



MEETING AGENDA
Wednesday, May 7, 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 April 2, 2025 Public Procurement Review Board Meeting**
- III. Approval of per diem and expenses for the May 7, 2025 meeting and for any additional expenses incurred prior to the June 4, 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**
 - H. OPSCR and OPTFM Quarterly Legislative Reports**

Summary of Request: OPSCR has prepared reports to be filed with the Committees on Accountability, Efficiency, and Transparency of the Mississippi State Senate and Mississippi House of Representatives, as required by Miss. Code Ann. § 27-104-7(2)(o)(vi) and Sections 9.5 and 10.1.7 of the PPRB OPSCR Rules and Regulations.

 - 1. Emergency and Sole Source Contracts Report**

Staff Recommendation: OPSCR recommends approval of this request.

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: Orion Solutions, LLC

Contract #: 8900002721

Term: 05/07/2025 through 02/28/2026

Total Value: \$525,000.00

Summary of Request: MDOT solicited competitive sealed bids for multiple herbicides on an as needed basis for all MDOT locations. The contract was awarded to all bidders that met the bid requirements and includes eight (8) six (6) month extensions.

Staff Recommendation: OPTFM recommends approval of this contract.

2. Requesting Agency: University of Southern Mississippi (USM)

Supplier: Huntington Ingalls

Contract #: 8200079426

Term: 05/09/2025 through 05/10/2026

Total Value: \$1,604,797.00

Summary of Request: USM solicited competitive sealed bids for an Unmanned Underwater Vehicle with an Integrated High Resolution Side Scan Sonar System. This vehicle will conduct acoustic surveys to map the placement of different types of buried targets deployed in USM's CUBenet test range. USM received one (1) response from the solicitation, and the university would like to award the contract to Huntington Ingalls.

Staff Recommendation: OPTFM recommends approval of this contract.

3. Requesting Agency: Mississippi Department of Public Safety (MDPS)

Supplier: Agilent Technologies, Inc.

Contract #: 4600003523

Total Value: \$707,126.58

Summary of Request: MDPS would like to purchase a triple quadrupole LC/MS system from the Statewide Laboratory Equipment Contract, 8200076577.

Staff Recommendation: OPTFM recommends approval of this contract.

4. Requesting Agency: Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services (MDRS)

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

Contract #: 8200075163

Term: 07/01/2024 through 06/30/2027

Total Value: \$501,458.56

Summary of Request: MDRS used state contract 8200074155 to enter into a five (5) year contract with Cannon U.S.A. for the rental of copiers in the amount of \$360,072.00. The agency would like to amend the contract adding \$141,386.56 for click overages.

Staff Recommendation: OPTFM recommends approval of this contract.

5. Requesting Agency: Mississippi State University

Supplier: Lakeshore Parent, LLC

Contract #: 8200080460

Term: 05/07/2025 through 5/06/2026

Total Value: \$1,500,000.00

Summary of Request: MSU is requesting approval for the purchase of children's educational materials for multiple early childhood programs using OPTFM's state cooperative contract.

Staff Recommendation: OPTFM recommends approval of this contract.

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

Supplier: Covington Sales and Service, Inc.

Purchase: Knuckle Boom Truck

Contract #: 8200071821

Term: 11/01/2023 through 11/30/2025 with up to nine (9) six (6) month extensions

Total Value: \$3,585,064.00

Summary of Request: This request is for a six (6) month extension and is the third of nine (9) possible six (6) month extensions. The contract was originally approved by PPRB on 11/01/2023 with the first and second extensions approved on 05/01/2024 and 11/06/2024, respectively.

Staff Recommendation: OPTFM recommends approval of this contract.

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

Supplier: Model 1 Commercial Vehicles

Purchase: 6 Passenger ADA Mini Van

Contract #: 8200066117

Term: 12/07/2022 through 11/30/2025 with up to nine (9) six (6) month extensions

Total Value: \$7,422,100.00

Summary of Request: This request is for a (6) month extension and is the fifth of nine (9) possible six (6) month extensions. The contract was originally approved by PPRB on 12/07/2022 with the first, second, third, and fourth extensions approved on 05/03/2023, 11/01/2023, 05/01/2024, and 11/06/2024, respectively.

Staff Recommendation: OPTFM recommends approval of this contract.

