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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD**

**BEAD Program Challenge Adjudication Services  
Request for Qualifications  
RFx# 3140003911**

The Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration (DFA), on behalf of the Broadband Expansion and Accessibility of Mississippi (BEAM) office, issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for BEAD Program Challenge Adjudication Services. DFA received qualifications from the following vendors:

- Columbia Telecommunications Corporation
- Michael Baker International, Inc.
- Tilson Technology Management, Inc.
- Witt O'Brien's, LLC
- Connected Nation, Inc.

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 Public Procurement Review Board.

**Michael Baker International, Inc.  
Ridgeland, Mississippi**

The PPRB is scheduled to review and vote on this recommendation on Wednesday, September 4, 2024. Upon approval by the PPRB, the contract will be effective after execution by both parties for a period of one (1) year with no contract renewals.

DFA thanks all vendors who participated in this solicitation for the time and effort put forth in submitting their qualifications and their interest in providing Mississippi BEAD Program Challenge Adjudication Services. Vendors are referred to *Section 2.13* of the RFQ for additional information regarding post-award debriefings.