OFFICE OF INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
November 15-16, 2012

OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

29. Approval of a three-year Interagency Agreement with the University of Southern Mississippi to continue the school program for children with autism

Awarded Vendor: University of Southern Mississippi
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Scope of Project: The University of Southern Mississippi (USM) will continue with the school program to provide a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) for children with autism. USM duties will include, but are not limited to, the following:

1) provide training in autism to local education agencies (LEA);
2) provide support and training to parents in behavioral management and educational interventions;
3) provide assessments as needed; and
4) provide coordination of services between the child's LEA, USM, and the parents or guardians.

This is a three-year Interagency Agreement (IA), 2012 *thru* 2014, through USM with an anticipated cost of $839,054 per year. Continuation for years two and three will be determined annually and contingent upon the successful completion of the preceding year's agreement and the availability of funds.

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

Scope of Interagency Agreement:

- Term of Interagency Agreement: December 1, 2012–December 30, 2015
- Cost of Current IA: $1,348,428
- Renewal Increase: $2,517,163
- Total Cost of Renewal: $3,865,591
- Method of Award: Interagency Agreement

Funding Source: Federal funds

Recommendation: Approval