

## Notice of Intent to Award

April 14, 2026

<b>Procurement Type and Number</b>	IFB 25-27
<b>Procurement Title</b>	Computing Nodes
<b>Opening Date and Time</b>	March 18, 2026 @ 11:00 a.m.

There was only one responsive vendor for the above solicitation:

- **Aspen Systems, 3900 Youngfield St., Wheat Ridge, CO 80033-3865**

Responses were evaluated according to the criteria stated in the solicitation. We announce our intent to award a contract to the following vendor upon approval by the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA):

- **Aspen Systems, 3900 Youngfield St., Wheat Ridge, CO 80033-3865**

We appreciate your interest in doing business with the State of Mississippi. We would also like to thank each vendor for time and efforts in preparing a response to this solicitation.

Vendors are reminded that any protests of this decision must be submitted to **Kimberly R. Harris, Director of Procurement Services**. The protester must file his/her protest in writing with the agency and DFA within seven (7) days of becoming aware of the perceived offense. The protest should be placed in an envelope labeled "Protest" and it must include: the name and address of the protestor, the appropriate identification of the procurement and if a contract has been awarded, its number; a statement of reasons for the protest; supporting exhibits, evidence, or documents to substantiate any claims unless not available within the filing time, in which case the expected availability date shall be indicated. Once the protest has been filed, DFA will submit a copy of the protest to the Attorney General (AG) within three (3) days of receipt. It is important to note that no award can be made during the protest period unless the Chief Procurement Officer lifts the stay of the award. All parties may request additional information within an agreed upon time frame. A decision on the protest is first made by the head of the purchasing agency. A request for reconsideration to the Chief Procurement Officer or the head of the purchasing agency is permitted. If still aggrieved, a protestor may appeal to the Public Procurement Review Board.

Vendors are reminded that any protests of this decision must be submitted to Kimberly R. Harris, Director of Procurement Services, within seven (7) calendar days after the issuance of this notice or no later than **Friday, April 21, 2026**. The protest must be in writing, identify the name and address of the protestor, provide appropriate identification of the procurement and resulting contract number (if known), and detail the nature of the protest, including available supporting exhibits, evidence, or documents to substantiate any claims.

The successful vendor is instructed not to begin work, purchase materials, or enter into subcontracts relating to the project or services until execution of the contract.