



STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
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November 20, 2025

NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD

**Handyman Services
Preapproved Vendor List
Invitation for Bids # 2025-04
RFx # 3160007530**

The Public Procurement Review Board (PPRB) “may establish a preapproved list of providers of various personal and professional services for set prices with which state agencies may contract without bidding or prior approval from the board.” Miss. Code Ann. §27-104-7(2)(i). The Office of Statewide Strategic Sourcing (OSSS) at the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration (DFA), on behalf of the PPRB, issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to establish a Preapproved Vendor List (PVL) for handyman services. This PVL will be used exclusively by DFA for routine repair and maintenance services at DFA-managed buildings located within the Jackson metropolitan area. OSSS received bids (attached) from the following bidders:

- Cee’s, LLC
- Clear Solutions Painting dba Five Star Painting of Greater Jackson
- Diligent Hands Construction

OSSS reviewed the bids and determined that Five Star Painting of Greater Jackson was nonresponsive because the documentation provided did not demonstrate that the company had been in business providing handyman services for the minimum period required by **Section 4.1.1** of the IFB.

Cee’s LLC and Diligent Hands Construction were found responsive and responsible based on the requirements of the IFB. However, Diligent Hands Construction submitted an hourly rate for the *Miscellaneous and Facility Support* category that exceeded 125% of the average rate calculated from all responsive and responsible bids for that category, as outlined in **Section 4.2.3**. As a result, Diligent Hands Construction is eligible for placement on the PVL only for the categories in which their pricing fell within the allowable threshold.

OSSS will recommend that the PPRB place Cee’s LLC and Diligent Hands Construction on the Handyman Services PVL for all regions they bid, except that Diligent Hands Construction will not be listed for the Miscellaneous and Facility Support category. The PPRB is scheduled to review and vote on this recommendation on December 3, 2025. Upon approval by the PPRB, the PVL will be effective December 3, 2025 through November 30, 2028. No new contracts may be signed



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after that date, but contracts signed on or before November 30, 2028, may be extended through November 30, 2030.

OSSS thanks all bidders for the time and effort put forth in submitting a bid and their interest in the handyman PVL. A bidder who responded to this IFB has an opportunity to request for reconsideration of the intent to award, which can be accomplished by referring to Section 4.4. of the IFB. Potential bidders are also referred to Section 4.5 of the IFB regarding potential future opportunities for rolling awards.

The Agency Procurement File is available on the Agency's website at <https://www.dfa.ms.gov/invitations-bids>.