

OFFICE OF EDUCATIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
July 18-19, 2013

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22. Approval to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Harvard College to participate in the Strategic Data Project (SDP) Fellowship

Awarded Vendor: Harvard College
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Scope of Project: The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to allow the Mississippi Department of Education to participate in the Strategic Data Project (SDP) Fellowship with Harvard College. The SDP Fellowship is a two-year program that supports and develops talented data strategists in education agencies to have an immediate impact on policy and management decisions that can improve student outcomes. Fellows are highly skilled quantitative analysts with an entrepreneurial passion for using data to drive decision-making.

Scope of Contract:

- Term of MOU: October 1, 2013 – September 30, 2015
- Total Amount to be Awarded: \$56,000 (\$28,000 per year)
- Method of Award: Legislative Appropriation

Funding Source: State funds

Recommendation: Approval