

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**

**MISSISSIPPI POWER COMPANY
EC-120-0097-00**

DOCKET NO. 2018-AD-68

**IN RE: MANAGEMENT REVIEW OF MISSISSIPPI POWER COMPANY
 PURSUANT TO MISSISSIPPI CODE ANN. § 77-3-46**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR AUDITORS

At its May 8, 2018 Open Meeting, the Mississippi Public Service Commission (“Commission”) opened a Review Docket pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 77-3-46 in order to initiate a management review of Mississippi Power Company (“MPCo”) in anticipation of a future rate case. The Commission also voted to issue this Request for Proposals (“RFP”) for said services.

Scope of Work

Pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 77-3-46, the Commission requests proposals from qualified, independent auditing or consulting firms to examine the efficiency and effectiveness of management decisions made by MPCo and render an opinion as to whether MPCo is operating under “prudent and economical management.” Specific issues to be covered by the selected auditors include, but are not limited to, a comparative analysis of MPCo’s compensation structure and rates (including, for example, MPCo’s PEP and other formulary rate filings), and ways in which the Company may streamline management operations for the reasonable benefit of Mississippi ratepayers.

It is anticipated that the period of performance for the selected auditor(s) will consist of the following two (2), separate phases:

- Phase One – The selected auditor will broadly review MPCo’s management structure to identify any prudency issues which may be affecting company efficiency and/or customer rates. Based on that review, the auditor will recommend procedures to specifically audit the issues identified.
- Phase Two – The Commission shall review and approve the procedures proposed by the selected auditor(s). The auditing firm shall then perform the audit as approved and provide a result of its findings.

The Commission anticipates that both phases shall be completed within six (6) months from the date of contract execution.

Eligible Offerors

To be eligible, participants must be neutral and impartial without any conflict of interest related to MPCo. Eligible participants must demonstrate legal capabilities, competence, relevant experience, and resources to perform the duties as described in the Scope of Work section of this RFP.

Proposal Requirements

Proposals submitted in response to this request must meet the following conditions to be considered for selection. Emailed or faxed proposals will not be accepted under any circumstances.

PROPOSALS MUST BE WRITTEN ENTIRELY ON 8.5" x 11" PAPER. PROPOSALS SHOULD INCLUDE NECESSARY APPENDICES AND ATTACHMENTS. PROPOSALS SHOULD BE STAPLED IN THE TOP LEFT CORNER OR BOUND IN A 3-RING BINDER.

PROPOSALS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN A MANNER THAT DOES NOT PRESENT ANY BENEFIT, KEEPSAKE, OR VALUE FOR MEMBERS OF THE REVIEW PANEL.

Proposals shall begin with a cover page that clearly states the name of the applicant and the name, address, telephone number, fax number, and email address, if available, of the applicant's contact person who may be contacted directly regarding the proposal. The cover page shall make up the cover of the proposal. A proposal must be submitted in the format outlined herein. Pages of the proposal must be numbered.

Proposals may reflect the provision of services by more than one consultant or consulting firm; however, each proposal submitted must address the requirements of the RFP in their entirety. Additionally, all proposals submitted in response to this RFP must include, at a minimum, the following information:

1. The legal name of the consultant or consultant firm and the location of the principal place of business.
2. A thorough Executive Summary of the Proposal.
3. Evidence of the consultant's or firm's experience and abilities in the specified area directly related to the proposed service including, but not limited to, a list and supporting documentation reflecting the specific expertise and experience of the proposed consultant(s) in performing work in the relevant area.
4. The qualifications and experience of all persons who would be assigned to provide the required services.
5. A detailed description of how the service will be provided to accomplish the Scope of Work, including, but not limited to, a description of major tasks and sub-tasks.
6. A Project Schedule and details of how each task identified will be best accomplished.

7. Thorough and detailed pricing information.
8. Any available references for contracts of similar size and scope. Include the name of the organization; the length of the contract; a brief summary of the work; and, the name and telephone number of a responsible contact person.
9. A statement verifying that the prospective consultant or consultant firm has/has not retained any person or agency on a percentage, commission or other contingent arrangement to secure this contract.
10. Discuss any conflicts of interest that may arise, if your proposal is accepted.
11. Any additional information that will aid in evaluation of the response.

Evaluation of Proposals

Factors to be considered in the evaluation of proposals include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Responsiveness to all items set forth in this Request for Proposals.
2. Applicant's ability to provide the required services as reflected/ evidenced by qualifications and experience.
3. Whether adequate personnel and other resources to perform the services are currently available or demonstrated to be made available at the time of contracting.
4. The overall detailed description of the proposed plan for performing the required services.
5. A record of past performance of similar work.

Anticipated Schedule of Events


Publish RFP on Commission website	May 21, 2018
Deadline for submission of proposals	June 20, 2018
Selection approved by Commission	July 3, 2018
Contract award	July 3, 2018
Commencement of project activities	On or before July 31, 2018
Completion of Audit and filing of Report	January 31, 2019

Interested individuals or companies must provide six (6) bound copies of a detailed Proposal conforming the requirements of this RFP. Proposals may be mailed or hand-delivered to the Commission. All Proposals must be received by the Commission no later than June 20, 2018 at the following address:

Mississippi Public Service Commission
Attn: Katherine Collier, Executive Director
501 N. West Street, Suite 201-A (39201)
P.O. Box 1174
Jackson, Mississippi 39215-1174.

All questions or comments should be directed to Katherine Collier, Executive Director, at 601-961-5405, or Frank Farmer, General Counsel, at 601-961-5821.

ISSUED this, the 17th day of May, 2018.


KATHERINE COLLIER
Executive Director

cc: Brandon Presley, Chairman
Cecil Brown, Vice-Chairman
Samuel F. Britton, Commissioner

