

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

OFFICE OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

17. Approval to contract with Blackboard, Incorporated, to provide and host an on-line instructional software solution for the Office of Career and Technical Education

Awarded Vendor: Blackboard, Incorporated
 Washington, DC

Scope of Project: The purpose of this contract is to retain the services of Blackboard, Incorporated to provide an on-line instructional software solution for the Office of Career and Technical Education. The software is a proposed model that has provided an optimal mix which continually delivers excellent, highly available responsive support. Blackboard also provides an account manager who is responsible for implementation planning, project management, and ongoing account management.

On July 19, 2012, the MS Department of Information Technology Services (ITS) Board approved a one-year agreement with Blackboard on behalf of the MS Department of Education. The ITS Board directed the Executive Director of ITS to work with all three educational agencies (MDE, MCCB, and IHL) to determine the practicality of issuing a statewide RFP in Fiscal Year 2013 for the acquisition of a hosted learning management system for all educational entities effective School Year 2014.

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

Scope of Contract:

- Term of Contract: Date all parties sign – July 31, 2013
- Total Amount to be Awarded: \$568,743.49
- Method of Award: ITS Procurement

Funding Source: State

Recommendation: Approval