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Public Procurement Review Board
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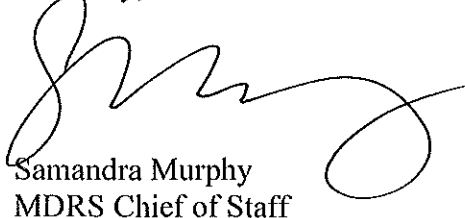
The Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services requests approval to issue contracts in fulfillment of a Request for Qualifications issued on June 30, 2026. Three (3) qualifications were submitted to MDRS, and the agency wishes to enter into contracts with one (1) of the respondents. No requests for reconsideration have been submitted. Therefore, I certify that no requests or potential requests are known to the agency or any agency employees.

The RFQ was issued for the purpose of contracting with consulting medical and psychological specialists for the Office of Disability Determination Services (DDS) in MDRS. The Consulting Specialists carry out the prescribed procedures relating to a part of the documentation requirements necessary in completing disability determinations on applications for Social Security Disability Benefits. DDS operates in a partnership with the Social Security Administration (SSA) to determine the medical eligibility of individuals to receive benefits from Social Security Disability Insurance and Supplemental Security Income as directed by federal guidelines from SSA. The work provided by the consulting specialists is unique to our agency and is 100% federally funded.

DDS handles approximately 100,000 disability claims from all twenty three (23) SSA offices in Mississippi each year. The workload is such that many psychologists and medical doctors are needed to ensure the agency meets accuracy and production goals mandated by the Social Security Administration. All of the consulting specialists who provide these services are on contract, and unless these contractors are approved, the agency will not have adequate resources with which to process the SSI and SSDI claims.

If the contracts are not approved, the agency will not meet federal goals for production and accuracy as required by the Social Security Administration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Samandra Murphy', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Samandra Murphy
MDRS Chief of Staff