

**OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**May 15-16, 2014**

**OFFICE OF STUDENT ASSESSMENT**

07. Approval to contract with NCS Pearson, Inc., to administer the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) Assessments

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

Scope of Project: PARCC is a consortium of states working together to develop a common set of assessments in English Language Arts (ELA)/Literacy and Mathematics aligned to the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). The operational tests will be ready for states to administer for the 2014-15 school year. The contractor will provide training, technical services and products for the PARCC Assessments for the first year of a four year procurement including, but not limited to the following:

- Test Development
- Assessment Administration
- Psychometric Services
- Reporting
- Standard Setting
- Project Management

Renewal of contract for years two through four will be determined annually and shall be contingent upon the successful completion of the preceding year's contract and the availability of funds. Personnel associated with this contract are not former Department employees or related to any Department employees.

Scope of Contract:

- Term of Contract: July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015
- Total Amount to be Awarded: \$8,380,788
- Method of Award: Sole Source

Funding Source: State and Federal funds

Summary of Selection Process:

The contractor was selected by New Mexico, which the RFP selection process was utilized to award this vendor.

Recommendation: Approval