

**OFFICE OF INSTRUCTIONAL ENHANCEMENT AND INTERNAL OPERATIONS**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Item**  
**April 18-19, 2013**

**OFFICE OF STUDENT ASSESSMENT**

22. Approval to renew contract with NCS Pearson, Inc., for Fiscal Year 2014 for the Mississippi Curriculum Test, Second Edition (MCT2)

Awarded Vendor:               NCS Pearson, Inc.  
Iowa City, Iowa

Scope of Project: The MCT2 contract renewal includes services for Fiscal Year 2014. The contractor will provide services and products related to printing, scoring, and reporting of these assessments for the eighth year of the ten-year procurement including, but not limited to, the following:

- Construct one new core form per grade (3 through 8) and subject (language arts and mathematics) for spring 2014;
- Provide no new item development for 2013-2014;
- Conduct a two-day Data Review Meeting with the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE);
- Conduct a three-day Forms Pulling Meeting with MDE;
- Provide Braille and Large Print Test Booklets;
- Provide an electronic copy of the district test coordinator manual, the school test coordinator manual, and packing poster;
- Provide statistical analysis of potential testing irregularities for each grade and content area on the May 2014 test administration;
- Have secure and non-secure materials picked up by UPS;
- Produce an electronic version of the Interpretive Guide;
- Provide scanning, editing, resolving alerts, scoring, and all psychometric activities including an updated technical manual; and
- Provide an updated Technical Manual.

Renewal of contract for years nine and ten 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 employee.

Scope of Contract:

- Term of Contract Renewal: July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2014
- Cost of Current Contract: \$25,348,270
- Renewal Increase: \$ 2,807,418
- Total Cost of Contract Renewal: \$28,155,688
- Method of Award: Request for Proposals

Funding Source: State and Federal Funds

Recommendation: Approval