

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD

Procurement Type and Number	RFQ: 3140003792
Procurement Title	Professional Legal Services
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:

- Baker Donelson
- Malouf & Malouf
- Thompson Law Firm

Responses from Baker Donelson and Thompson Law Firm were evaluated according to the criteria stated in the solicitation and a follow-up interview.

Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services announces our intent to award a contract to Baker Donelson and Thompson Law Firm 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,

Jerrika Brantley, Procurement Director Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services