

**OFFICE OF INSTRUCTIONAL ENHANCEMENT AND INTERNAL OPERATIONS**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**May 16-17, 2013**

08. Approval to contract with North Mississippi Education Consortium to coordinate and facilitate regional training sessions and procure related services for the Mississippi Department of Education for Fiscal Year 2014

Awarded Vendor: North Mississippi Education Consortium  
Oxford, Mississippi

Scope of Project: Mississippi Code Section 37-7-345 gives the State Board of Education the authority to contract with and provide funds to regional education service agencies for any education-related service. One of the three goals of the State Board is to mobilize resources and supports to assist districts and schools. One of the ways this goal will be accomplished is through a contract with the North Mississippi Education Consortium (NMEC). NMEC will, in turn, sub-contract with the five other Regional Education Service Agencies (RESAs) in Mississippi to perform the specified services which include coordinating and facilitating training sessions as well as procuring related services such as speakers/trainers and development of training materials. NMEC will serve as the fiscal agent under this contract.

Under a similar contract in Fiscal Year 2013, the RESAs have provided quality professional development and technical assistance for various offices within the Mississippi Department of Education. To date, over 200 training sessions have been held throughout the state with over 16,000 participants served.

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

Scope of Contract:

- Term of Contract: July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014
- Total Amount to be Awarded: \$2,500,000
- Method of Award: Exempt from competitive selection process

Funding Source: State and Federal funds

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

**§ 37-7-345. Authorization to establish regional educational service agency; agency to be organized as nonprofit tax exempt corporation; operation and management by public advisory board; board of directors; Executive Director; powers and responsibilities of educational service agency.**

(1) A regional educational service agency (ESA) may be established in a region of the state when twelve (12) or more school districts determine there are benefits and services that can be derived from the collective and collaborative formation of an agency for the purpose of pooling and leveraging resources for the common benefit of students, teachers, administrators and taxpayers. An educational service agency shall be incorporated in the State of Mississippi and organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi as a nonprofit corporation. The educational service agency shall obtain 501(c)(3) status with the Internal Revenue Service.

(2) The operation and management of the educational service agency shall be the responsibility of a public advisory board composed of the superintendents of schools or their designees from each participating school district.

(3) A board of directors shall be elected on an annual basis from the advisory board to oversee the day-to-day operations of the agency.

(4) The executive board shall hire an executive director to serve as the executive agent of the board of the regional educational service agency.

(5) The board of directors of a regional educational service agency shall have the authority to establish policies for the regional educational service to determine the programs and services to be provided, to employ staff, to prepare and expend the budget, to provide for financing programs and projects of the regional educational service agency, and to annually evaluate the performance of the agency. The board may purchase, hold, encumber and dispose of real property, in the name of the agency, for use as its office or for any educational service provided by the agency.

(6) The educational service agency is authorized and empowered to: develop, manage and provide support services and/or programs as determined by the needs of the local school district Educational service agencies (ESAs) shall:

(a) Act primarily as service agencies in providing services and/or programs as identified and requested by member school districts (services may include, but are not limited to, professional development, instructional materials, educational technology, curriculum development and alternative educational programs);

(b) Provide for economy, efficiency and cost effectiveness in the cooperative delivery and purchase or lease of educational services, materials and products (services may include, but are not limited to, purchasing cooperatives, insurance cooperatives, business manager services, auditing and accounting services, school safety/risk prevention, and data processing and student records);

(c) Provide administrative services (services may include, but are not limited to, communications/public information, employee background checks, grants management, printing/publications and internships);

(d) Provide educational services through leadership, research and development in elementary and secondary education;

(e) Act in a cooperative and supportive role, including contracting, with the Mississippi Department of Education, Mississippi Institutes of Higher Learning, Mississippi Community Colleges and other state educational organizations in the development and implementation of long-range plans, strategies and goals for the enhancement of educational opportunities in elementary and secondary education; and

(f) Serve, when appropriate and as funds become available, as a repository, clearinghouse and administrator of federal, state, local and private funds on behalf of school districts which choose to participate in special programs, projects or grants in order to enhance the quality of education in Mississippi schools.

