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MISSISSIPPI DIVISION OF  
**MEDICAID**

**From:** Mississippi Division of Medicaid  
Office of Procurement

**Date:** April 17, 2026

**Re:** Request for Applications (RFA) – Business Analyst Consultant  
RFx# 3150006699 RFA# 20260313.2  
Public Notice of Intent to Award

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The Mississippi Division of Medicaid (DOM) issued a Request for Applications (RFA) on March 13, 2026, to establish a contract with a qualified applicant for the contract worker position of Business Analyst Consultant for the Office of iTECH.

This role will focus on delivering training, organizational development, and project support across the agency.

The submission deadline to receive applications and resumes was March 13, 2026. DOM received application packets from eight (8) applicants/vendors:

1. Bhargav Reddy Kalali (submitted independently; not via SARGAD)
2. Damon Kurpakus (Guidacent)
3. Nick Maisel
4. Valerie Morrow
5. Prisa Consulting (Jovannah Walker)
6. SARGAD (Bhargav Reddy Kalali)
7. SRS Consulting (Kamal Teckchandani)
8. Jacob Vaughn (Guidacent)

DOM procurement staff determined that six (6) applicants were either non-responsive, non-responsible and/or did not meet the contract worker determination requirement.

1. Damon Kurpakus (Guidacent) -- Failed to meet the Contract Worker Determination and Amendment No. 1 was signed by CEO of consulting company Guidacent. Applicant did not meet minimum requirements of three (3) years supervisory experience.
2. Prisa Consulting (Jovannah Walker) -- Failed to meet the Contract Worker Determination and submit all required documentation.
3. SARGAD (Bhargav Reddy Kalali) -- Failed to meet the Contract Worker Determination and submit all required documentation.
4. SRS Consulting (Kamal Teckchandani) -- Failed to meet the Contract Worker Determination and submit all required documentation.

5. Jacob Vaughn (Guidacent) -- Failed to meet the Contract Worker Determination and Amendment No. 1 was signed by CEO of consulting company Guidacent. Applicant did not meet minimum requirements of three (3) years supervisory experience.
6. Bhargav Reddy Kalali – Failed to meet minimum requirements of three (3) years supervisory experience. Therefore, making him non-responsible.

### **Recommendation**

Based on evaluation of the remaining two applicants, DOM recommends Nick Maisel as the awardee of this contract. Nick Maisel has met all mandatory minimum requirements for education and work experience, achieved the highest evaluation score and possesses the qualifications and demonstrated ability to successfully perform the duties of this position.

DOM intends to submit the contract to the Public Procurement Review Board (PPRB) Office of Personal Service Contract Review (OPSCR) by Wednesday, May 6, 2026, for approval at the June 3, 2026, 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 [public.records@medicaid.ms.gov](mailto:public.records@medicaid.ms.gov).