



MS Department of Finance and Administration – Public Procurement Review Board  
STATE AGENCY/GOVERNING AUTHORITY

REVERSE AUCTION EXEMPTION FORM

**AGENCY/GOVERNING AUTHORITY CONTACT INFORMATION**

AGENCY/GOVERNING AUTHORITY NAME: Mississippi Department of Transportation

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BRIEF COMMODITY DESCRIPTION: Rock Salt NIGP COMMODITY CODE: 77545

QUANTITY Indefinite ESTIMATED COST \$ 475,000.00

PURCHASING DIRECTOR/DESIGNEE SIGNATURE: [REDACTED] DATE: 5/23/2018

**PLEASE PROVIDE A DETAILED EXPLANATION WHY A REVERSE AUCTION IS NOT IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE STATE:**

Rock Salt is used by MDOT road maintenance crews at various locations throughout the state for ice removal on bridge deck surfaces and roadways. The availability of the commodity and the location of the work must be known to determine the lowest cost. Availability of rock salt is an important determinant due to the unpredictability of severe weather events, the criticality of a timely application to roads and bridges so that they remain open and passable during severe weather events, and availability issues generated by high demand from other cities and counties throughout Mississippi and neighboring states dealing with the same severe weather event. Because we award to all and make determination at time of purchase, there is no feasible way to accomplish this using reverse auction.

**PLEASE PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVE PROCESS TO SOLICIT BIDS THAT PROMOTES OPEN COMPETITION:**

The competitive sealed bid process should be utilized to procure rock salt and is in the best interest of the state.

**DFA USE ONLY:**

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- Governing Authorities must submit completed form to [PPRB@DFA.MS.GOV](mailto:PPRB@DFA.MS.GOV). The email subject line must contain- **GOVERNING AUTHORITY NAME\_REVERSE AUCTION EXEMPTION** (Ex: HINDS COUNTY\_REVERSE AUCTION EXEMPTION)
- State Agencies must use MAGIC to request an exemption. An "OVAR" RfX type must be created with the Reverse Auction Exemption Form attached. Link to Reverse Auction Exemption Instructions: [OVERSIGHT APPROVAL REQUEST FOR REVERSE AUCTION EXEMPTION](#)
- All exemption requests must be submitted by the published deadline. The submission deadline schedule can be found at: <http://www.dfa.ms.gov/pprb/>