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27. Approval to contract with Research in Action, Inc. to design, develop, and implement a comprehensive audit process for the state's newly adopted school accountability model

Awarded Vendor: Research in Action, Inc.

Praireville, LA

<u>Scope of Project</u>: The purpose of this contract is to design, develop, and implement a comprehensive audit process for the state's newly adopted school accountability model. This work will identify and improve scoring error resulting from (a) incorrect business rule application (input), (b) faulty decision logic within the scoring algorithm (production), and/or spurious score/rating attribution (output). These efforts will mitigate faulty results being promulgated to schools and the general public.

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

Scope of Contract:

• Term of Contract: July 1, 2014 – September 30, 2014

Total Amount to be Awarded: \$47,125

Method of Award: Pool of Service Providers

Funding Source: State funds

Recommendation: Approval