

RESPONSES AS TO SECOND SET OF QUESTIONS RECEIVED REGARDING THE INVITATION FOR BID FOR SECURITY SERVICES SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF THE MISSISSIPPI SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND

QUESTIONS	RESPONSES
Who is the current vendor and how long have they been providing the required services?	Topps Private Investigation & Security Firm, LLC for nine (9) months.
Why is this IFB being issued?	Current contract expires June 30, 2024.
What are the current bill and pay rates	\$20.00 an hour.
Can the golf cart be billed as a separate monthly billing?	No, golf cart price should be included within the overall total price and awarding bidder must provide golf cart and MSDB will provide the gas, if applicable.
Can the golf cart be electric and is there a storage area available for either gas or electric?	Golf cart can be electric and if a storage place is needed one can be provided.
Are specific post orders established and can be provided prior to a bid packet being submitted?	No.
Are there specific Officer requirements for the "School Safety Officer" (SSO). i.e., Police academy certification or other certified training site.	Yes.
If so, where are the specific requirements obtainable?	Completion of the MDE School Safety Office Basic Course and 40 hours per year of MDE sanctioned in-service training.
Where can the bylaws for (J) " <i>Abide by all ordinances and laws pertaining to the MSDB's operation</i> " found, or provided?	Can be provided to the awarded bidder.
In item (K) ". <i>Ensure that all guards fully comply with the policies and procedures of the MSDB to which they are assigned, the applicable standards, Joint Commission standards, and all applicable</i>	Yes.

<p><i>regulations as now existing or as may be modified;"</i></p> <p>Will the Joint Commission standards be supplied or site to obtain the referenced version? If any and all applicable regulations, existing, or modified, edited with written approval and acceptance by both parties before implemented?</p>	
<p>Are <u>requested</u> Overtime hours for an officer billable at the overtime rate?</p>	<p>Yes, however, overtime is responsibility of awarded bidder and MSDB does not normally require overtime hours.</p>
<p>Are officers required to work Holiday's and what is the school holiday schedule.</p>	<p>It depends on the holiday and the current school year calendar is attached. The Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) has employees housed on our campus and there will be times when MSDB is closed and MDE's staff is required to work, if state offices are working, which will require an officer(s) to be on campus.</p>
<p>Are officers assisting staff with students in any form or fashion? If so, can you please provide such cases?</p>	<p>No, but one (1) guard is required to patrol campus and/or perform building walkthroughs.</p>