

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TATE REEVES, GOVERNOR

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

SEAN J. TINDELL, COMMISSIONER

February 25,2025

Kimberly Burse Personal Service Contract Review Board 501 North West Street, Suite 1301C Jackson, MS 39201

Dear MS. Burse,

Re: Exceptions request for Section 5.1 of the PPRB Rules and Regulations

The MS Department of Public Safety is requesting exceptions regarding contract 8200079360 to the OPSCR Rules and Regulations for Section 5.1 for not including the following information:

Statement that the Agency may cancel the solicitation or reject any bid submitted if the Agency determines it is in the Agency's best interest to do so.

Requirement that, in addition to the complete unredacted version of the bid, the bidder shall also submit a copy of the bid with information the bidder deems confidential commercial and financial information and/or trade secrets in accordance with Mississippi Code Annotated §§ 25-61-9, 75-26-1 through 75-26-19, and/or 79-23-1 redacted in black.

Notice to the bidder that it may be subject to exclusion pursuant to Chapter 15 of the *PPRB OPSCR Rules and Regulations* if the Agency or the PPRB determine that redactions made by the bidder were made in bad faith in order to prohibit public access to the portions of the bid which are not subject to Mississippi Code Annotated §§ 25-61-9, 75-26-1 through 75-26-19, and/or 79-23-1.

Notice to the bidder that the redacted version of the bid – or if a bidder does not produce a redacted version, the full bid document – will be released at the Agency's sole discretion, without notice to the bidder and will be produced as a public record exactly as submitted. It is recommended, but not required, that the Agency include the following language on the Bid.

This was an oversight on our part for not specifically putting the information in the IFB. It did not affect competition, fairness or transparency. We did not have to cancel solicitation, and we met all requirements for the reconsideration period.

Kind Regards,