

AMENDMENT #1
QUOTE REQUEST (QR) NO. 20220602 ECS
ECONOMIC CONSULTANT SERVICES

Amendments to the QR are as follows:

1. MDHS has extended the quote response due date in the following sections of the QR.
 - a. Regarding Title Page, page 1: **Extend date to June 16, 2022, by 3:00 p.m., CT.**
INVITATION: Subject to the attached and referenced terms and conditions, quotes for the acquisition of the products/services described in this QR will be received at this office until ~~June 9, 2022, by 3:00 p.m., CT.~~
 - b. Regarding Quote Submission, page 3: **Extend date to June 16, 2022, by 3:00 p.m., CT.**
Responses are due no later than ~~June 9, 2022, at 3:00 p.m., CT.~~
 - c. Regarding Attachment A, Quote Form, page 5: **Extend date to June 16, 2022, by 3 p.m., CT.**
Deadline Date: ~~June 9, 2022, by 3:00 p.m., CT.~~
2. 1st sentence of Term Section (page 2), is amended as follows:
“The anticipated date for services to begin is ~~July 1, 2022~~ July 15, 2022 with an ending date of ~~October 31, 2022~~ November 18, 2022”
3. Scope of Services Section (page 2), is amended as follows:

The Independent Contractor shall perform and render the following services:

Task 1 (required): *Provide a written summary of the economic data on the cost of raising children (which is a federal requirement of state child support guidelines to review) and use it to assess the appropriateness of the current Mississippi guidelines percentages and develop alternative schedules/percentages using the current economic data.*

Task 2 (required): *Develop alternative low-income adjustments. Federal regulation (45 C.F.R. 302.56 (1(c)(ii)) requires states to consider the basic subsistence needs of low-income parents who have limited ability to pay; identify each of the factors of a low-income adjustment, explain the different state approaches for each factor, the pros and cons of the alternatives, and provide case scenarios to illustrate the impact of adapting at least three different alternatives for Mississippi.*

Task 3 (required): *Consolidate Tasks 1 & 2 into One Report and Provide Final Videoconference.*

Task 4 (optional): *Analyze alternative adjustments for additional dependents to include case scenarios to illustrate the impact of alternative adjustments.*

Task 5 (optional): *Analyze Case File Data and Labor Market Data. The information is very helpful to determining the impact of any proposed guidelines changes and for legislative inquiries.*

Task 6 (optional): *Optional assistance. In the event there is a need for additional work beyond Tasks 1-4 based on the results of Tasks 1-4.*

The Independent Contractor will be monitored by the Division of Child Support Enforcement designated staff.

4. Attachment A, Quote Form, Price Chart (page 6), is amended as follows:

Requirement: Respondent must provide pricing in the below requested format. All pricing should be based on description of services to be offered and include all associated costs with no additional or hidden fees.

<u>Category of Service</u>	<u>Fixed Cost</u>
<i>Task 1 (required)</i>	\$ _____
<i>Task 2 (required)</i>	\$ _____
<i>Task 3 (required)</i>	\$ _____
<i>Task 4 (optional)</i>	\$ _____
<i>Task 5 (optional)</i>	\$ _____
<i>Task 6 (optional)</i>	\$ _____
TOTAL	\$ _____

- Respondents shall **not** include any additional charges in this bid form. Any additional charges included on a Respondent’s bid form may result in the Respondent’s bid being deemed non-responsive and Respondents will thereby be rejected.

Please acknowledge receipt of Amendment #1 by returning it, along with your quote package, by June 16, 2022, at 3:00 pm, CT. This acknowledgement should be enclosed in your quote package. **Failure to submit this acknowledgement may result in rejection of the quote package.**

Name of Company

Authorized Official’s Typed Name/Title

Signature of Authorized Official
(No stamped signature)

Date

Should an amendment to the QR be issued, it will be posted on the MDHS website (www.mdhs.ms.gov) in a manner that all respondents will be able to view. Further, respondents must acknowledge receipt of any amendment to the solicitation by signing and returning the amendment with the quote package, by identifying the amendment number and date in the space provided for this purpose on this form, or by letter. The acknowledgment must be received by MDHS by the time and at the place specified for receipt of quotes. It is the respondent’s sole responsibility to monitor the website for amendments to the QR.