



August 12, 2025

Public Procurement Review Board  
501 North West Street, Suite 700  
Jackson, Mississippi 39201

Board Members:

The Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services requests approval to issue contracts in fulfillment of a Request for Qualifications issued on May 15, 2025. Twelve qualifications were submitted to MDRS, and the agency wishes to enter into contracts with nine of the respondents. No requests for reconsideration have been submitted. Therefore, I certify that no requests or potential requests for consideration are known to the agency or any agency employees. Furthermore, two post-award vendor debriefing requests were received within three business days of notification of the contract award and two post-award vendor debriefings were conducted by the agency.

The RFP was issued for the purpose of contracting with qualified contractors to provide the professional services needed to create and host comprehensive job training events for the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services, Offices of Vocational Rehabilitation and Vocational Rehabilitation for the Blind. This procurement is designed to meet the requirements of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act (WIOA). In order to meet these requirements, MDRS will be committing additional resources towards this assessment.

The purpose of this procurement is to provide MDRS with an additional mechanism to provide comprehensive job training events to assist students with disabilities with successful transitions from high school to post-secondary education and competitive integrated employment. If these contracts are not approved, the agency may be unable to meet federal standards for these services as required by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Samandra Murphy', is written over a horizontal line.

Samandra Murphy  
MDRS Chief of Staff