(7) The State Board of Education shall have the authority to contract with and provide funds to regional educational service agencies for any education-related service.

**Sources:** Laws, 2004, ch. 408, § 1; Laws, 2009, ch. 344, § 1, eff from and after July 1, 2009.

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FY 14 RESA Contract Planning**

<b>Office</b>	<b>Event</b>
Federal Programs	Principal Evaluation Training
Federal Programs	TransACT Professional Development
Federal Programs	Orientation for School Leaders (OSL) - Part 1
Federal Programs	Orientation for School Leaders (OSL) - Part 2
Federal Programs	Orientation for School Leaders (OSL) - Module Revisions
Federal Programs	MS SOARS Fall Implementation
Federal Programs	MS SOARS Spring Implementation
Federal Programs	21st CCLC STEM Training
Federal Programs	21st CCLC Grants Management Training
Federal Programs	21st CCLC STEM and PPICS Training
Federal Programs	Title III Training
Federal Programs	FY15 CFPA Training
Federal Programs	PLC Overviews & Transforming School Culture
Federal Programs	Brustein & Manasevit Conference
Federal Programs	21st CCLC Winter Institute
Federal Programs	New Federal Program Coordinators Training
Federal Programs	Monitoring Training for Federal Programs Staff
Student Assessment	Writing Project Collaboration Regional Training Days 1 & 2 and Corresponding Online Follow-up Sessions - Cohort II
Student Assessment	Writing Project Collaboration Regional Training Days 3 & 4 and Corresponding Online Follow-up Sessions - Cohort II
Student Assessment	Writing Project Collaboration Regional Training Days 5 & 6 and Corresponding Online Follow-up Sessions - Cohort II
Student Assessment	District Test Coordinator Training New and Veterans - Fall 2013
Student Assessment	District Test Coordinator Training Regional - Spring 2014
Student Assessment	MAAECF New Teacher Training
Student Assessment	MAAECF New Teacher Training

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Student Assessment	SATP2 First Year Teachers Boot Camp July 2013
Student Assessment	SATP2 Best Practices Workshop
Student Assessment	SATP2 Veteran Teachers Boot Camp
Student Assessment	MAAECF New Teacher AVS Training
Student Assessment	MAAECF New Teacher AVS Training
Instructional Enhancement	CCSS ELA and Math for English Language Learners
Instructional Enhancement	CCSS Regional Administrator Meetings
Instructional Enhancement	Literacy Training for Curriculum Coordinators and Superintendents
Instructional Enhancement	NISL Excellence in Leadership for ELA Institute Cohort I
Instructional Enhancement	CCSS 9-12 Follow-up TOT (ELA & Math)
Instructional Enhancement	K-3 Science Training
Instructional Enhancement	CCSS K-2 Interventions for Struggling Learners (ELA & Math)
Instructional Enhancement	CCSS 3-5 Interventions for Struggling Learners (ELA & Math)
Instructional Enhancement	CCSS 6-12 Interventions for Struggling Learners (ELA & Math)
Instructional Enhancement	NISL Excellence in Leadership for ELA Institute Cohort II
Instructional Enhancement	CCSS 6-12 Teacher Boot Camp (ELA & Math)
Instructional Enhancement	Textbook Caravan
Instructional Enhancement	Reading Fairs
Instructional Enhancement	Professional Learning Communities (PLC) Workshops
Instructional Enhancement	K-3 Literacy Training
Teacher Center	M-STAR Teacher Trainings

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<b>Office</b>	<b>Event</b>
State Superintendent	Regional Superintendent Meeting - Fall 2013
State Superintendent	Regional Superintendent Meeting - Spring 2014
State Superintendent	Regional Principal Meeting - Fall 2013
State Superintendent	Regional Principal Meeting - Spring 2014