



**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**  
GOVERNOR TATE REEVES

**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

**Notice of Intent to Award**

March 27, 2025

<b>Procurement Type and Number</b>	RFx 3160007100
<b>Procurement Title</b>	IFB for Decision Support & Related Health Care Analysis Consulting Services
<b>Opening Date and Time</b>	February 28, 2025, 3:00 PM CT

The following vendors submitted responses to the above solicitation: Abett, Inc. (Response # 6000016230) with an overall bid price of \$750,000, and Truven Health Analytics, LLC or Merative US L.P. (Response # 6000016219) with an overall bid price of \$1,881,700.

The following vendor was determined non-responsive and non-responsible and has been notified separately of the reason(s) therefore: Abett, Inc. (Response # 6000016230).

The remaining vendors were determined to be responsive and responsible with their response evaluated according to the criteria stated in the solicitation. We announce our intent to award a contract to the following vendor upon approval by the Public Procurement Review Board and completion of successful contract negotiations: Truven Health Analytics, LLC or Merative US L.P. (Response # 6000016219).

On behalf of the State of Mississippi State and School Employees' Health Insurance Management Board (Board) and the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration (MDFA), I would like to thank you for your interest and participation in our invitation for bids (IFB) for decision support and related health care analysis consulting services and your time and efforts in preparing a response to this solicitation. We sincerely appreciate the hard work and responsiveness demonstrated by you and your staff throughout this IFB process. We plan to keep your name on our bid list for future procurements and we wish you much success in your future endeavors.

We invite you to contact [InsuranceRFP@dfa.ms.gov](mailto:InsuranceRFP@dfa.ms.gov) if you would like to request a post-award vendor debriefing where we can share with you any applicable information about **your response**. This debriefing is a meeting and not a hearing; therefore, legal representation is not required. However, if you prefer to have legal representation present, you must provide notification in writing to Alicia Coleman, MDFA OI Procurement & Contracts Director, prior to the scheduled meeting, and identify your attorney by name, address, and telephone number. MDFA will schedule and/or suspend and reschedule the meeting at a time when a Representative of the Office of the Mississippi Attorney General can be present. Your request for debriefing must be

received within three (3) business days after the issuance of this notice or no later than close of business on Tuesday, April 1, 2025. Please refer to IFB Section 14.7 and Public Procurement Review Board Office Personal Service Contract Review (PPRB OPSCR) Rules and Regulations Section 5.6.2 for additional information regarding post-award vendor debriefings.

Vendors are reminded that any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted to the MDFA's Office of Insurance within seven (7) calendar days of the Notice of Intent to Award and posting of the Agency Procurement File or no later than close of business on Thursday, April 3, 2025. The request for reconsideration must be in writing and contain the requesting vendor's name, a single contact person, all contact information for the contact person, the RFX number of the solicitation, the date the IFB was issued, the date the Notice of Intent to Award was issued, and an explanation of the specific basis for the request, including the identification of which of these rules and regulations and/or the terms of the IFB the requesting vendor believes were violated by the Agency during the evaluation process, explain the factual basis for the alleged violation(s), and specify how the alleged violation(s) affected the outcome of the procurement. If you believe the Agency Procurement File posted on the Agency website is incomplete (i.e., does not contain a document or documents required by these rules and regulations), then state this in the request and specify what is believed to be missing. Should you believe the trade secrets and/or confidential commercial or financial information which were redacted from the Agency Procurement File posted on the Agency website contain issues related to your request, the state those concerns in the request – even if speculative – in a manner which is specific enough for MDFA to provide a response. Please refer to IFB Section 14.8 and PPRB OPSCR Rules and Regulations Section 5.6.1 for additional information regarding Request for Reconsideration of the Intent to Award.

The Agency Procurement File is available on the MDFA website at <https://www.dfa.ms.gov/bids-and-rfps-notices>.

The successful vendor is instructed not to begin work, purchase materials, or enter into subcontracts relating to the project or services until execution of the contract.

We appreciate your interest in doing business with the State of Mississippi.

Sincerely,



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