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

Supplier: Covington Sales and Service Inc.

Purchase: Debris Collection Truck

Contract #: 8200080264

Term: 04/03/2025 through 09/30/2025

Total Value: \$560,000.00

Summary of Request: MDOT solicited competitive sealed bids for the purchase of up to two (2) Debris Collection Trucks and wishes to award Covington Sales and Service at \$280,000.00 per truck. The contract term is for six (6) months with nine (9) possible six (6) month extensions to be utilized by MDOT and available to other state agencies and governing

authorities.

Staff Recommendation: OPTFM recommends approval of this contract.

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

Supplier: Landers South

Purchase: Sixty-six (66) 2025 Ford Explorer Interceptors

Contract #: 4000747787, 4000749599, 4000750221

Term: One Time purchase

Total Value: \$3,075,209.00 (\$1,882,160.00, \$488,864.00, \$704,185.00)

Summary of Request: DPS issued three (3) purchase orders for sixty-six (66) 2025 Ford Explorer Interceptors from the state contract in intervals of forty (40), eleven (11), and (15) fifteen. These vehicles are additions to DPS fleet and will be used by state troopers.

Staff Recommendation: OPTFM recommends approval of this contract.

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

Supplier: Cannon Chevrolet Cadillac Nissan

Purchase: Six (6) 2025 Chevy Silverado 1500 PPV 4WD

Contract #: 4000750843

Term: One Time purchase

Total Value: \$311,844.00

Summary of Request: DPS has issued a purchase order for six (6) 2025 Chevy Silverado 1500 PPV 4WD from the state contract. The agency was previously approved to purchase eight (8) 2025 Chevy Silverado 1500 PPV 4WD totaling \$417,800.00 and with this new order for six (6) additional vehicles, the threshold has been reached requiring PPRB approval. These vehicles are additions to the DPS fleet and will be used by state troopers.

Staff Recommendation: OPTFM recommends approval of the contract.

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

A. Consideration of Contracts for Project Professionals

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.)

1. Using Agency: Mississippi University for Women

Project Number: GS# 104-220

Project Title: Preplan Painter Hall Renovation

Location: Columbus, Mississippi

Budget: \$300,000.00

Funding Sources: S.B. 3002, Laws of 2022

Professional Fee: D+ (estimated fees of \$857,726.31 based on anticipated

project budget)

Professional: JBHM Architects, P.A. (Columbus, Mississippi)

Scope: Preplanning through Design Development Phase for the renovation of Painter Hall on the MUW main campus. This 21,466 square foot building constructed in 1922 has last been renovated in 1983. The scope will include envelope improvements and complete interior renovation with some reconfiguration of spaces. This effort will also require asbestos abatement, ADA access improvements and renovation of the mechanical, electrical, plumbing and life safety systems as per applicable code requirements. This building is a designated Mississippi Landmark and will require coordination with the Mississippi Department of Archives and History.

Note: The Professional was selected via a competitive qualification-based selection process.

Staff Recommendation: BOB recommends PPRB approval, contingent upon IHL approval and executable Contract.

2. **Using Agency:** State Fire Academy

Project Number: GS# 505-037

Project Title: Preplan Admin. Renov/Exp.

Location: Pearl, Mississippi

Budget: \$200,000.00

Funding Sources: S.B.2468, L'24 Capital Expense Funds

Professional Fee: C+ (estimated fees of \$559,749.33 based on anticipated project budget)

Professional: JBHM Architects, P.A. (Jackson, Mississippi)

Scope: Preplanning through Design Development Phase for the renovation and expansion of the Administration Building on the Pearl campus of the State Fire Academy. This 16,395 square foot building (excluding 2013 classroom addition) constructed in 1976 has seen only minor modifications since its original construction. The scope will include envelope improvements and complete interior renovation with some reconfiguration of spaces. Additions will be considered for expansion of current food service facilities and to accommodate other program needs. This effort will also require asbestos abatement, ADA access improvements and renovation of the mechanical, electrical, plumbing and life safety systems as per applicable code requirements. This building is not currently designated Mississippi Landmark, but may be considered potentially eligible and may require coordination with the Mississippi Department of Archives and History.

Note: The Professional was selected via a competitive qualification-based selection process.

