. Petition for Relief from Competitive Sealed Bidding

1. Requesting Agency: Mississippi Department of Marine Resources

RFx Number: 3180002681

Procurement Request: Request for Qualifications

Anticipated Term: 12 Months

Summary of Request: The Agency is seeking one Contractor to manufacture and deploy specially fabricated artificial reef materials in the Mississippi Sound. The Agency contends the use of an Invitation for Bids (IFB) is neither practicable nor advantageous due to the overall complexity of the project. Although price is a consideration, it is not the most important factor. The Agency needs to consider and evaluate each vendor's qualifications and ability to manufacture and deploy artificial reef materials specifically suitable for use in the conditions of the Mississippi Sound. Offerors will be evaluated on the following factors: Cost (Price) weighted at 36%, Technical weighted at 35%, and Management weighted at 29%.

Staff Recommendation: OSSS recommends approval of this request.

B. Preapproved Vendor List

1. Requesting Agency: Pest Control Services

Effective Dates of PVL: 06/04/2025 – 05/31/2028

Renewable Through: 05/31/2030

Summary of Request: OSSS issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to establish a preapproved vendor list (PVL) to provide pest control services on an as-needed basis. Pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 27-104-7(2)(i), agencies under the purview of the PPRB may contract with vendors on the PVL without bidding or other solicitation. The IFB divided the State into eight regions. Additionally, the IFB provided that OSSS would recommend awards be made to all responsive and responsible bidders in each region whose general pest control bid price is less than 125% of the mean for that region. Two bidders responded to the IFB, and OSSS determined that one was responsive and responsible. OSSS recommends that Bay Pest Control, LLC be placed on the PVL. Prices will remain firm, valid, and renewable through May 31, 2030, except that a bidder may raise prices in the event of unanticipated market disruptions. Before making a price adjustment, the bidder must provide a market analysis to the Agency regarding the viability of the original bid rates. The Agency makes the final decision on the price adjustment, and this adjustment shall not exceed 110% of the original bid rate.

Staff Recommendation: OSSS recommends approval of this request.

I. Other Business

A. Next Regular PPRB Meeting July 2, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

II. Adjournment