

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
April 11, 2019

OFFICE OF STUDENT ASSESSMENT

- 03.I. Action: Renew contract with ACT, Inc. for Fiscal Year 2020 to administer the ACT to all 11th grade students in the state [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Awarded Vendor: ACT, Inc.
 Iowa City, Iowa

Scope of Project: The purpose of this contract is to retain the services of ACT, Inc., to serve as an independent contractor who will administer the ACT: English, Mathematics, Reading, and Science components to all 11th grade students. This is the first of four optional renewal periods. The Mississippi Legislature appropriates funds for ACT, and the Mississippi Department of Education is directed to use these funds to provide these specified services as part of the School and District Accountability Models.

This is year two of a five-year contract. Renewal of contract shall be contingent upon the successful completion of the preceding year's contract and the availability of funds. Personnel associated with this contract are not former Department employees or related to any Department employees.

- 2019-2020 Renewal Cost: \$ 1,440,000
- Method of Award: Sole Source

Funding Source: State funds

This item references Goals 1 and 2 of the *Mississippi Board of Education 2018-2022 Strategic Plan*.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material: None