

**OFFICE OF INSTRUCTIONAL ENHANCEMENT INTERNAL OPERATIONS**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**June 14-15, 2012**

**OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION**

13. Approval to award grants to three (3) service providers to provide on-site technical assistance to local school districts as a part of the *Modified Mattie T. Consent Decree* and *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act 2004* as represented in the State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report (SPP/APR)

Purpose: The Mattie T. Implementation Plan was developed in collaboration with Mississippi Department of Education staff and Mattie T. Consultants, with review and input from plaintiffs' counsel. Several activities were developed to ensure that local educational agencies achieve the desired results indicated in the *Modified Mattie T. Consent Decree*. One of the goals for professional development is to establish three (3) Regional Centers and employ six (6) full-time consultants. The responsibilities of these consultants are to provide on-site technical assistance to local school districts identified through focused monitoring as noncompliant in specific areas. The Regional Centers are responsible for assisting districts in monitoring the goals as specified in the *Modified Mattie T. Consent Decree* and *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act 2004 (IDEA 2004)* as represented in the State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Plan (SPP/APR).

Scope of Grant:

- Grant Period: July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013
- Award Amount: \$465,230
- Method of Award: Application

Funding Source: Special Education Grant to States (IDEA Part B). The amount of funding by grantee is based upon the original funding application.

Summary of Selection Process:

A competitive process was used during the grant implementation year using a funding application. In subsequent years, each grantee submits specific reports by the required deadline in order to continue their grant as indicated below.

Continuation Criteria:

- I. Completion of Continuation Application
- II. Completion of Quarterly Performance Reports
- III. Approval by the Mattie T. Consultants

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

**Mattie T. Regional Center Technical Assistance Grantees Awards**

<b>Mattie T. Regional Center Grantees FY 2013</b>	<b>Maximum Amount of Grant Award</b>
PREPS, Inc.	\$165,590
North MS Educational Consortium	\$135,000
Gulf Coast Education Initiative Consortium	\$164,640
<b>TOTAL for FY 2013 Grantees</b>	<b>\$465,230</b>