



STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
Phil Bryant, Governor
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
John Davis
Executive Director

To Whom it May Concern:

In 2016, the Mississippi Legislature passed Senate Bill 2179 and the Governor signed this into law. This Act created a new Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services (MDCPS). It required the Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Human Services (MDHS) and the Commissioner of the Department of Child Protection Services to create a transition plan for the implementation of the new department. All functions are to be transferred to MDCPS by July 1, 2018.

MDCPS is authorized to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the Office of Family and Children's Services of MDHS during the transition period. The Office is to cooperate with the new department in transferring resources and employees.

The purpose of this letter is to solicit written bids for qualified Vendors who can most effectively provide support to plan and project manage the separation of the Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services from the Mississippi Department of Human Services.

The Vendor will facilitate discussions between the MDHS and MDCPS staff in the following areas:

- a. Budgets and Accounting,
- b. Human Resources,
- c. Program Integrity,
- d. Admin Services,
- e. Management Information Services
- f. Aging and Adult Call Hotline
- g. Fingerprinting
- h. Interface between the agencies and the Attorney General's Office
- i. Contracts
- j. Other areas as identified

MDHS is seeking bids to begin on September 1, 2016 and end on June 30, 2018. This end date coincides with the statutory timeframe for completing the separation of the MDCPS agency from MDHS. Please submit bids to mack.reeves@mdhs.ms.gov, or ATTN: Mack Reeves, 750 North State Street, Jackson, MS 39202. Bids will be accepted until Monday August 22, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.

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