OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Item June 19-20, 2014

OFFICE OF STUDENT ASSESSMENT

19. <u>Approval to contract with ACT, Inc., to administer the ACT to all 11th grade</u> <u>students during Fiscal Year 2015</u>

> Awarded Vendor: ACT, Inc. Iowa City, Iowa

<u>Scope of Project</u>: The purpose of this contract is to retain the services of ACT, Inc., to serve as an independent contractor who will administer the ACT (No Writing) which consists of multiple choice tests: English, Mathematics, Reading, and Science to all 11th grade students. The Mississippi Legislature appropriated funds for ACT testing as identified in House Bill 1476. The Mississippi Department of Education is directed to use these funds to provide these specified services as part of the new School and District Accountability Models.

Personnel associated with this contract are not former Department employees or related to any Department employees.

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Scope of Contract:

- Term of Contract: July 18, 2014 June 30, 2015
- Total Amount to be Awarded: \$1,300,000
- Method of Award:

Funding Source: State funds

Recommendation: Approval