

**OFFICE OF INSTRUCTIONAL ENHANCEMENT AND INTERNAL OPERATIONS**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**November 14-15, 2013**

**OFFICE OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION**

11. Approval to extend contract with XAP Corporation to continue to provide a Career Information Delivery System (CIDS) for the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE)

Awarded Vendor: XAP Corporation  
Culver City, CA

Scope of Project: The purpose of this contract is to continue to provide and make information and planning resources available via the Internet to assist individuals with career exploration, educational opportunities or with seeking employment. This software package will be used by 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders and will be adapted to our Career Pathways.

The Career Information Delivery System (CIDS) is currently being used in a variety of settings statewide (schools, vocational rehabilitation offices, one-stop career centers, job service offices, and economic development offices). The CIDS provides information on occupations, colleges and universities, trade/technical schools, financial aid, skills and interest assessments, wages, career planning, and future outlook to allow individuals to make informed career decisions.

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

Scope of Contract:

- Term of Contract: December 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014
- Total Amount to be Awarded: \$198,292.08
- Method of Award: ITS Procurement

Funding Source: State funds

Recommendation: Approval