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Mississippi Fair Commission Cancels Food and Beverage Service RFP

Statement from Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson on cancellation of Mississippi Fair Commission's Request for Proposals (RFP) for Food and Beverage Services

JACKSON, Miss. - Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson, who also serves as the Chairman of the Mississippi Fair Commission, announced today that the Mississippi Fair Commission has cancelled the Request for Proposals for food and beverage service on the State Fairgrounds.

“On Tuesday, November 26, 2019, I convened a telephonic meeting of the Mississippi Fair Commission to consider information regarding a bid protest filed by Clark & Company to a proposed Valley Services concessions contract. Our Mississippi Fair Commission attorney has researched the issues raised by Clark & Company and presented his findings to the members of the Fair Commission. After reviewing those findings and additional issues raised, and since there is no requirement to have an exclusive concessionaire at the Mississippi Fairgrounds, today I have executed the attached Notice of Cancellation of Requests for Proposals. Effective January 1, 2020, the Mississippi Fair Commission will bring concessions in-house on an interim basis, and promoters of events at the Mississippi Fairgrounds will have the freedom to select the catering and/or concessions vendors of their choice. As we move closer to the opening of the new Trade Mart, we will reconsider a concessionaire contract that will achieve our goal to make the Mississippi Fairgrounds the very best it can be.”

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Attached as separate document: Notice of Cancellation for Request for Proposals.

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

TO: VALLEY SERVICES, LLC
10 CANEBRAKE, #120
FLOWOOD, MS 39232

CLARK & CO.
1207 MISSISSIPPI STREET
JACKSON, MS 39202

Notice is hereby given of the cancellation of a Request for Proposals, which was issued by the Mississippi Fair Commission on July 15, 2019, being RFP #2019-1. Said RFP requested proposals for the furnishing of food and beverage service on the State Fairgrounds. The reason for this cancellation is that it is in the best interest of the State.

On this, the 5th day of December, 2019.

MISSISSIPPI FAIR COMMISSION

BY: 

TITLE: Commissioner