

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

OFFICE OF STUDENT ASSESSMENT

23. Approval to modify contract with Renaissance Learning for the Mississippi K-3 Assessment Support System (MKAS²)

Awarded Vendor: Renaissance Learning
Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin

Scope of Project: The purpose of this modification is to include agreed upon liquidated damages and specific deliverable timelines to ensure the contractor is providing an integrated assessment system which includes a Universal screener and Diagnostic assessment, a Kindergarten Readiness Assessment tool, and a 3rd Grade Reading Summative Assessment. This language specifically manages risks and protects the Mississippi Department of Education from legal issues related to the vendor.

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

Scope of Contract:

- Term of Current Contract: February 19, 2014 – June 30, 2015
- Cost of Current Contract: \$1,134,250
- Modification Increase: \$ 0
- Total Cost of Modified Contract: \$1,134,250
- Method of Award: Request for Proposals

Funding Source: State funds

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

Liquidated Damages and specific Deliverable Timelines to be added to the Renaissance Learning, Inc. Contract

Liquidated Damages

When the Contractor is given notice of delay or nonperformance as specified in Paragraph (1) (Default) of the Termination for Default Clause of this current contract and fails to cure in the time specified, the Contractor shall be liable for damages for delay in the amount indicated in the table below. To the extent that the Contractor’s delay or nonperformance is excused under Paragraph (4) (Excuse for Nonperformance or Delayed Performance) of the Termination for Default Clause of this contract, liquidated damages shall not be due the State. The Contractor remains liable for damages caused other than by delay. If the Mississippi Department of Education requests changes that cause delays, Renaissance Learning shall be held harmless from the liquidated damages.

	<u>Dates (Due by 5:00 p.m. Central Time)</u>	<u>Activity Description</u>	<u>Liquidated Damages</u>
1	April 24, 2014	Domain and Skills Blueprint	\$ 25,000
2	May 31, 2014	STAR Reading Enterprise alignment study	\$ 25,000
3	February 16, 2015	3 rd Grade Reading Gate independent alignment study	\$ 25,000
4	January 16 – February 16, 2015	Optional Field Test if desired by MDE	\$ 25,000

Deliverables:

May 31, 2014: Renaissance Learning Inc. will complete an independent alignment study of the STAR Reading Enterprise alignment study (Component 3)

January 16 – February 16, 2015: 3rd Grade Summative Field Test

February 16, 2015: Renaissance Learning Inc. will complete an independent alignment study of the 3rd Grade Reading Gate.

March 30, 2015: STAR Reading 3rd Grade Summative deployment; which will include the components outlined in the STAR Reading 3rd Grade Summative scope of work section (Component 3)

May 4 – May 20, 2015: Standard setting activities (Component 3)