

AMENDMENT #1
Questions & Answers for RFx3160007435
Interstate & Intrastate Prisoner Transport Services
Issue Date: July 25, 2025

All Prospective Bidders:

The Mississippi Department of Corrections is issuing an amendment to RFx 3160007435, Invitation for Bids for Interstate and Intrastate Prisoner Transport Services, dated June 24, 2025. Amendment 1 provides responses to questions received during the question period of this solicitation.

Note: Pursuant to Section 1.7, page of this amendment contains a required signature line that acknowledges the amendment and must be submitted with Bidder’s response packet.

Questions Received	Answers
The governing bodies for prisoner transportation and extradition companies are the US Department of Transportation (USDOT), Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), and the US Department of Justice (USDOJ)? Will the State of Mississippi DOC acknowledge the guidelines and laws set forth by these departments?	Yes, pursuant to Section 2.7.5, “Contractor must comply with all pertinent provisions of the USDOT, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMSCA) 49 C.F.R., Parts 385, 390-396, U.S. Department of Justice regulations 28 C.F.R., Part 97 created pursuant to passage of the “Interstate Transportation of Dangerous Criminals Act of 2000”, known as “Jeanna’s Act”, and all other pertinent federal regulations.”
Will the State of Mississippi DOC require that vendors meet all requirements for limits on continuous travel hours and miles as governed by the FMCSA (Section 395.5 (a)? If so, will vendors be required to submit drivers logs to verify that they conform to those requirements?	MDOC requires that all vendors comply with all pertinent provisions of the FMSCA (Section 2.7.5). Bidders may not have to submit logs for review; however, contractors must be able to provide unimpeded, prompt access to any of the Contractor’s books, documents, papers, and/or records which are relevant to this agreement, pursuant to Attachment H, Item #26).
Will the State of Mississippi DOC require vendors to have a Satisfactory Audit Rating from the FMCSA, which measures the vendor's compliance with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations?	Yes, Section 2.7.5 states, “The Contractor shall have and maintain a satisfactory “Carrier Safety Rating” from the FMCSA prior to the commencement of the resulting contract.”
Proof of Authority to Operate is provided by a transport company being issued Motor Carrier Number (MC #) by the FMCSA. This allows transport vendors to cross state lines with inmates in their custody. Will the State of Mississippi DOC acknowledge and require an active Motor Carrier Number?	Yes, Section 3.1.14 states, “Bidder must submit assurances and/or certifications to support that it operates under the <i>Motor Carrier Act</i> and has a valid DOT and MC number to operate as a “Passenger Carrier for Hire” for interstate and intrastate operations.” Additionally, Section 2.7.6 states that

	<p>“Vehicles operating under this solicitation must be designed to carry more than eight people including the driver, and must have a USDOT and Motor Carrier (MC) number and as a minimum requirement to be deemed responsible (Section 4.2.4).</p>
<p>If a vendor states they transport 8 passengers or less in a vehicle that was designed to carry more passengers, will the State of Mississippi DOC uphold the FMCSA Regulation 383.5 which states, “designed to carry” vehicles refer to the number of designated seats as originally designed? Meaning if a vendor states they only carry 8 passengers on a vehicle, but that vehicle was originally designed to carry 9-15 passengers, will the State of Mississippi DOC follow federal guidelines and require that vendor to have a Motor Carrier number?</p>	<p>Yes. Section 2.7.6 states that “vehicles operating under this solicitation must be designed to carry more than eight people including the driver, and must have a USDOT and Motor Carrier (MC) number”.</p>
<p>Will the State of Mississippi DOC check the VIN numbers of vendors vehicles to confirm their vehicles are compliant with FMCSA Regulation 383?</p>	<p>MDOC will utilize the FMCSA website to verify the validity of submitted information (Section 3.1.8).</p>
<p>Have you used a private transport company in the past? If so, who were they and what did they charge for ground transport (Male, Adult Cost/Mile)</p>	<p>Yes. A copy of this contract and previous contract which includes rates can be found at https://www.transparency.ms.gov/.</p>
<p>Approximately, how many extraditions did MDOC execute last year, and can you give me the top 5 states where the majority of your prisoners get extradited from?</p>	<p>MDOC executed approximately 85 extraditions in the past year. The top 5 states where the majority of extraditions occurred are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Florida 2. Wisconsin 3. Colorado 4. Minnesota 5. Arizona <p>MDOC cannot guarantee a minimum number or trips or miles in this solicitation.</p>
<p>How large is the budget for this RFP?</p>	<p>We will evaluate the proposals and select the best bidder based upon the requirements set forth in this solicitation.</p>

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Signature and Submission of Amendment #1 are required with your IFB.

Receipt for Amendment #1: _____
Signature

Printed Name

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