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MISSISSIPPI DIVISION OF
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From: DOM Office of Procurement

Date: August 22, 2025

Re: Pre-Admission Screening and Resident Reviews (PASRR) – Invitation for Bids
RFx# 3160007069 – IFB# 20250627
Notice of Intent to Award

The Mississippi Division of Medicaid (DOM) issued an Invitation for Bids on June 26, 2025, to solicit offers from qualified, experienced, responsible, and financially sound vendors to conduct the functions of the Pre-Admission Screening and Resident Reviews (PASRR) in collaboration with the Mississippi Department of Mental Health (DMH).

The closing date to receive bids was August 11, 2025, by 2:00 p.m. CST. DOM received bids from the following vendors:

1. Maximus US Services, Inc (Maximus)
2. Keystone Peer Review Organization, LLC (Acentra Health)

Minimum Requirements Met

DOM Procurement staff reviewed each submitted bid to ensure the submitted bids met the requirements to be deemed responsive and responsible as set forth in IFB# 20250627. The Procurement staff determined that all bids received were both responsive and responsible.

Ranking of Bids

The cost proposed for the responsive and responsible bids received are listed as follows:

1. Maximus US Services, Inc - \$3,524,562.00
2. Keystone Peer Review Organization, LLC (Acentra Health) - \$4,936,783.18

Recommendation

Based on the foregoing, Maximus submitted the lowest responsive and responsible bid. As presented in the bid, Maximus is a qualified, experienced, responsible and financially sound entity that can provide PASRR services throughout the state for a contract period of January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2028, with two (2) one-year options to renew based on performance and funding.

DOM Office of Procurement recommends that IFB #20250627, PASRR Services contract be awarded as follows:

Recommended Vendor: Maximus US Services, Inc.

Maximus is a well-established organization with 50 years of continuous operation since its founding in 1975. The company currently provides PASRR Level II On-Site Evaluation services for DOM and has provided PASRR Services to Mississippi since 2012. Maximus currently serves approximately 75% of the nation's Medicaid beneficiaries across various programs, including PASRR.

Debriefing Request

A successful or unsuccessful Offeror may request a post-award debriefing, in writing, in accordance with *Public Procurement Review Board Office of Personal Service Contract Review Rules and Regulations* (PPRB OPSCR Rules) 5.6.2, Debriefings. Any debriefing requests should be sent via email to procurement@medicaid.ms.gov on or before 3:00 p.m. CST, Wednesday, August 27, 2025. DOM will schedule and conduct debriefings consistent with PPRB OPSCR Rule 5.6.2. An Offeror's debriefing is an informal meeting and not a hearing; therefore, legal representation is not required. If an Offeror prefers to have legal representation present, the Offeror must notify DOM and identify its attorney(s) in its written debriefing request in order to allow DOM to also have legal representation present for the debriefing. DOM will conduct all debriefings electronically via Microsoft Teams. Offerors seeking a debriefing are asked to include potential meeting times with their request.

Reconsideration of the Intent to Award

Pursuant to PPRB OPSCR Rule 5.6.3, Reconsideration of the Intent to Award request must be submitted in writing to the DOM Chief Procurement Officer **and** the Department of Finance and Administration Director of the Office of Personal Service Contract Review within three (3) business days following issuance of the Notice of Intent to Award on or before 3:00 p.m. CST, Wednesday, August 27, 2025. To expedite handling of reconsiderations, all written reconsideration correspondence submitted to DOM Chief Procurement Officer should be emailed to procurement@medicaid.ms.gov and labeled "Reconsideration – PASRR IFB #20250627".

A copy of the Agency Procurement File is available on the Agency's website. Refer to PPRB OPSCR Rule 5.6.3 for reconsideration instructions that are REQUIRED.

It shall be the sole responsibility of the requesting bidder to ensure the request is timely ***received*** by all required parties. Failure to timely request reconsideration in compliance with PPRB OPSCR Rule 5.6.3 results in waiver of any claim a bidder may have as to the Agency's decision to award the contract.

DOM intends to submit the contract to the Public Procurement Review Board (PPRB) Office of Personal Service Contract Review (OPSCR) in September 2025, for consideration of approval at the October 2025 Board meeting. Any person wishing to inspect the contract may request the opportunity to do so through the Agency's public records request process via our external website: <https://medicaid.ms.gov/public-records-requests/>.