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

B. RPM New Leases

1. Requesting Agency: Mississippi Department of Corrections

Lease #: 170-221-30A

Lessor: B & B Property Rental, LLC

Term: 06-01-2025 thru 05-31-2030

Proposed Total Yearly Cost: \$24,120.00

Proposed Cost PSF: \$9.00 + Utilities & Janitorial

Total Space per Occupant: N/A

Federal Funds: 0%

Proposed Square Footage: 2,680

Address of Property: 1321 Sunset Drive, Suite C, Grenada, MS

Purpose of Lease: This will be the parole and probation office for the Grenada/Grenada County area.

Note: This is a five (5) year lease with no renewal. The agency advertised and received one response.

Staff Recommendation: RPM recommends approval of this lease.

C. RPM Succeeding Leases

1. Requesting Agency: Mississippi Division of Medicaid

Lease #: 515-501-30A

Lessor: Gullette Property, LLC

Term: 09-01-2025 thru 08-31-2030

Proposed Total Yearly Cost: \$115,200.00

Previous Yearly Cost: \$87,600.00

Proposed Cost PSF: \$14.40 + Utilities & Janitorial

Previous Cost PSF: \$10.95 + Utilities & Janitorial

Total Space per Occupant: 228

Federal Funds: 50%

Proposed Square Footage: 8,000

Address of Property: 340 East Main Street, Philadelphia, MS

Purpose of Lease: This is the Medicaid office for this part of the state.

Note: This is a five (5) year succeeding lease with no renewals. This agency has been at this location since 09-01-2015.

Staff Recommendation: RPM recommends approval of this lease.

D. RPM Amended Leases

1. Requesting Agency: Mississippi Board of Architecture

Lease #: 050-452-30A

Lessor: Kelly Dabbs

Term: 11-01-2025 thru 10-31-2030
Proposed Total Yearly Cost: \$26,796.00
Previous Yearly Cost: \$20,097.00
Proposed Cost PSF: \$22.00 Inclusive
Previous Cost PSF: \$16.50 Inclusive (same since 2010)
Total Space per Occupant: 248
Federal Funds: 0%
Proposed Square Footage: 1,018

Address of Property: 2 Professional Parkway, Ridgeland, MS

Purpose of Lease: This location will serve as the Main office for the Mississippi Board of Architecture. The office will be utilized by the Board of Architecture, Landscape Architecture Advisory Committee, and Interior Design Advisory Committee and staff to administer the licensing and regulation of the professions of architecture, landscape architecture, and certified interior design.

Note: This amendment extends this lease for an additional 5 years with no renewals. This agency has been at this location since 09-01-2010.

Staff Recommendation: RPM recommends approval of this lease.

2. **Requesting Agency:** Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services

Lease #: 725-173-30B

Lessor: RRR Real Estate Holdings, LLC

Term: 05-31-2025 thru 05-30-2030

Proposed Total Yearly Cost: \$75,092.16

Previous Yearly Cost: \$78,068.88

Proposed Cost PSF: \$17.16 Inclusive

Previous Cost PSF: \$15.38 Inclusive

Total Space per Occupant: 248

Federal Funds: 80%

Proposed Square Footage: 4,376

Previous Square Footage: 5,076

Address of Property: 6810 Crumpler Blvd. Suite 101& 203, Olive Branch, MS

Purpose of Lease: This office will serve as the regional office of MDRS.

Note: This is a five (5) year amended lease extending the lease for 5 additional years with no renewals. After the first year the lease rate will increase by 4% per year. The agency is reducing the square footage leased by 700 square feet. The agency has been at this location since 05-01-2019.

Staff Recommendation: RPM recommends approval of this lease.

E. RPM Non-Competitive Leases

1. **Requesting Agency:** Mississippi Department of Mental Health

Lease #: 530-242-26A

Lessor: Fayard Moving & Storage

Term: 06-01-2025 thru 05-31-2026

Proposed Total Yearly Cost: \$12,600.00

Previous Yearly Cost: \$10,400.00

Proposed Cost PSF: \$4.50 Inclusive

Previous Cost PSF: \$3.71 Inclusive

Total Space per Occupant: N/A

Federal Funds: 0%

Proposed Square Footage: 2,800

Address of Property: 10323 Express Drive, Gulfport, MS

Purpose of Lease: This storage facility will store patient records (2,286 boxes). This facility meets all of the requirements for medical record storage as written in the linked contract. MDMH will be working with MDA&H on future storage and or the destruction of the files as the schedule allows.

