

OFFICE OF INSTRUCTIONAL ENHANCEMENT AND INTERNAL OPERATIONS
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Item
April 19-20, 2012

OFFICE OF STUDENT ASSESSMENT

11. Approval to renew contract with NCS Pearson, Inc., for Fiscal Year 2013 for the Mississippi Curriculum Test, Second Edition (MCT2)

Awarded Vendor: NCS Pearson, Inc.
Iowa City, Iowa

Scope of Project: The MCT2 contract renewal includes services for Fiscal Year 2013. The contractor will provide services and products related to printing, scoring, and reporting of these assessments for the seventh year of the ten-year procurement including, but not limited to, the following:

- Items will be developed to support a 40% refresh rate for test items;
- Item and Bias Review Meetings will be conducted;
- A practice test item annotations for Grades 3-8, English Language Arts and Mathematics will be provided;
- Braille and Large Print Test Booklets will be provided;
- 430 Mathematics items and 750 Language Arts items will be field tested;
- An electronic copy of the District Test Coordinator Manual, the School Test Coordinator Manual, and packing poster will be provided;
- Statistical analysis of potential testing irregularities for each grade and content area on the May 2013 test administration will be provided;
- Secure and non-secure materials will be picked up by CEVA;
- An electronic version of the Interpretive Guide will be produced; and
- Scanning, editing, resolving alerts, scoring, and all psychometric activities including an updated technical manual will be provided.

Renewal of contract for years eight through ten will be determined annually and 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 employee.

Scope of Contract:

- Term of Contract Renewal: July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2013
- Cost of Current Contract: \$22,017,196
- Renewal Increase: \$ 3,331,074
- Total Cost of Contract Renewal: \$25,348,270
- Method of Award: Request for Proposals

Funding Source: State and Federal Funds

Recommendation: Approval