

OFFICE OF INSTRUCTIONAL ENHANCEMENT AND INTERNAL OPERATIONS
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
October 17-18, 2013

OFFICE OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

07. Approval to contract with Cambium Education, Inc. dba Sopris Learning for the operation of the Mississippi K-3 Literacy Professional Development Training System

Awarded Vendor: Cambium Education, Inc. dba Sopris Learning
Dallas, TX

Scope of Project: Senate Bill 2347: Literacy-Based Promotion Act was established for students enrolled in Mississippi public schools to achieve grade-level reading by the end of 3rd grade. The Mississippi Department of Education is responsible for providing technical assistance and training for teachers and administrators as may be needed to aid local school districts in administering the provisions of the legislation.

The K-3 Literacy Training procured through this contract will build content and pedagogical knowledge of the essential elements of literacy and provide strategies for supporting effective reading instruction.

Renewal of contract for years two and three 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 employees.

Scope of Contract:

- Term of Contract: November 20, 2013 – June 30, 2014
- Total Amount to be Awarded: Amount not to exceed \$3,200,000
- Method of Award: Request for Proposals

Funding Source: State Funds

Summary of Selection Process:

A competitive selection process was utilized to award this contract.

Scoring Criteria:

- A. Vendor Profile
- B. Professional Development for Targeted Groups
- C. Alignment to Standards and Essential Elements of Literacy
- D. Follow-up Training for Targeted Groups
- E. Budget
- F. Demonstration

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Office of Curriculum and Instruction
Mississippi K-3 Literacy Professional Development Training System
Cambium Education, Inc.

Category	Number of Participants 2013-2014	Number of Training Days/Sessions per Participant
Training for K-3 Teachers, Coaches, and Higher Education Faculty	4,100	<p style="text-align: center;">Option A: 2 online courses plus 6 days</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Option B: 2 online courses plus 4 days</p>
Training for Principals	175	2 days