



NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD

Procurement Type and Number	RFQ: 3140003793
Procurement Title	Auditing Services for Oversight and Compliance for ARPA Funds
Opening Date and Time	March 1, 2024, 1:00 p.m., CST

Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services (MDCPS) issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) on February 22, 2024. The following vendor(s) submitted a response to the above solicitation:

- Booth Management
- Forvis
- Grantham Poole
- Horne
- Myers Stauffer
- Willams Accountants/ Consultants

The responses were evaluated based on qualifications, experience, and cost. We announce our intent to award a contract to the following vendor upon approval:

- Horne

Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services announces our intent to award a contract to Horne upon approval by the State Personnel Board (SPB).


MDCPS invites you to contact the Procurement Director of MDCPS by U.S. mail or e-mail submission to Jerrika Brantley (contracts@mdcps.ms.gov), Chief Procurement Officer, if you would like to request a post-award vendor debriefing where we can share with you any applicable information about your response including significant weaknesses or deficiencies, technical ratings, and overall ranking specific to your company's 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 that includes the name of the attorney, address, and telephone number, prior to the scheduled meeting so that MDCPS can also have legal representation present. Your written request for debriefing must be received no later than 5:00 PM, CT by the third (3rd) business day after the issuance of this notice. Vendors are reminded that any

protests of this decision must be submitted via U.S. Mail postage prepaid, or personal delivery to Jerrika Brantley, Chief Procurement Officer, within the seventh (7th) calendar day after the issuance of this notice. The protest must be in writing, identify the name and address of the protestor, provide appropriate identification of the procurement and resulting contract number (if known), and detail the nature of the protest, including available supporting exhibits, evidence, or documents to substantiate any claims.

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

We would like to thank each vendor for your time and efforts in preparing a response to this solicitation. We appreciate your interest in doing business with the State of Mississippi.

Sincerely,

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Jerrika Brantley, Procurement Director
Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services