

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

**OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION**

17. Approval to award grants to three (3) service providers to provide on-site technical assistance to local school districts as a part of *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act 2004* (IDEA)

Purpose: The purpose of these grants is to ensure that local school districts achieve the desired results required by IDEA. One of the goals in the delivery of the Results Driven Accountability (RDA) is to establish three (3) Regional Service Centers (RSC) and employ six (6) full-time consultants. The responsibilities of these RSCs are to provide on-site technical assistance to local school districts identified in specific results indicators for the RDA.

Scope of Grant:

- Grant Period: July 22, 2013 – June 30, 2014

- Award Amount: \$465,230

North Mississippi Education Consortium	\$135,000
Gulf Coast Education Initiative Consortium	\$164,640
Program of Research and Evaluation for Public Schools (PREPS)	<u>\$165,590</u>
	\$465,230

- Method of Award: Application

Funding Source: Special Education Grant to States (IDEA Part B). The amount of funding by grantee is based upon the original funding application.

Summary of Selection Process:

A competitive process was used during the grant implementation year using a funding application. In subsequent years, each grantee submits specific reports by the required deadline in order to continue their grant as indicated below.

Continuation Criteria:

- I. Completion of Continuation Application
- II. Completion of Performance Reports
- III. Approval by the State Director of Special Education

Recommendation: Approval