

JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

Jackson, Mississippi

Date: June 24, 2024

**Board of Trustees
Jackson Public School District
Jackson, Mississippi**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Information about the Content and Formatting of the Attached Bid Tabulation Sheet(s)

Pursuant to the legal requirements as outlined in the Mississippi Code 1972, Annotated, §31-7-13(d), all bid proposals received were compared to the written bid specifications and the recommendation to purchase or for rejection is indicated on the following pages, as per the manner prescribed below.

Recommendation to Purchase:

The recommendation to purchase from or award a contract to any vendor, is indicated on the attached tabulation sheet(s) by placing "Low Bid" to the right of the vendor's name/pricing and bolding the information.

Rejection of an Item or an Entire Bid:

The law requires that the District clearly state why in each instance that the lowest bid received is not the recommended "lowest and best" bid. The specific reason that an item or service, or a vendor's entire bid proposal, must be deemed "irregular" or "non-compliant" with the written bid specifications and therefore cannot be recommended for purchase, is indicated on the attached tabulation sheet(s) by drawing a line through the vendor's name/pricing and indicating the rejection reason beside the item.

Unit Price Differences Between the Lowest and the "Lowest and Best" Bid:

The unit price of all items is indicated and a difference between the bid unit price of the proposed item being rejected, and the unit price of the item being recommended for purchase as the "lowest and best" can easily be computed from the data on the following pages. For each item, please see the attached tabulation sheet(s) for the bid name and number and opening date, item description, unit of measure, quantity purchased, and the unit or total pricing submitted by all vendors offering bid proposals.

Minority Vendor Participation in the Bid Process:

At the direction of the Board, all minority and women owned and operated vendors offering bid proposals are identified on the attached tabulation sheets, for informational purposes only. The following coding has been used:

- "M" Minority (Male) owned and operated business
- "W" Women (Non-minority) owned and operated business
- "B" Minority (Women) owned and operated business
- "N" Non-Minority owned and operated business