



**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**

TATE REEVES, GOVERNOR

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

SEAN J. TINDELL, COMMISSIONER

**Notice of Intent to Award IFB 3160007024**

<b>Procurement Type and Name</b>	<b>IFB# 3160007024</b>
<b>Procurement Title</b>	<b>Invitation for Bid to provide Customized Testing and Reporting Services DNA Sexual Assault Kits for the MS Department of Public Safety (MDPS)</b>
<b>Opening Date and Time</b>	<b>January 3, 2025, at 10:00 am CST</b>

**January 14, 2025**

The Mississippi Department of Public Safety (MDPS) issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to secure a vendor to administer Customized Testing and Reporting Services for DNA testing of Sexual Assault Evidence Kits. The awarded contract term will be a one-year multi-term contract with an option of four (4) yearly renewals. The work shall consist of processing sexual assault evidence kit samples for analysis based on the information provided from the consultation with the Mississippi Forensics Laboratory DNA personnel. MS Department of Public Safety MS Forensics Lab.

Amendment I was to amend Invitation for bid attachment D and attachment F required clauses. Question and Answers was released on December 20, 2024. Amendment II was to amend IFB bid form to clarify submission of price acceptance. All other specifications will remain the same.

Services include processing and reporting sexual assault evidence kit samples. Testing will include the Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) testing of evidentiary material for the purpose of

providing results which can be uploaded into the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS). The IFB required the winning vendor to have one (1) successful year of previous experience providing similar services listed in IFB, registered with the MS Secretary of State, and insurance coverages.

The MS Department of Public Safety released the IFB for a vendor to administer Customized Testing and Reporting Services for DNA testing of Sexual Assault Evidence Kits RFX 3160007024 on December 3,2024. In response to the IFB, MDPS received one (2) sealed bids on January 3, 2025, from the following vendors:

- Signature Science LLC 8501 N. Mopac Expressway STE 100 Austin TX 78759
- Bode Cellmark Forensics 10430 Furnace Road Suite 107 Lorton, VA 22079

MDPS opened bids on January 3,2025. The bids were ranked as follows:

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Amount of Bid</b>
Bode Cellmark Forensics	\$1,475.00 per case
Signature Science LLC	\$1,625.00 per case

The MDPS reviewed the bid submitted and it was determined that the bid was responsive to the IFB and met the minimum qualifications set forth in the IFB. Based on the review, and having submitted the lowest, responsive, responsible bid, MDPS recommends the contract to be awarded to the following:

- Bode Cellmark Forensics 10430 Furnace Road Suite 107 Lorton, VA 22079

The deadline to request debriefing is Tuesday January 22, 2025. Debriefing must be received in writing, by U.S. mail or electronic submission. The written request must be received by the Commissioner of the MS Department of Public Safety and a copy submitted to the Procurement Division within three (3) business days of notification of the contract award. Any actual or prospective bidder or contractor who is aggrieved in connection with this solicitation or the outcome of the Invitation for Bids may file a protest with the Bid Coordinator, Britney Wesley,

or Sonya Williams, and the Commissioner of the MS Department of Public Safety. The Request for Reconsideration shall be submitted on or before January 28, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. local time, in writing after such aggrieved person or entity know or should have known of the facts giving rise thereto. All protests must be in writing, dated signed by the bidder or an individual authorized to sign contracts on behalf of the protesting bidder, and contain a statement of the reason(s) for protest. The protesting bidder must provide facts and evidence to support the protest. A protest is considered filed when received by the Bid Coordinator, Britney Wesley, Sonya Williams, and the Commissioner of the MS Department of Public Safety, via either U.S. mail, postage prepaid, or personal delivery. The Request for Reconsideration filed after January 28, 2025, 5:00 p.m. local time will not be considered.