



**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**  
**Department of Corrections**  
**BURL CAIN**  
**COMMISSIONER**

**TO:** Burl Cain, MDOC Commissioner

**FROM:** Facility Operator for Wilkinson County Correctional Facility Evaluation Committee

**DATE:** June 5, 2026

**RE:** RFP for Facility Operator for Wilkinson County Correctional Facility  
Procurement Overview and Evaluation Report  
RFX: #3140004482

**Procurement Overview**

The Mississippi Department of Corrections is seeking to establish a contract for the management and operations of the Wilkinson County Correctional Facility (WCCF). Per the Request for Proposal<sup>1</sup>, the initial contract term will be for three years with the option to renew the contract for two additional one-year renewal terms.

In accordance with Mississippi Code Annotated §47-5-941, §47-5-1207 and §§ 47-5-1211 through 47-5-1227, the Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC) issued a Request for Proposals to solicit interest proposers for the Facility Operator for Wilkinson County Correctional Facility.

**Evaluation Committee**

The evaluation committee for the solicitation were all MDOC employees. Each member signed confidentiality agreements and conflict of interest agreements and was comprised of the following members:

1. John Hunt, Deputy Commissioner of Community Corrections
2. Marcus McClure, Chief of Institutional Operations
3. Derrick Chambers, Director of Joint County State Work Programs, Private, Youth and Regional Facilities
4. Tereda Hairston, Deputy Superintendent of Community Work Centers (CWCs) and Restitution Centers (RCs)

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<sup>1</sup> See MDOC RFP for Facility Operator for WCCF, No. 3140004482, Section, Introduction which can be accessed at: [RFX 3140004482 - RFP for Facility Operator for Wilkinson County CF.pdf](#)

5. Jason Carney, Community Corrections Director – Region III

**Procurement Process Prior to Proposal Evaluation**

MDOC issued its RFP on February 10, 2026. MDOC offered an optional Facility Tour on February 25, 2026 and accepted questions from potential offerors until March 4, 2026. Representatives from CoreCivic and Management & Training Corporation (MTC) attended the facility tour. MDOC issued the following amendments prior to the submission deadline of the solicitation:

1. Amendment 1<sup>2</sup>, issued on March 6, 2026 revised Appendix D – Cost Proposal.
2. Amendment 2<sup>3</sup>, issued on March 6, 2026 revised Appendix F – Certifications and Assurances.
3. Amendment 3<sup>4</sup>, issued on March 10, 2026 provided answers to questions received during the Optional Facility Tour and during the Question and Answer period of the solicitation.
4. Amendment 4<sup>5</sup>, issued on March 10, 2026 corrected numbering of Section 4 of the solicitation.

A subsequent question period was provided after the issuance of Amendments 1 and 2 to allow potential offerors to ask questions about the form revisions; however, no questions were received during that time.

Proposals were received from the following Offerors:

1. Security Partners, LLC
2. Management and Training Corporation (MTC)

As stated in the RFP, the Proposal submission deadline was March 25, 2026, 2:00 p.m. CST for delivery to the Mississippi Department of Corrections, 301 N. Lamar Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201. Security Partners' proposal was opened March 25, 2026 at 3 p.m., a Register of Proposals was created and the process to review the proposal for minimum mandatory requirements began immediately.

On April 13, 2026, MDOC was made aware that Management & Training Corporation had submitted a proposal after receiving a follow-up email from an MTC representative. MTC's proposal arrived at the appropriate location at 7:57 a.m. on March 23, 2026; however, was not delivered to the appropriate department until April 13, 2026. Upon receipt of the proposal, MDOC Procurement Staff opened the proposal and the review for minimum mandatory requirements began immediately.

**Evaluation of Proposals**

All Proposals were evaluated using the process described in the Request for Proposals in Section 6.3: Evaluation Process.

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<sup>2</sup> See Amendment 1, [Amendment 1 - Appendix D \(Cost Proposal\) Revision.pdf](#)

<sup>3</sup> See Amendment 2, [Amendment 2 - Appendix F \(Certifications & Assurances\) Revision.pdf](#)

<sup>4</sup> See Amendment 3, [Amendment 3- Published Questions and Answers.pdf](#).

<sup>5</sup> See Amendment 4, [Amendment 4 - Corrected Numbering of Section 4, Subsection 4.9.4.10.pdf](#)

**Stage 1: Determination of Responsive and Responsible Offerors**

In this stage, the MDOC Procurement Team reviewed the mandatory factors and determined whether each proposal met all the mandatory requirements of the RFP.

It was determined that Security Partners, LLC did not meet the minimum mandatory requirements to be deemed responsible. Security Partners, LLC was provided a written Notice of Rejection on April 14, 2026.

An additional Amendment, Amendment 5<sup>6</sup>, was issued on April 14, 2026 to revise the timeline for the solicitation.

**Stage 2: Analysis Phase by Evaluation Committee**

A total of two meetings were held with the Evaluation Committee.

