

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
INVITATION FOR BIDS  
TO PROVIDE VEGETATION MONITORING SERVICES**

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD  
IFB No. 3160007828**

**March 25, 2026**

In accordance with Section 5.6.1 of the Public Procurement Review Board's Office of Personal Contract Review's Rules and Regulations ("Regulations"), this serves as the Notice of Intent to Award a Contract for the above referenced Invitation for Bids ("IFB").

The evaluation was conducted by a review team consisting of MDEQ Senior Attorney Andy Thomas; Restoration Director Valerie Ally; Project Manager John Kwoka; Accounting Director Coretta Jones; Procurement Officer Regina Cochran; and Rachel Kistler, Covington Civil and Environmental Distribution.

MDEQ received seven (7) bids: ELOS Environmental; Mississippi State University; HGS, LLC; Allen Engineering & Science Services, Inc.; Cypress Environment & Infrastructure; Eco-Restore, LLC; and Environmental Science Services, Inc.

Following an initial review, ELOS Environmental and Mississippi State University were found to be non-responsive due to failure to meet the legal requirements of the IFB and were excluded from further evaluation.

The remaining five (5) legally sufficient bids were evaluated based on the following criteria: (1) demonstrated understanding of and ability to fully meet the IFB Scope of Work; (2) qualifications, experience, and capacity of the proposed project team; and (3) financial compatibility within the 10-year project monitoring budget.

In accordance with applicable PPRB regulations, the evaluation also included consideration of provisions related to unreasonably low bids, as applicable to the lowest bidder.

Based on the evaluation of bids received, MDEQ anticipates awarding the contract for these services to Environmental Science Services, Inc.

A summary of bid pricing for all bidders is included on the final page of this document as Exhibit A, with bidders presented in order of overall price from lowest to highest.

Bidders may request a debriefing, in writing, by United States mail or electronic submission to Regina Cochran at [rcochran@mdeq.ms.gov](mailto:rcochran@mdeq.ms.gov), to be received by the agency within three (3) business days after this Notice of Intent to Award.

A debriefing is a purely administrative function of MDEQ and not a hearing; therefore, legal representation is not required. If an offeror prefers to have legal representation present, the offeror must notify MDEQ in advance and identify its attorney. Unless MDEQ determines good cause exists for an extension, MDEQ will schedule the debriefing to occur within three (3) business days after receipt of the request. The debriefing may be conducted in person, by telephone, by video conference, or by any other method acceptable to MDEQ.

At a minimum, the debriefing information shall include the following:

- (A) The agency's evaluation of significant weaknesses or deficiencies in the offeror's proposal, if applicable;
- (B) The overall evaluated cost or price and technical rating, if applicable, of the successful offeror and the debriefed offeror;
- (C) The overall ranking of all proposals, if a ranking was developed by the agency during the selection process;
- (D) A summary of the rationale for award; and
- (E) Reasonable responses to relevant questions about selection procedures contained in the solicitation, applicable regulations, and other applicable authorities that were followed.

The debriefing shall not include point-by-point comparisons of the debriefed vendor's bids with those of other offering vendors.

Bidders are hereby notified of their opportunity to request reconsideration of this intent to award in accordance with Section 5.6.3 of the Regulations.

The Agency Procurement File for this solicitation is available for public view on the MDEQ website.

**Exhibit A**  
**Bid Price Summary – All Bidders (Ranked Lowest to Highest)**  
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Rank	Finding	Bidder's Name	Vegetative Monitoring	Avian Monitoring	Total Price
1	Sufficient	Environmental Science Services, Inc.	\$64,243.60	\$166,243.00	\$230,486.60
2	Insufficient	Mississippi State University (MSU)	\$229,069.00	\$399,799.00	\$628,868.00
3	Sufficient	Allen Engineering & Science Services, Inc.	\$200,598.00	\$518,755.00	\$719,353.00
4	Sufficient	HGS, LLC	36,127.32	\$717,904.19	\$754,031.51
5	Sufficient	Cypress Environment & Infrastructure	\$59,804.00	\$799,450.00	\$859,254.00
6	Sufficient	Eco-Restore, LLC	\$136,565.00	\$734,180.00	\$870,745.00
7	Insufficient	ELOS Environmental	\$108,901.00	\$1603,150.00	\$1,712,051.00