NOTICE OF REJECTION OF BID

To: J Hunt Enterprises General Contractors, LLC

Date: July 22, 2026

IFB: GBNERR Mastication Project
RFx# 3160008075

Re: **Rule 5.7 Cancellation of Solicitation or Rejection of Individual Bids**

The Office of Statewide Strategic Sourcing (OSSS) issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) on behalf of the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (MDMR) for **GBNERR Mastication Project**. The bids were opened on July 8, 2026.

J Hunt Enterprises General Contractors, LLC ("J Hunt"), submitted a bid price per acre of $900.00. After reviewing all bid submissions for responsiveness, MDMR determined that J Hunt's bid is non-responsive and must be rejected pursuant to Rule 5.7.2, *Rejection of Individual Bids* of the PPRB OPSCR Rules and Regulations. Rule 5.7.2 provides that an individual bid may be rejected when "the bid was non-responsive to the solicitation."

The IFB states that bids may be deemed non-responsive if reference checks cannot be completed within 48 hours of the initial contact. OSSS successfully contacted one of the two (2) references provided by J Hunt. However, despite multiple attempts and allowing additional time beyond the forty-eight (48)-hour period specified in the IFB, MDMR was unable to contact the second reference. As a result, the required reference checks could not be completed, and J Hunt's bid was determined to be non-responsive.

For the foregoing reasons, J Hunt's bid is rejected and will not be considered for award. MDMR will retain the bid as part of its procurement file.

Thank you for your interest in doing business with MDMR and the State of Mississippi. We encourage you to respond to MDMR solicitations in the future.

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