

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

OFFICE OF STUDENT ASSESSMENT

23. Approval to renew contract with NCS Pearson, Inc., for Fiscal Year 2014 for the Mississippi Subject Area Testing Program, Second Edition (SATP2)

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

Scope of Project: The SATP2 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 sixth year of a ten year procurement including, but not limited to, the following:

- Maintain Item Development at 60% for Biology I and U.S. History;
- Provide no new item development for Algebra I and English II;
- Conduct a two-day Biology I and U.S. History Item and Bias Review meetings;
- Have face-to-face Data and Forms Pulling Meeting with Pearson and the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) Staff;
- Provide no Passage and Passage Bias Review Meeting;
- Conduct Online and Paper/Pencil test administrations in September 2013, December 2013, March 2014, and May 2014;
- Produce 200 copies of Large Print test booklets per assessment for the 2013-2014 test administrations;
- Translate one form of the spring 2014 paper tests into Braille for each subject area according to the number of orders received;
- Conduct comparability analysis and reporting of data of the online versus paper test administrations for all four subject areas for the September 2013, December 2013, and March 2014 New Framework retest administrations;
- Revise Technical Manual;
- Participate in the fall and spring Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meetings;
- Provide Write to Learn® (WTL) for grades 3 through 12 for the 2013-2014 school year, year two of a three-year commitment by Pearson to provide its formative writing assessment program and expanded training sessions for all participants.

Renewal of contract for years seven through 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: April 20, 2009 – June 30, 2014
- Cost of Current Contract: \$20,892,649
- Renewal Increase: \$ 4,496,287
- Total Cost of Contract Renewal: \$25,388,936
- Method of Award: Request for Proposals

Funding Source: State and Federal funds

Recommendation: Approval