Note: This is a one-year non-competitive storage lease with no renewals. This agency has been at this location since 06-05-2024.

Staff Recommendation: RPM recommends approval of this lease.

2. Requesting Agency: Mississippi Department of Revenue

Lease #: 800-617-27A

Lessor: Hide-Away RV Storage

Term: 05-07-2025 thru 05-06-2027

Proposed Total Yearly Cost: \$1,800.00

Proposed Cost PSF: \$3.46 Inclusive

Total Space per Occupant: N/A

Federal Funds: 0%

Proposed Square Footage: 520

Address of Property: 2579 Hwy 49S., Florence, MS

Purpose of Lease: This storage lease is for covered RV storage. The RV will be used as a mobile command center and is currently housing about \$40,000 worth of equipment. It will be kept at the new ABC warehouse once finished.

Note: This is a month-to-month non-competitive storage lease with no renewals. MDOR ask PPRB for a waiver on section 300.9 (7) of the State leasing manual restricting the length of parking rental to 18 months. MDOR is asking for a 2 year space rental for the trailer.

Staff Recommendation: RPM recommends approval of this lease.

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

A. Consideration of Contracts for Board Action

1. **Requesting Agency:** Mississippi Department of Human Services

Supplier: Lionbridge Technologies, Inc.

Contract #: 8200080211

Term: 05/07/2025 – 05/06/2026

Total Value: \$180,000.00

New

\$180,000.00

Summary of Request: The term of the contract is one year with four optional one-year renewals. The Contractor will provide language interpretation and translation services to Limited English Proficient and Hearing-Impaired individuals to provide meaningful access to services offered by MDHS. The Contractor was selected through an Invitation for Bids with five respondents; contract was awarded to the lowest bidder.

Staff Recommendation: OPSCR recommends approval of this request.

Projected Budget for the Life of the Contract: \$900,000.00 (one year with four one-year renewals)

Current Contractor: N/A

2. **Requesting Agency:** Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration

Supplier: Truven Health Analytics, LLC

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 State Hospital

Supplier: Phoenix Technical Services, Inc.

Contract #: 8200080028

Term: 05/21/2025 - 05/20/2029

Total Value: \$208,314.00

New

\$208,314.00

Summary of Request: The term of this contract is four years with one optional one-year renewal. The Contractor will provide medical equipment maintenance services for equipment located at the Mississippi State Hospital main campus. The Contractor shall complete repair services at their own place of business and if approved by Mississippi State Hospital, at a

designated Mississippi State Hospital location. The Contractor was selected through an Invitation for Bids (IFB) with one Bidder. The contract was awarded to the sole responsive and responsible Bidder.

Staff Recommendation: OPSCR recommends approval of this request.

Projected Budget for the Life of the Contract: \$260,392.50 (four years with one one-year renewal)

Current Contractor: Phoenix Technical Services, Inc.

4. Requesting Agency: Mississippi State Hospital

Supplier: Dr. Marshall Belaga-Price

Contract #: 10141992

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

Total Value: \$1,006,720.00

New

\$1,006,720.00

Summary of Request: The term of this contract is four years with no optional renewal. Dr. Belaga-Price is a contract worker that will serve as a psychiatrist for the Substance Use Disorder Unit providing inpatient psychiatric care to patients receiving treatment. The Contract Worker was selected through a Request for Applications (RFA) and was the sole Respondent. He will be paid \$200.00 per hour.

Staff Recommendation: OPSCR recommends approval of this request.

Projected Budget for the Life of the Contract: \$1,006,720.00 (four years with no renewals)

Current Contractor: Dr. Marshall Belaga-Price

5. Requesting Agency: Mississippi State Hospital

Supplier: Dr. Nazmul Talukdar, MD

Contract #: 10141933

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

Total Value: \$1,487,200.00

New

\$1,487,200.00

Summary of Request: The term of the contract is four years with no optional renewal. Dr. Nazmul Talukdar is a contract worker that will serve as a psychiatrist that will provide inpatient psychiatric care to children and adolescents under the care of the agency. The contract worker was selected through a Request for Applications (RFA) and was the sole respondent. Dr. Talukdar will be paid \$250.00 per hour.

