OFFICE OF CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items August 14-15, 2014

OFFICE OF EDUCATOR QUALITY

13. <u>Approval to contract with The RIA Group to design, develop and evaluate key</u> elements of the teacher evaluation system

Awarded Vendor: The RIA Group

Baton Rouge, LA

<u>Scope of Project</u>: The purpose of this contract is to utilize the services of The RIA Group to research, develop and pilot a student learning objective (SLO) process and assist with professional development and evaluation of benchmarks of the Teacher Incentive Fund (TIF) grant identified through a comprehensive analysis of student achievement in the TIF schools.

The contractor will:

- Develop, test and deploy a comprehensive set of business rules and decision logic necessary to produce overall educator ratings
- Develop, edit and publish an online training module focused on calculating each indicator
- Evaluate, replicate and validate computational aspects of the system

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

Scope of Contract:

• Term of Contract: August 15, 2014 – June 30, 2015

• Total Amount to be Awarded: \$99,000

Method of Award: Pool of Service Providers

Funding Source: Federal funds

Recommendation: Approval