

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

OFFICE OF STUDENT ASSESSMENT

20. Approval to renew contract with NCS Pearson, Inc., for Fiscal Year 2015 for the Mississippi Subject Area Testing Program, Second Edition (SATP2)

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

Scope of Project: The SATP2 contract renewal includes services for Fiscal Year 2015. The contractor will provide services and products related to printing, scoring, and reporting of these assessments for the final year including, but not limited to, the following:

- Conduct a Data Review Meeting
- Develop 180 new items for both Biology I and U.S. History;
- Provide no new item development for Algebra I and English II;
- Conduct forms pulling for the December 2014 and May 2015 standard test administrations for Biology I and U.S. History;
- Deliver a total of four (4) New Framework test administrations;
- Maintain the electronic item bank;
- Conduct a two-day Biology I and U.S. History Item and Bias Review Meetings;
- Construct and build 13 forms (total) in the standard (paper) test administrations in both Biology I and U.S. History; and
- Conduct comparability analysis and reporting of data of the online versus paper test administrations for first-time testers in Biology I and U. S. History.

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

Scope of Contract:

- Term of Contract Renewal: April 20, 2009 – June 30, 2015
- Cost of Current Contract: \$25,385,576
- Renewal Increase: \$ 3,457,946
- Total Cost of Contract Renewal: \$28,843,522
- 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. (SATP2)

Contract History

Year	FY	Initial Projected Contract Cost	Actual Contract Cost (including modifications)
1	FY09	\$223,647	\$223,647
2	FY10	\$5,757,512	\$5,509,117
3	FY11	\$5,719,317	\$5,075,761
4	FY12	\$5,317,467	\$5,268,409
5	FY13	\$4,953,906	\$4,815,715
6	FY14	\$5,205,366	\$4,492,927
7	FY15	\$5,205,367	\$3,457,946
8	FY16	\$5,205,367	
9	FY17	\$5,205,367	
10	FY18	\$5,205,367	
TOTAL		\$47,998,683	\$28,843,522

Mississippi Subject Area Testing Program, Second Edition (SATP2) Evaluation Summary

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

- Maintained Item Development at 60% for Biology I and U.S. History;
- Provided no new item development for Algebra I and English II;
- Conducted a two-day Biology I and U.S. History Item and Bias Review meetings;
- Had face-to-face Data and Forms Pulling Meeting with Pearson and the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) Staff;
- Provided no Passage and Passage Bias Review Meeting;
- Conducted Online and Paper/Pencil test administrations;
- Produced 200 copies of Large Print test booklets per assessment for the 2013-2014 test administrations;
- Translated one form of the spring 2014 paper tests into Braille for each subject area according to the number of orders received;
- Conducted comparability analysis and reporting of data of the online versus paper test administrations for all four subject areas for the New Framework retest administrations;
- Revised Technical Manual;

Participated in the fall and spring Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meetings;

- Provided Write to Learn® (WTL) for grades 3 through 12 for the 2013-2014 school year, year two of a three-year commitment by Pearson to provide its formative writing assessment program and expanded training sessions for all participants.

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