

NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD RURAL HEALTH TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM - CONSULTANT QUOTATION #20250728 EMERGENCY CONTRACT #8400003450

As identified in Executive Order 1362 (July 31, 2015), each agency awarding, renewing, or amending any professional or personal services contract reported online pursuant to the Mississippi Accountability and Transparency Act of 2008 must also submit by online report an analysis describing the reasons for awarding, renewing, or amending the contract.

Please select appropriate action: Awardi	ng □ Renewing □ Amending
Contractor Name:	Horne LLP
Period of Performance	August 12, 2025 – December 31, 2025
Contract Total Value Not to Exceed	\$150,000

ANALYSIS DESCRIBING AWARD, RENEWAL OR AMENDMENT OF CONTRACT

(Include nature, duration and amount):

Pursuant to the "Emergency Contract" regulations found at Section 10.1 of the *Mississippi Public Procurement Review Board Office of Personal Service Contract Review Rules and Regulations*, DOM executed a contract with Horne LLP effective August 12, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

The State of Mississippi is faced with an urgent and time-sensitive requirement to prepare and submit a comprehensive rural health transformation plan to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) no later than December 31, 2025, in accordance with HR 1, Title VII, Subtitle B, Chapter 4, Section 71401 (One Big Beautiful Bill Act). While CMS has outlined the statutory requirements, states are currently awaiting further federal guidance regarding the form, manner, and official submission period for the application.

The Mississippi Division of Medicaid (DOM) issued quotation #20250728, to establish a contract with a responsible Contractor to provide consultation services to prepare the State's application for the Rural Health Transformation Program provided for in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act. A quotation was released July 28, 2025. The closing date to receive quotes was August 4, 2025, 2:00 p.m. CST. DOM received several responses and after reviewing proposals, DOM chose to contract with Horne LLP. Horne is a qualified, experienced, responsible and financially sound entity that will provide consultation services to prepare the State's application for the Rural Health Transformation Program.

The total contract value is not to exceed \$150,000. The overall period of performance for the contract is August 12, 2025 through December 31, 2025. The contract's term may be extended for a total contract term of no more than one year.

Chief Procurement Officer

August 14, 2025

Date

The contract is available for public inspection in the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer. For Public Records requests, please visit our website: https://medicaid.ms.gov/public-records-requests/. Contracts may also be Obtained via the MS Transparency website: www.transparency.ms.gov.