

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICER
Summary of the State Board of Education Agenda Items
November 9, 2023

OFFICE OF STUDENT ASSESSMENT

04.A. Action: Emergency contract with National Center for the Improvement of Educational Assessment, Inc. (NCIEA) to provide the MDE with expertise in the purpose of facilitating and managing the Mississippi Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) [Goals 1, 2, 5 and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Awarded Vendor: NCIEA
Dover, New Hampshire

Scope of Project: This NCIEA contract includes services for Fiscal Year 2024. The contractor will provide necessary guidance, leadership, and management to the MDE on technical issues related to the state’s assessment and accountability system. The NCIEA will provide support and leadership for activities including, but not limited to, the following:

- Preparation for and facilitation of TAC meetings and Accountability Task Force Meetings, including all documentation of discussions and decisions; assistance to the MDE for recommended changes will be provided;
- Analysis of all 2024 MAAP forms to ensure they meet established professional standards for statewide assessments;
- Review and provide guidance to the MDE to address any findings of the Office of Inspector General (OIG) audit of the state accountability system; and
- Provide support to the MDE on meeting requirements of the United States Department of Education (USDE) Peer Review responses for Cambridge End-of-Course testing for Corinth High School, and the USDE 1% waiver for alternate assessments.

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

Scope of Contract:

- Term of Contract: November 15, 2023 – June 30, 2024
- Amount to be Awarded: \$ 176,500
- Method of Award: Emergency Procurement

Funding Source: Federal Funds

This item references Goals 1, 2, 5, and 6 of the *Mississippi Board of Education Strategic Plan*.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material: None