

PCS/TGS Critical Emergency Report

Item#	Vendor Name	Contract No.	Amend No.	Method of Procurement	Contract Period		Service Type
1	HORNE LLP	4600057185	00	Emergency	09/17/2025	To 06/30/2026	PCS
Original Contract Amount		Current Annual Contract Amount	Amendment Amount		Original Total Projected Amount	Updated Total Projected Amount	
\$235,000.00		\$235,000.00	\$0.00		\$235,000.00	\$235,000.00	
Agency #	Agency Name		Division				
9906	Department of Finance and Administration						
Contract Summary	<p>Under the Rural Health Transformation Program, a state would be required to submit an application to the CMS Administrator to receive federal funding to carry out specified activities. CMS will either approve or deny the application no later than December 31, 2025, and CMS has broad discretion over the distributions of funds. Horne will provide continuing monitoring and assessments of developing regulation and guidance as further details of this program are shared by CMS and the White House. Currently details of the required application have not been made publicly available, however we understand that CMS plans a communications webinar on August 26, 2025, with initial application details to follow soon thereafter. Home will collaborate with Arkansas Executive leadership to build a survey, or other mechanisms, to conduct outreach and obtain broad stakeholder input. Then, begin drafting an anticipated part of the application that includes Arkansas' rural health statistics and other state specific facts that would establish Arkansas' position as a high need state for the available funding. Horne would create the initial application draft for review by DHS and the Governor's office and final application, based on feedback by DHS and the Governor's office and our deep experience navigating CMS submissions leading to the final application submission.</p>						
Purpose for Amendment							
Reason for Amendment	Not Applicable						