



**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF PHARMACY**

Notice of Contract Award

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

This professional services contract was awarded to HORNE that proposed the most advantageous qualifications through the Evaluation Phase. An internal evaluation committee utilized consensus scoring to evaluate the proposal using a two-step process including a Compliance Phase and an Analysis Phase. 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 contract was awarded to HORNE. The purpose of this contract is to conduct an audit of a pharmacy benefit manager licensed by the Mississippi Board of Pharmacy to ensure compliance with state law and regulations. 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.