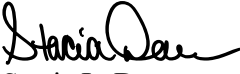




NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD RESCISSION

State Of Missouri
Office Of Administration
Division Of Purchasing
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Jefferson City, MO 65102-0809
<http://oa.mo.gov/purchasing>

CONTRACT NUMBER MS260049001	CONTRACT TITLE Financial Management and Payroll Services
AMENDMENT NUMBER N/A	CONTRACT PERIOD January 12, 2026 through January 11, 2027
REQUISITION/REQUEST NUMBER N/A	MissouriBUYS SYSTEM ID/MOVERS SUPPLIER ID NUMBER MB00092767 / 1015743
CONTRACTOR NAME AND ADDRESS Public Partnerships, LLC 17 Plaza Dr. Suite 300 Latham, NY 12110	STATE AGENCY'S NAME AND ADDRESS Department of Mental Health PO Box 687 Jefferson City, MO 65109
ACCEPTED BY THE STATE OF MISSOURI AS FOLLOWS: The award of contract MS260049001 is hereby rescinded immediately pursuant to the reasons stated in the letter from Stacia Dawson, dated March 13, 2026, concerning the protest of the award of the contract.	
BUYER Mertrell Nickens	BUYER CONTACT INFORMATION Email: Mertrell.nickens@oa.mo.gov Phone: (573) 751- 656 Fax: (573) 526-9816
SIGNATURE OF BUYER 	DATE 3/16/2026
DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING  Stacia L. Dawson	

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March 13, 2026

SENT BY U.S. MAIL AND EMAIL

Jeff Chiow, Attorney at Law
Greenberg Traurig, LLP
2101 L Street NW, Suite 1000
Washington, D.C. 20037
Jeff.Chiow@gtlaw.com

Re: Greenberg Traurig, LLP on behalf of Acumen Fiscal Agent, LLC
Protest of Award for STATE 0000000049SL

Dear Mr. Chiow:

I have reviewed your January 27, 2026, protest of the award of STATE 0000000049SL - Financial Management and Payroll Services, the proposal of PPL, the evaluation report, and PPL's response to the bid protest. Based on that review, and after consultation with the Department of Mental Health, I have determined that it is in the state's best interest to set aside the award to PPL and rebid these services. Based on the decision to rebid the services, the protest is moot.

Given that the proposal language challenged in the protest is capable of differing interpretations, I cannot determine with certainty how the proposal language was interpreted by the evaluators. Nor can I determine how much of a role PPL's statement that it had never experienced a delay in transitioning award programs played in the scoring of the proposal. As such, I cannot agree with the protest that PPL provided false information in its proposal as asserted by Acumen, but I also cannot determine that the language should be interpreted in the manner advocated by PPL. Under the circumstances, I am rescinding and setting aside the notice of award, and the contractual services will be rebid. A request for extension of the current contract will be issued.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stacia Dawson".

Stacia L. Dawson, CPPB
Director



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Contract Amendment Documentation

The following documentation consists of additional contract amendment documentation. The additional contract amendment documentation is not a part of the official contract amendment, but provides supporting information for the official contract amendment.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: File MS260049001
FROM: Mertrell Nickens
DATE: March 16, 2026
RE: Contract Rescission

The award of contract MS260049001 is hereby rescinded immediately pursuant to the reasons stated in the letter from Stacia Dawson, dated March 13, 2026, concerning the protest of the award of the contract.

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PURCHASING		CONTRACT AMENDMENT ROUTING GUIDE				Contract # MS260049001		Amendment # 	
						Route	Initials	Date	
1. Indicate Contract Amendment Type						Section Support /Section Mgr.			
RENEWAL: OF TOTAL ☐ Renewal % Increase ☐ Renewal - \$ Increase ☐ Renewal - W/O ☐ Extension Period ☐ Assignment ☐ Cancellation/Termination ☒ Other Amendment Rescission						Mertrell		NOTES	
Performance Security Bond: \$ ☐ Yes ☒ No									
Surety Bond: \$ ☐ Yes ☒ No									
Annual Wage Order: \$ ☐ Yes ☒ No									
2. Contract Compliance Assessment									
MBE Participation: % achieved; % committed ☒ N/A				Contract Management					
WBE Participation: % achieved; % committed ☒ N/A				Contract Management					
Blind/SW Participation: % achieved; % committed ☒ N/A				Contract Management					
SDVE Participation: % achieved; % committed ☒ N/A				Contract Management					
Participation Reports: ☒ N/A				Last Month Received: Notes: 		Contract Management			
B/SW Affidavit On File: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A				Contract Management					
Admin. Fees and Reports Received: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A				Contract Management					
Create Amendment Tracker Entry/Update Contract Worklog						Contract Management			
Save Docs to Appropriate File & Notify Section Mgr. via email						Contract Management			
3. Tasks/Verifications									
A. Section 34.040.7, RSMo				Buyer/Section Support					
B. Purchasing Suspension List				Buyer/Section Support					
C. Federal Suspension – SAM.GOV				Buyer/Section Support					
D. Labor Standards – OA/FMDC Contractor Debarment Lists				Buyer/Section Support					
E. SFS Review/Justification-include advertisement tear sheet				Buyer					
F. Review Usage: Prior FY Contract Spend Data				Buyer					
F. \$ Admin Usage Report (Statewide), \$ Accountability Portal									
4. Prepare Contract Amendment						Buyer/Section Support			
5. Review/Approve Contract Amendment (If Signature Rqd.)						Buyer			
Initial/Date		Supv.		Section Mgr.		Asst. Dir.		Director	
6. E-Mail/Fax Contract Amendment (If Signature Required)						Buyer/Section Support			
Contractor E-Mail Address/Fax Number: skasprzak@pplfirst.com									
State Agency Contact E-Mail Address: Corey Duemmel Stacey Morrison									
Section 34.040.7, RSMo, Letter				Follow-Up Notes:					
Update Amendment Tracker						Buyer/Section Support			
7. Review Contract Amendment Response - Verifications									
A. Renewal/Extension Pricing				Buyer/Section Support					
B. Section 34.040.7, RSMo				Buyer/Section Support					
C. Performance Security Deposit/Surety Bond				Buyer/Section Support					
D. SFS Authorized Limit \$				Buyer					
E. Contract Assignment Verifications									
1. E-Verify Exhibit/Affidavit/Documentation				Buyer/Section Support					
2. Assignment and Consent Form				Buyer/Section Support					
F. Update Amendment Tracker				Buyer/Section Support					
8. Prepare Contract Amendment Award Document (NOA) and Statewide Notice (if applicable)						Buyer/Section Support		MN	3/16/2026
9. Review/Approve Contract Amendment Award Document						Buyer		MN	3/16/2026
Initial/Date		Supv.		Section Mgr.	KC 3/16/26	Asst. Dir.	AR 3/17/26	Director	
10. Process Contract Amendment						Buyer/Section Support		DT	3/18/26
Update SAMII - AM 300 PMM 104155						Buyer/Section Support		DT	3/18/26
Update MissouriBUYS						Buyer/Section Support		DT	3/18/26
Distribute Copy of E-Verify Documents (assignments)						Buyer/Section Support			
E-Mail/Fax NOA to Contractor/Assignee & Agency Contact						Buyer/Section Support		DT	3/18/26
Email Statewide Notice to OA.PURCHweb@oa.mo.gov						Buyer/Section Support			
Update Amendment Tracker & Contract Worklog						Buyer/Section Support		DT	3/18/26
11. Update Participation Commitment (if applicable)						Admin Tech Team			
12. Image Contract Amendment Packet						Admin Tech Team		TK	3/18/26