



NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD

April 23, 2019

Procurement Type and Number	Invitation for Bids (IFB) #3160002720
Procurement Title	Genetic Testing for Paternity Services
Opening Date and Time	April 5, 2019, 10:00 AM

The following vendors submitted responses to the above solicitation:

- Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings (LabCorp), Burlington, North Carolina
- DNA Diagnostics Center, Inc. (DDC), Fairfield, Ohio

Responses were evaluated according to the criteria stated in the solicitation. We announce our intent to award a contract to the following vendor upon approval by the Public Procurement Review Board:

- DNA Diagnostics Center, Inc., Fairfield, Ohio

MDHS Award Analysis for IFB #3160002720 is located at <http://www.mdhs.ms.gov/solicitation/> and https://www.ms.gov/dfa/contract_bid_search/Contract.

We would like to thank each vendor for your time and efforts in preparing a response to this solicitation.

We invite you to contact the Director of MDHS by e-mail submission to Bryan C. Wardlaw (Bryan.Wardlaw@mdhs.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 prior to the scheduled meeting so that we can also have legal

representation present. Your request for debriefing must be received within three (3) business days after the issuance of this notice or no later than April 26, 2019, 5:00 PM, CT.

Vendors are reminded that any protests of this decision must be submitted to Wendy Wilson, Bid Coordinator, within seven (7) calendar days after the issuance of this notice or no later than April 30, 2019, 5:00 PM, CT. 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 is instructed not to begin work, purchase materials, or enter into subcontracts relating to the project or services until execution of the contract.

We appreciate your interest in doing business with the State of Mississippi.

Sincerely,

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