Staff Recommendation: OPSCR recommends approval of this request.

Projected Budget for the Life of the Contract: \$1,487,200.00 (four years with no renewals)

Current Contractor: Dr. Nazmul Talukdar

6. Requesting Agency: Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services

Term: 05/08/2025 – 05/07/2028

Summary of Request: The term of the contract is three years with one optional two-year renewal. The Contractors joined MDCPS's Continuum of Care (CoC) network to provide Congregate Care and Child Placing Agency Services. The CoC is a network of agencies that work together to protect children and offer a wide range of family-centered services, including prevention, medical and legal support, licensed foster homes, and residential treatment. The contractors were awarded a contract from a Request for Proposals (RFP) with sixteen respondents. Contracts were awarded to the highest scoring responsive and responsible respondents. The Agency requests an exception to PPRB OPSCR Rules and Regulations effective September 6, 2024, because it used the previous version of the rules for this solicitation. OPSCR has reviewed the request and has no concerns that granting the exception would affect the competition, fairness, or transparency of the procurement as the agency complied with the requirements in the previous version of the rules.

a. Supplier: Health Connect America, Inc.

Contract #: 8200079465

Total Value: \$10,185,536.70

New

\$10,185,536.70

Projected Budget for the Life of the Contract: \$16,975,894.50 (three years with one two-year renewal)

b. Supplier: Apelah, Inc.

Contract #: 8200079466

Total Value: \$9,820,715.55

New

\$9,820,715.55

Projected Budget for the Life of the Contract: \$16,367,859.25 (three years with one two-year renewal)

c. Supplier: Sunnybrook Children's Home, Inc.

Contract #: 8200079467

Total Value: \$3,123,903.60

New

\$3,123,903.60

Projected Budget for the Life of the Contract: \$5,206,506.00 (three years with one two-year renewal)

d. Supplier: Rehabilitation Center, Inc. DBA Millcreek of Pontotoc

Contract #: 8200079468

Total Value: \$39,420,000.00

New

\$39,420,000.00

Projected Budget for the Life of the Contract: \$65,700,000.00 (three years with one two-year renewal)

e. Supplier: Southern Christian Services for Children & Youth, Inc.

Contract #: 8200079469

Total Value: \$13,345,224.90

New

\$13,345,224.90

Projected Budget for the Life of the Contract: \$22,242,041.50 (three years with one two-year renewal)

- f. **Supplier:** Rehabilitation Centers, LLC DBA Millcreek of Magee
Contract #: 8200079480 **New**
Total Value: \$34,492,500.00 **\$34,492,500.00**
- Projected Budget for the Life of the Contract: \$57,487,500.00 (three years with one two-year renewal)**
- g. **Supplier:** Bruce Professional Counseling Services, LLC
Contract #: 8200079471 **New**
Total Value: \$2,105,247.00 **\$2,105,247.00**
- Projected Budget for the Life of the Contract: \$3,508,745.00 (three years with one two-year renewal)**
- h. **Supplier:** Hope Village for Children
Contract #: 8200079481 **New**
Total Value: \$12,251,430.00 **\$12,251,430.00**
- Projected Budget for the Life of the Contract: \$20,419,050.00 (three years with one two-year renewal)**
- i. **Supplier:** Christians in Action, Inc.
Contract #: 8200079482 **New**
Total Value: \$2,526,296.40 **\$2,526,296.40**
- Projected Budget for the Life of the Contract: \$4,210,494.00 (three years with one two-year renewal)**
- j. **Supplier:** United Methodist Children's Home of MS, LLC
Contract #: 8200079483 **New**
Total Value: \$16,307,659.80 **\$16,307,659.80**
- Projected Budget for the Life of the Contract: \$27,179,283.00 (three years with one two-year renewal)**
- k. **Supplier:** Faith Haven, Inc.
Contract #: 8200079484 **New**
Total Value: \$1,731,633.00 **\$1,731,633.00**
- Projected Budget for the Life of the Contract: \$2,886,055.00 (three years with one two-year renewal)**
- l. **Supplier:** Mississippi Children's Home Society Cares Center, Inc. DBA Canopy's Children's Solutions
Contract #: 8200079485 **New**
Total Value: \$8,830,450.35 **\$8,830,450.35**

