

Notice of Intent to Award
In Response to Reference Laboratory Services
3.23.2026.241 RFx: 3160007859

March 23, 2026

An Invitation for Bids (IFB) was issued February 11, 2026, and February 18, 2026, with a submission due date of March 23, 2026, for Reference Laboratory Services. The Mississippi State Hospital (MSH) received two (2) bids in response to the solicitation from the following:

1. **American Esoteric Laboratories Memphis d/b/a Memphis Pathology Laboratory**
\$621,932.00
2. **Baptist**
\$299,038.64

The two (2) bids received were responsive. There were not any non-responsive proposals.

The evaluation of Bids was conducted by Jennifer Diez and Jennifer Boler. After review and consideration, MSH announces their intent to award a contract to **American Esoteric Laboratories Memphis d/b/a Memphis Pathology Laboratory** and **Baptist** upon approval by the Public Procurement Review Board (PPRB).

Any bidder who responded to this solicitation may submit a written request to reconsider MSIT's decision in accordance with *OPSCR Rule 6.9.3, Request for Reconsideration*, within one (1) week (due by 2:00 p.m. March 31, 2026) of the issuance of this Notice of Intent to Award. The complete Agency Procurement File, including this Notice of Intent to Award, terms, conditions, and scope of services of the contract, and all supporting documentation, is publicly available on MSH's website at <https://www.msh.ms.gov/bids-and-public-notices> in accordance with *OPSCR Rule 6.9.1.2, Public Posting of the Agency Procurement File*.

MSH extends their sincere thanks to all bidders who participated in this solicitation and appreciate your time, effort, and interest demonstrated in providing services to the State of Mississippi.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Boler, Contract Analysts
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Section III - Procurement Schedule/Execution Page
THE MISSISSIPPI STATE HOSPITAL Bid File: 3.23.2026.241 RFX: 3160007859
REFERENCE LABORATORY SERVICES

Note: See Attachment - F for Detailed Test Listing and Two-Year Usage

Total overall one year cost: \$ 139,383.00
(see Attachment - F for test usage and total overall one year cost on last page of Attachment - F)

Additional fee for stat courier service: \$ 25.00 ea
(must be a flat rate per stat pick up) estimated quantity: 20 per year

Additional Fee for Pathology Services: \$ 1,300.00 per Month
(Requirement for laboratory utilized to provide greatest percentage of test dollar volume.)

BIDS WILL BE OPENED: 1:00 P.M. Monday, March 23, 2026, at Building 93, Mississippi State Hospital.

Bidders shall acknowledge which of the following statements is applicable regarding release of its bid document as a public record. A bidder may be deemed non-responsive if the bidder does not acknowledge either statement, acknowledges both statements, or fails to comply with the requirements of the statement acknowledged.

Please carefully read each statement below and select one.

Along with a complete copy of its bid, bidder has submitted a second copy of the bid document in which all information bidder deems to be confidential commercial and financial information and/or trade secrets is redacted in black. Bidder acknowledges that it may be subject to exclusion pursuant to Chapter 15 of the PPRB OPSCR Rules and Public Procurement Review Board determine redactions were made in bad faith in order to prohibit public access to portions of the bid which are not subject to Mississippi Code *Annotated* §§ 25-61-9, 75-26-1 through 75-26-19, and/or 79-23-1. Bidder acknowledges and agrees that the [Agency] may release the redacted copy of the bid document at any time as a public record without further notice to bidder. A bidder who selects this option but fails to submit a redacted copy of its bid may be deemed non-responsive.

Bidder hereby certifies that the complete unredacted copy of its bid may be released as a public record by the [Agency] at any time without notice to bidder. Bidder explicitly waives any right to receive notice of a request to inspect, examine, copy, or reproduce this bid as provided in Mississippi Code *Annotated* § 25-61-9(1)(a). The bid contains no information bidder deems to be confidential commercial and financial information and/or trade secrets in accordance with Mississippi Code *Annotated* §§ 25-61-9, 75-26-1 through 75-26-19, and/or 79-23-1. A bidder who selects this option but submits a redacted copy of its bid may be deemed non-responsive.

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By signing below, the undersigned agrees to all terms and conditions of the Invitation for Bid, including attachments and attachments, in whole and with exception of those amendments as acknowledged in writing to bidder and signed by a duly authorized agent of MSH.

I certify that I am authorized to enter a binding contract if this bid is accepted. By signing below, the undersigned agrees to all terms and conditions of the Invitation for Bid, including attachments and attachments, in whole and with exception of those amendments as acknowledged in writing to bidder and signed by a duly authorized agent of THE MISSISSIPPI STATE HOSPITAL.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF AMENDMENTS: Bidders shall acknowledge the receipt of amendments by placing an "X" by each amendment number received – Amendment No. 1 () Amendment No. 2 () Amendment No. 3. () Amendment No. 4 ()

Vendor's Quotation No. 6000017716 (Response Number) Date 3/19/2026

Name Of Company Memphis Pathology Laboratory DBA American Esoteric Laboratories Telephone 901-405-8200

Address 1701 Century Center Cove

City/State/Zip Code Memphis, TN 38134

By Holly H. Preice Title President, MidSouth Division, Sonic Healthcare
(Signature)

The above must be completed and signed as a requirement with the bid submission.

We submit the above prices on behalf of Memphis Pathology Laboratory DBA American Esoteric Laboratories (Vendor) and agree to provide services within 30 days from receipt of order or notice to proceed. Unless notified to the contrary, this offer is good for 90 days from the date of the bid opening. In submitting the above bid, it is expressly agreed that upon proper acceptance of any or all items by THE MISSISSIPPI STATE HOSPITAL, a contract shall hereby be created only after a written purchase order or contract award notice is mailed or otherwise furnished to the successful bidder within the time of acceptance specified above without further action by either party. The contract shall not be assignable by the vendor in whole or in part without the written consent of Mississippi State Hospital.

Jennifer Boler: Jennifer Boler Date: 3/19/2026 3/23/2026
Contract Analyst

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Vendor's Quotation No. Baptist001 Date 2/26/2026

Name Of Company MS Baptist Medical Center Telephone 601-968-3070

Address 1225 North State St

City/State/Zip Code JACKSON, MS 39202

By Arthur Wright Title Sales and Marketing Rep
(Signature)

The above must be completed and signed as a requirement with the bid submission.

We submit the above prices on behalf of MS Baptist Medical Center (Vendor) and agree to provide services within 30 days from receipt of order or notice to proceed. Unless notified to the contrary, this offer is good for 90 days from the date of the bid opening. In submitting the above bid, it is expressly agreed that upon proper acceptance of any or all items by THE MISSISSIPPI STATE HOSPITAL, a contract shall hereby be created only after a written purchase order or contract award notice is mailed or otherwise furnished to the successful bidder within the time of acceptance specified above without further action by either party. The contract shall not be assignable by the vendor in whole or in part without the written consent of Mississippi State Hospital.

Jennifer Ester:
Contract Analyst

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Date: 3/23/24