



STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
Department of Corrections
BURL CAIN
COMMISSIONER

January 31, 2025

Ms. Tearrah Conerly
Sober Living Residential
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via email only at: tearrahc@aol.com

Re: Request for Bid Reconsideration Following Notice of Intent to Award Invitation for Bid (IFB) No. 3160007102, Transitional Housing Services

Dear Ms. Conerly:

We received your letter dated yesterday, Thursday, January 30, 2025, requesting a reconsideration of your bid following the Mississippi Department of Corrections' (the "Department") issuance of its Wednesday, January 29, 2025, notice of intent to award contracts for the provision of transitional housing services.

Unfortunately, the Department will not reconsider your bid. Rule 5.6.3 of the *Mississippi Office of Personal Service Contract Review Rules and Regulations* provides the requirements for a request for reconsideration of the intent to award which you have not met. Specifically, the rule states that "The request shall identify which of these rules and regulations and/or terms of the IFB the requesting bidder believes were violated by the Agency during the bid evaluation process, explain the factual basis for the alleged violation(s), **and** specify how the alleged violation(s) affected the outcome of the procurement." None of these requirements have been met by your request.

Further, you requested in your letter that the Department review your bid package, suggesting that your bid was not reviewed because of an incorrect email address being included in your bid packet causing untimely submission of documents. However, the

Department reviewed your bid package during the bid evaluation along with the other bids received and rejected the bid for being not responsible, meaning you did not meet the “minimum qualifications or other criteria listed in the IFB required to determine if the bidder has the skills, experience, and/or qualifications to successfully provide the services.” See *Mississippi Office of Personal Service Contract Review Rules and Regulations* Rule 5.5. This information was conveyed to you in a letter dated January 27, 2025, which is enclosed for your convenience. Specifically, the Department was unable to complete the reference checks from your listed references as was required in Section 3.1.3 of the IFB.

We appreciate your interest in working with the State and encourage you to consider other opportunities to work with the Department as they become available.

Sincerely,



Amy Foster Tisdale, Esq.

Chief Procurement Officer

Mississippi Department of Corrections

Enclosure



STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
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January 27, 2025

NOTICE OF REJECTION

Procurement Type and Number	Invitation for Bid RFx#3160007102
Procurement Title	Transitional Housing Services
Opening Date and Time	January 22, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

Tearrah Conerly, Owner
Sober Residential Living, LLC
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Meridian, MS 39307
Via/email: opacjl@aol.com

Dear Ms. Conerly

Thank you for the recent response to the solicitation referenced above. Regrettably, your response has been rejected. The reason for the rejection is as follows:

- The response did not meet the requirement of the solicitation noted in Section 3.1.3. The Mississippi Department of Corrections was unable to complete the required reference check from your listed references.

The rejected response will be retained in the procurement file.

If you have any questions, please contact Princess R. Hayes, Bid Coordinator at 601-359-5600 or procurement@mdoc.state.ms.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amy Foster Tisdale".

Amy Foster Tisdale
Chief Procurement Officer
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RE: Request for Bid Reconsideration -IFB RFX#3160007102

Dear Ms. Princess Hayes and Ms. Amy Foster Tisdale

I am writing to formally request reconsideration of our bid submission for RFX# 3160007102 due to technical email delivery issues that occurred during the submission process.

On 1/15/2025, our bid package was mailed to the designated address. The correspondence for amendments and urgent request for missing documents were sent to the email of the consultant, Cecil Johnson and not the email for Sober Living. The consultant never received the email on 1/22/2025 due to out of office for vacation and I was unaware that the incorrect email was listed in our bid packet. We received the forwarded email on 1/23/2025 at 11:34am for the requested documents by noon on the same day. We are located in Meridian MS which hindered the documents to be hand delivered before noon. However, due to technical difficulties beyond our control, we have documentation of these technical issues, which we can provide upon request.

We took the following immediate actions upon discovering the issue:

Immediately emailed requested documents
Sent staff to hand deliver bid packet

Our complete bid package was ready and finalized prior to the submission deadline, and we made every reasonable effort to ensure timely delivery. We understand the importance of adhering to procurement procedures and deadlines, and this technical issue was an exceptional circumstance that we could not have anticipated or prevented due to the email not received in a timely manner to deliver urgent requested documents to Jackson.

We respectfully request that you:

1. Review our bid package
2. Consider our submission as part of the procurement process for reconsideration with respect to Contract review rule 3.9.
3. Allow us to provide any additional documentation needed

We remain fully committed to this project and are prepared to continue to change lives as we have done since 2019 if selected. We currently have 45 returning citizens in our program as of today that are doing exceptionally well. We also have new additions to our program for 2025 that

is in place for even greater success stories. Thank you for considering this request. We appreciate your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Tearrah Conerly/FNP-C/PMHNP-BC

Owner

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