

**RESPONSES AS TO THIRD 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**

<b>QUESTIONS</b>	<b>RESPONSES</b>
What are the insurance requirements	The bidder who receives the contract is responsible for insurance for their guards as MSDB does not pay insurance being that the security company is an independent contractor and not an MSDB employee.
Who is your current provider?	Topps Private Investigation & Security Firm, LLC
Why are you soliciting bids?	Current contract expires June 30, 2024
What is the term of the contract?	July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025
Are any vehicles required?	Security company must provide a Golf cart and MSDB will provide the gas
Is any technology required?	No
Do you plan to specify wages?	Wages are determined by the security company
What is the current provider's wage and bill rate for the Officers?	\$20.00 an hour
Why do you state you need 24/7 contact?	We have students on campus 24-hours a day Sunday through Friday and some weekends and we must provide security for all children and staff on campus. We also need a contact person in case there are any issues with the current security guards on duty.
What has happened in the past where you need to contact someone after hours?	Security staff is not providing services requested in the solicitation or additional guards may be needed to replace those currently on staff who are not performing.
Why do you state the provider should fulfill MSDB's requests for Guards within 24 hours of request? Can you explain why this request would be necessary?	Because we have to have two (2) guards on staff, 24 hours a day, and if a guard is not able to provide the proper services required, they will need to be replaced immediately. The safety of our students is the number one priority and security must be always available and visible on campus.
What are your payment terms?	Invoices are paid on the 15 <sup>th</sup> and last working day of each month and invoices are requested atleast a day before payments are generated.
Can the "Bid Response Form" and "Vendor References Form" be provided to editable Word format?	No