

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

**OFFICE OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION**

24. Approval to renew contract with Mississippi Assessment Center at the Research and Curriculum Unit at Mississippi State University for Fiscal Year 2014 for the Mississippi Career Planning and Assessment System, Second Edition (MS-CPAS2)

Awarded Vendor: Mississippi State University  
Starkville, Mississippi

Scope of Project: The MS-CPAS2 contract renewal includes services for Fiscal Year 2014. The contractor will provide occupation-specific tests to assess the performance of local vocational programs, as required by the Perkins Act, in producing students with essential occupation-specific knowledge. Students are assessed with both lower level and critical thinking level questions. The occupation-specific tests are administered at the secondary and postsecondary levels to students completing all of a planned sequence of vocational-technical units/courses. The services and products are related to test development, administration, scoring, reporting, and professional learning of these assessments for the eighth year of a ten-year procurement.

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: January 12, 2007 – June 30, 2014
- Cost of Current Contract: \$ 3,424,223.22
- Renewal Increase: \$ 489,928.15
- Total Cost of Contract Renewal: \$ 3,914,151.37
- Method of Award: Request for Proposals

Funding Source: State funds

Recommendation: Approval