

OFFICE OF INSTRUCTIONAL ENHANCEMENT AND INTERNAL OPERATIONS
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Item
April 17-18, 2014

OFFICE OF STUDENT ASSESSMENT

19. Approval to renew contract for the final year with NCS Pearson, Inc., for Fiscal Year 2015 for the Mississippi Curriculum Test, Second Edition (MCT2)

Awarded Vendor: NCS Pearson, Inc.
Iowa City, IA

Scope of Project: The MCT2 contract renewal includes services for Fiscal Year 2015. The contractor will provide services and closeout products including, but not limited to, the following:

- **Technical Manual for Spring 2014 Administration**

This manual will include the overview and purpose of the assessment, development process, test construction specifications and process, test administration details, scoring and reporting process, performance standards descriptions, scaling and equating approach, item calibration, equating design, procedures, and results. It will also cover grades 3-8 and the language arts and mathematics subjects assessed in the program.

- **Bank of MCT2 Test Items**

The bank of MCT2 test items (and passages) and metadata will be delivered in electronic format to the MDE. This includes test maps for each administration, psychometric characteristics for each administration, psychometric supporting documentation such as raw score-scale score tables, equating summaries, technical manuals, and research reports that have been composed for the life of the MCT2 program.

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

Scope of Contract:

- Term of Contract Renewal: July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2015
- Cost of Current Contract: \$28,153,238
- Renewal Increase: \$ 40,883

- Total Cost of Contract Renewal: \$28,194,121
- Method of Award: Request for Proposals

Funding Source: State and Federal funds

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Office of Student Assessment
NCS Pearson, Inc. (MCT2)

Contract History

Year	FY	Initial Projected Contract Cost	Actual Contract Cost (including modifications)
1	FY07	\$2,399,056	\$2,507,949
2	FY08	\$3,268,940	\$4,019,404
3	FY09	\$3,235,829	\$4,690,616
4	FY10	\$2,910,827	\$3,253,850
5	FY11	\$2,603,709	\$3,694,588
6	FY12	\$2,603,709	\$3,850,789
7	FY13	\$2,603,709	\$3,331,074
8	FY14	\$2,603,709	\$2,804,968
9	FY15	\$2,603,710	\$40,883
10	FY16	\$2,603,710	
TOTAL		\$27,436,908	\$28,194,121

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Mississippi Curriculum Test, Second Edition (MCT2)
Evaluation Summary

NCS Pearson, Inc., is evaluated quarterly and has provided the following contractual deliverables:

- Constructed one new core form per grade (3 through 8) and subject (language arts and mathematics) for spring 2014;
- Provided no new item development for 2013-2014;
- Conducted a two-day Data Review Meeting with the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE);
- Conducted a three-day Forms Pulling Meeting with MDE;
- Provided Braille and Large Print Test Booklets;
- Provided an electronic copy of the district test coordinator manual, the school test coordinator manual, and packing poster;
- Provided statistical analysis of potential testing irregularities for each grade and content area on the May 2014 test administration;
- Had secure and non-secure materials picked up by UPS;
- Produced an electronic version of the Interpretive Guide;
- Provided scanning, editing, resolving alerts, scoring, and all psychometric activities including an updated technical manual; and
- Provided an updated Technical Manual.

The vendor is in compliance of all terms and specifications of the contract.