Projected Budget for the Life of the Contract: \$14,717,417.25 (three years with one two-year renewal)

m. Supplier: Sally Kate Winters Family Service

Contract #: 8200079487

Total Value: \$1,385,306.40

New

\$1,385,306.40

Projected Budget for the Life of the Contract: \$2,308,844.00 (three years with one two-year renewal)

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

Current Contractor: Berean Children's Home, Inc., Sunnybrook Children's Home, Inc., Christians in Actions. Inc., Hope Village for Children, Inc., Faith Haven, Inc., Rehabilitation Services, Inc., Sally Kate Winters Family Services, Apelah, Inc., Catholic Charities, Inc., Health Connect America, Inc., Canopy's Children's Solutions, Southern Christian Services for Children and Youth, Inc., United Children's Home of Mississippi, Inc., Rehabilitation Centers, Inc.

B. Preapproved Vendor List

1. Requesting Agency: Professional Nursing Services

Effective Dates of PVL: 07/01/2023 - 06/30/2026

Renewable Through: 06/30/2028

Summary of Request: OPSCR established a preapproved vendor list (PVL) to provide professional nursing 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 April 5, 2023, PPRB approved this professional nursing services list. As set forth in Section 4.4 of IFB No. 2022-04, 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 hourly rate is not more than 125% of the mean of the average hourly rate for the service category in the particular region. Nine bidders responded to the IFB, and two were deemed non-responsive. Additionally, one bidder withdrew their bid before evaluations were finalized. Prices will remain firm, valid, and renewable through 06/30/2028, 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.

OPSCR recommends the following vendors be placed on the PVL for the region(s) indicated in the Notice of Intent to Award:

1. Custom Healthcare Solutions, LLC
2. Health Advocates Network, Inc. dba Staff Today
3. Infiniti Healthcare Services
4. Management Registry, Inc. dba Malone Solutions

5. Precision Healthcare Staffing, LLC
6. StaffMD, LLC

Staff Recommendation: OPSCR recommends approval of this request.

VIII. DFA Office of Statewide Strategic Source (OSSS)

A. Petition for Relief from Competitive Sealed Bidding

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

RFx Number: 3180002640

Procurement Request: Request for Proposals

Anticipated Term: Three Years with 24 Months of Optional Renewals

Summary of Request: The Agency is seeking one Contractor to serve as a professional consultant, providing services to support the recruitment of investment services, expansion of existing firms in Mississippi, and the identification of new investment opportunities from Europe. The Agency contends the use of an Invitation for Bids (IFB) is neither practicable nor advantageous because the Agency needs to evaluate based on past experience, capabilities, staffing, and technical proficiencies. Price is not the most important factor to consider for these services. Offerors will be evaluated on the following factors: Technical weighted at 36%, Management weighted at 29%, 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: AECOM Technical Services, Inc.

Contract #: 8200080598

Term: 05/09/2025 – 05/08/2027

Total Value: \$800,000.00

**New
\$800,000.00**

Summary of Request: The term of the contract is two years with up to thirty-six months of optional renewals. The Contractor will provide grant management and consulting services for the Preventing Outages and Enhancing the Resilience of the Electric Grid, 40101(d) Program. The objective of the 40101(d) program is to provide matching grant funding to eligible entities to implement activities that will improve the resilience of the electric grid against disruptive events. The contractor was selected through a Request for Proposals (RFP) with six respondents. Two proposals were rejected. One was deemed non-responsive for failing to meet the minimum requirements, and the other was rejected because the price submitted was deemed unreasonable. A Request for Reconsideration was filed by the respondent whose proposed price was deemed unreasonable. MDA reviewed and considered the Request for Reconsideration and filed its Response, confirming its findings that it was in MDA's best interest to reject the price submitted as unreasonable because it was more than \$198,000.00 per year less than the next lowest offer.

Staff Recommendation: OSSS recommends approval of this request.

Projected Budget for the Life of the Contract: \$2,000,000.00 (two years with up to thirty-six months renewal)

Current Contractor: N/A

I. Other Business

A. Next Regular PPRB Meeting June 4, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

II. Adjournment