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October 3, 2025

Mayor Stephen Jones
City of Columbus
523 Main Street
Columbus, MS 39701
Phone: (662) 244-3500

Mayor Jones:

As part of an on-going investigation being conducted by the Mississippi Office of the State Auditor, we are requesting the following documents be provided to our agency. The information requested should be for the fiscal year beginning on October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024, and October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025. The information is as follows:

1. Any and all Professional Service contracts (covering the above documented dates) entered into by the City of Columbus with Cintas, Unifirst, Busy Bee Cleaning Service LLC, WOW Entertainment LLC, Anchored Images LLC, Next Stage Media, and Reggiland Taylor.
2. The Vendor Activity Report for all of the above listed companies.
3. Any and all price quotes submitted for the above-mentioned contracts. In addition, please provide proof of services and/or all work product received for each invoice submitted.
4. Any and all payment information for the above listed companies, to include but not limited to, requisition request, purchase orders, receipts/itemized invoices, copies of the front and back of any checks used to satisfy the debt or electronic transfers showing disbursement of city funds to satisfy said debt.
5. Any and all itemized receipts/invoices for payment to Amazon, Quill, and Staples for the time period stated above. These should include detailed items of purchase.
6. Any and all deposits and expenditures made on any and all seizure accounts associated with the Columbus Police Department. This should include copies of any receipts issued to the police department, copies of any evidence bags, court orders

authorizing the funds to be transferred to the city for disposal and/or use in accordance with the Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated as Amended.

7. Any and all records maintained by your Human Resources Department documenting the transfer and use of donated time. This should include, the number of hours, the employee to whom the time was donated, the employee who donated the time, the date and time to which the donated time was used, the date and time the employee donating the time accumulated said time.
8. Any and all price quotes and/or Request for Proposal's (RFP's) requested, received, and approved, including said contract, for the remodeling and repair job for work performed by Turner Excavating & Erosion, LLC for the job located at 2535 Main Street c/o Greg Lewis.

We request the documents be made available by October 31, 2025. Once you have compiled the requested information, please contact me at Layne.Bounds@osa.ms.gov or (769) 257-2513. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely

Layne Bounds, Special Agent
Mississippi Office of the State Auditor
Investigations Division

Stephen Jones

From: Layne Bounds <Layne.Bounds@osa.ms.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 2, 2025 4:41 PM
To: Stephen Jones
Cc: Trey Collins
Subject: Official Request
Attachments: Columbus MS.pdf

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