The first meeting was held on Monday, April 20, 2026 at 1:30 p.m. CST for committee members to receive individual hard copies of the Offeror's proposal and evaluation guidelines. Committee members were also provided with an electronic copy of the published RFX via email. Committee members were instructed to work independently to review and score the proposals. Committee members were advised not to discuss with each other until the Consensus Scoring Meeting. All committee members were present. The following members of the Contracts and Procurement Team were also present:

- Courtney Cockrell, Deputy General Counsel
- Victoria James, Chief Procurement Officer
- Crystal T. Henry, Project Management Team Lead

The Consensus Scoring meeting was held on Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. CST. The following members, advisors and staff were present:

1. John Hunt, Deputy Commissioner of Community Corrections
2. Marcus McClure, Chief of Institutional Operations
3. Derrick Chambers, Director of Joint County State Work Programs, Private, Youth and Regional Facilities
4. Tereda Hairston, Deputy Superintendent of Community Work Centers (CWCs) and Restitution Centers (RCs)
5. Jason Carney, Community Corrections Director – Region III
6. Courtney Cockrell, Deputy General Counsel
7. Steve Wansley, Senior Attorney
8. Victoria James, Chief Procurement Officer
9. Crystal T. Henry, Project Management Team Lead
10. Eric Williams, Project Manager II

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<sup>6</sup> See Amendment 5, Amendment 5- RFX 314000-4482 - Timeline Revisions.pdf.

The committee members were asked to evaluate the following items:

1. Technical Requirements
  - a. Company Overview, Structure & Expertise
  - b. Leadership & Contract Management Experience
  - c. Financial & Administrative Capacity
  - d. Outcome Measurement & Quality Assurance
  - e. Operational Service Delivery Capability
2. Management Requirements
  - a. Staffing Strategy, Structure & Qualifications
  - b. Staff Education and Training
  - c. Inmate Programs and Services
  - d. Policies Compliance and Quality Assurance
  - e. Operational Readiness and Critical incident Management

The offeror's proposal was evaluated and received the following scores:

| Offeror Name                        | Technical Score | Management Score | Overall Score | Overall Rank |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Management and Training Corporation | 29              | 31               | 60            | 1            |

### Stage 3: Negotiations

After the Evaluation Committee completed the evaluation, MDOC began negotiations with the Offeror to ensure the agency could reach an agreement that would be acceptable to both parties prior to the Intent to Award being issued. During the negotiation phase, the Offeror was able to submit a Best and Final Offer for cost. Amendments 6<sup>7</sup> and 7, providing timeline revisions were issued during the negotiations phase.

MDOC Procurement Team evaluated the cost factors using a formula which resulted in objective distribution of points based only on the price submitted in response to the RFP. Offeror's price was in compliance with Miss. Code Ann. § 47-5-1211 as stated in the RFP Section 4.7. Cost Factor rankings are provided below:

| Offeror Name                        | Total Cost Per Inmate Per Day | Calculated Ratio | Overall Score | Overall Rank |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Management and Training Corporation | 58.82                         | 1                | 35            | 1            |

### Recommendation

The Evaluation Committee recommends that the Commissioner awards the contract based on the Overall Rankings stated above. The Evaluation Committee, utilizing the process described herein,

<sup>7</sup> See Amendment 6 - [Amendment 6- RFX 3140004482 - Timeline Revisions.pdf](#).

See Amendment 7 - [Amendment 7 - Updated Timeline\\_0.pdf](#).

ranked *Management and Training Corporation (MTC)* as the top Offeror based on the Technical, Management, and Cost factors.

APPROVED:

By KRE

/s/Burl Cain 

BURL CAIN, COMMISSIONER  
MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

DATE: May 28, 2026



STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
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Notice of Intent to Award

06/05/2026

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|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Procurement Type and Number</b> | RFP, RFx No 3140004482                                               |
| <b>Procurement Title</b>           | RFP for Facility Operator for Wilkinson County Correctional Facility |
| <b>Opening Date and Time</b>       | February 10, 2026 at 3 p.m.                                          |

The following vendors submitted responses to the above solicitation:

- Security Partners, LLC, Tallulah, LA
- Management & Training Corporation (MTC), Centerville, UT

The following vendor was determined non-responsible and has been notified separately of the reason(s) therefor:

- Security Partners, LLC, Tallulah, LA.

Responses were evaluated according to the criteria stated in the solicitation. We announce our intent to award a contract to the following vendor:

- Management & Training Corporation (MTC).

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

We invite you to contact Crystal T. Henry, Ph.D., Project Management Team Lead 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 5 p.m. CST on June 10, 2026.

Vendors are reminded that any requests for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted to the Chief Procurement Officer, Victoria James, within three (3) business days after the issuance of this notice or no later than 5 p.m. CST on June 10, 2026. The request must be in writing, identify the name and address of the requesting offeror, provide appropriate identification of the procurement and resulting contract number (if known), and detail the nature of the reconsideration, including the rules and regulations and/or the terms of RFP the requesting offeror believes were violated by the Agency, explain the factual basis for the alleged violation(s), and specify how the alleged violation(s) affected the outcome of the procurement.

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,

By KRE

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Burl Cain". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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