

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
June 19-20, 2014

OFFICE OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

18. Approval to extend contract with Xap Corporation to continue to provide a Career Information Delivery System (CIDS) for the Mississippi Department of Education

Awarded Vendor: Xap Corporation
Culver City, California

Scope of Project: The Mississippi Department of Education has held a statewide contract with Xap, formerly Bridges, since 1993. The contract makes information and planning resources available via the internet for assistance with career exploration, educational opportunities or with seeking employment. A Career Information Delivery System (CIDS) is currently being used in a variety of settings (schools, vocational rehabilitation offices, one-stop career centers, job service offices, and economic development offices) statewide to provide information on hundreds of occupations, thousands of colleges and universities, trade/technical schools, financial aid, skills and interest assessment, career planning, and future outlook and wages to allow individuals to make informed career decisions. . In addition to the services listed, Xap is used to create an online Individual Career and Academic Plan (iCAP) for all students grades 8-12. The Mississippi Department of Education will continue to contract with this vendor based on successful evaluations of services provided in previous years.

This contract was entered into through the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services as contracting agent for the Mississippi Department of Education. 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, 2019
- Total Amount to be Awarded: \$2,314,556.25
- Method of Award: ITS Procurement

Funding Source: State funds

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

Office of Career & Technical Education (OCTE) Contractor/Grantor Annual Performance Evaluation Form

Contractor/Grantor Name: Xap Corporation	Contract/Grant Number: IT20140003
Contract/Grant Start & End Dates: July 1, 2013- December 31, 2013	Total Amount of Contract: \$141,637.22
Project Title: Career Information Delivery System (CIDS) for the Mississippi Department of Education	
Scope of Work: The purpose of this contract is to continue to provide and make information and planning resources available via the Internet to individuals for assistance with career exploration, educational opportunities or with seeking employment. This software package will be used by 7 th – 12 th graders in conjunction with the High School Redesign project and will be adapted to our Career Pathways.	

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION		
Rating		Remarks
1 – Unacceptable	3 – Good	
2 – Poor	4 – Excellent	
1. Completion of Scope of Work	4	
2. Delivery and Timeliness	4	
3. Responsiveness to Requests	4	
4. Cooperation and communication with OCTE and all other stakeholders	4	
5. Compliance to terms of the Contract by the Contractor	4	
Overall Rating	20	

Follow-Up Activities/Additional Comments

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Evaluator's Recommendation

- Continue to use Contractor/Grantor in the future
- Suggestions for improvement (Provide information on areas for improvement)
- Not recommended for future use (Provide further information/evidence)

Evaluator's Signature _____



Evaluator's Title Associate State Superintendent **Date** 6/2/2014

Office of Career & Technical Education (OCTE)

Performance Rating System

4 – Excellent –The contractual partner fulfilled all competencies related to the current contract/grant scope of work.

3 – Good – The contractual partner has met majority of competencies related to the current contract/grant scope of work.

2 – Poor - The contractual partner has met less than half of the competencies related to the current contract/grant scope of work.

1 – Unacceptable - The contractual partner has not met any of the competencies related to the current contract scope of work.