

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
December 18-19, 2014

OFFICE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION (6-12)

14. Approval to award competitive grants for Project Lead The Way

Project Lead The Way (PLTW) is the nation's leading science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) solution in over 6,500 elementary, middle, and high schools across the U.S. The program's world-class curriculum and high-quality teacher professional development model, combined with an engaged network of educators and corporate and community partners, help students develop the skills necessary to succeed in our global economy. PLTW will provide quality educational opportunities that will increase the percentage of students graduating from high school, provide career pathways that offer advancement and growth potential, and help students make successful transitions to postsecondary education. In addition, PLTW helps industries hire highly skilled workers, improves the earning prospects of students, and aligns with other efforts to ensure students have the skills and credentials for career success.

This three-year grant will be awarded to secondary school districts implementing PLTW Engineering or Biomedical Science programs. Program outcomes for PLTW grantees are: 1) increase student enrollment, 2) reach proficiency level on student post assessments, and 3) increase students earning a college and career ready standard diploma.

Scope of Grant:

- Grant Period: December 19, 2014 - June 30, 2017
- Award Amount: \$160,000 (Year 1)
\$140,000 (Year 2)
\$ 60,000 (Year 3)
- Method of Award: Request for Applications

Funding Source: State Funds

Summary of Selection Process:

A competitive grant selection process was utilized to award the grants.

Scoring Criteria:

A. Project Description

- B. Assurances
- C. Intervention
- D. Facility Readiness
- E. Collaboration & Support
- F. Evaluation
- G. Budget

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

Project Lead the Way Implementation Project Award Grantees

School District	SY 14-15 Year 1	SY 15-16 Year 2	SY 16-17 Year 3	Total Award Amount
Clinton Public School District	\$40,000	\$35,000	\$15,000	\$90,000
Starkville School District	\$40,000	\$35,000	\$15,000	\$90,000
Rankin County School District	\$40,000	\$35,000	\$15,000	\$90,000
Jackson County School District	\$40,000	\$35,000	\$15,000	\$90,000
TOTAL	\$160,000	\$140,000	\$60,000	\$360,000