

OFFICE OF QUALITY PROFESSIONALS AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
September 13-14, 2012

MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

18. Approval to contract with SyLNX, Incorporated to streamline the braille and large print textbook management process for the Mississippi School for the Blind

Awarded Vendor: SyLNX, Incorporated
Tallahassee, FL

Scope of Project: The purpose of this contract is to retain the services of SyLNX, Incorporated to provide, DataLNX, a client/server system to manage the braille and large print textbook ordering process for the state. SyLNX will utilize DataLNX as the data management system for the Mississippi Instructional Resource Center (MIRC) for the Visually Impaired. The key features of DataLNX are as follows:

- Manages requests for textbooks, order materials, and provide on-line student and district registration
- Catalogs and barcodes each book, volume, and assets
- Creates and links orders to materials for tracking
- Generates reports on screen and via DataLNX full integration
- Creates and shares reports and views with local school districts and others
- Expands to accommodate future functions, such as equipment and materials management

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

Scope of Contract:

- Term of Contract: September 14, 2012 – June 30, 2013
- Total Amount to be Awarded: \$80,800
- Method of Award: Sole Source

Funding Source: State funds

Recommendation: Approval