



STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF PHARMACY

Evaluation Report

RFP Title	RFP for Pharmacy Benefit Manager Audit Services
RFP Release Date	September 5, 2023
Proposal Due Date and Time	October 3, 2023, 2:00 PM CST
Contract Effective Date	November 1, 2023
Evaluation Report Posting Date	October 20, 2023

The Mississippi Board of Pharmacy (MBP) conducted a Request for Proposal (RFP) solicitation to secure a vendor to provide Pharmacy Benefit Manager Audit Services. The RFP as amended, including terms, conditions, scope of services and other matters anticipated to be incorporated into the resulting contract, may be accessed at <https://www.mbp.ms.gov/news/proposals-request-announcement>.

With the goal of awarded a contract to include a one-year, one audit optional renewal, MBP evaluated the three proposals received to ensure they received a comprehensive, fair, and impartial evaluation. An internal evaluation committee utilized consensus scoring to evaluate the proposal using a two-step process including a Compliance Phase and an Analysis Phase. A detailed description of the evaluation process is provided in Section 9.2 of the RFP document. Evaluation factors and their respective weighting included Relevant firm experience (35%), Team experience and qualifications (25%), Project (RFP) understanding and approach (15%), Plan for project management (15%), and Other factors (such as ability to proceed immediately, length of time to be completed, etc). (10%). Also, the cost of each proposal was considered, including the average hourly rate calculated.

As a result of the evaluation process described herein, the proposal is ranked by Offeror in the order of final score, highest to lowest, as follows:

1. HORNE
2. Myers and Stauffer LC
3. Mazars USA LLP

The evaluation committee was comprised of the following individuals based on their knowledge and expertise related to the services being considered: Ronnie Bagwell, President of the MBP; Mike Gilbow, Member of the MBP; Susan McCoy, Executive Director of the MBP; Todd Dear, Associate Director of the MBP; and Avery Lee, General Counsel for the MBP.

Based on the evaluation results, the Board voted to approve entering contract negotiations with HORNE to provide pharmacy benefit manager audit services. Subject to successful negotiations a contract with an

effective date of November 1, 2023 and term ending June 30, 2024, plus one optional one-year renewal contract for one additional audit to be performed is expected to be executed with HORNE, at a contract value estimated to not exceed \$348,430.00 for the initial contract term.