

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
July 23, 2014

OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (K-5)

12. Approval to contract with vendors as recommended by the 2014 State Textbook Rating Committee for the adoption of textbooks in the areas of Pre-K 3 and Pre-K 4

Awarded Vendors: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt
Boston, Massachusetts

McGraw-Hill School Education
Columbus, Ohio

Voyager Sopris Learning, Inc
Longmont, Colorado

Scope of Project: The Mississippi Department of Education, through the Office of Curriculum and Instruction, conducted an adoption of textbooks in the areas of Pre-K 3 and Pre-K 4.

In accordance with Section 37-43-25 of the Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated and the *2008 Textbook Adoption Handbook Rules and Regulations*, the bidder to whom contracts are awarded will be required to provide three (3) copies of the contract and make and execute a good and sufficient bond payable to the State of Mississippi with a surety thereon. The Textbook Office will administer the contract.

The contractor will provide the following:

- Three (3) copies of the Official Mississippi Textbook Contract without change, addition or modification.
- A good and sufficient bond executed in triplicate, and payable to the State of Mississippi with a surety thereon. The amount of said bond as fixed by the State Board of Education is \$2,500 plus \$500 per title or grade level. Publishers must execute the sufficient bond by the date specified.
- A stock of textbooks sufficient to meet all reasonable and immediate demands which shall be held at the Mississippi depository.

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

Scope of Contract:

- Term of Contract: January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2019
Five (5) years (with an option to renew for two (2) additional years)
- Total Amount to be Awarded: \$0
- Method of Award: Call for Bids

Funding Source: No MDE funds involved

Summary of Selection Process:

A *call for bids* process was utilized.

Scoring Criteria:

Textbooks were reviewed in the following instructional categories:

- Mathematics Pre-K 3 and Pre-K 4
- English Language Arts Pre-K 3 and Pre-K 4
- English Language Arts Pre-K 4
- English Language Arts, Mathematics, Approaches to Learning, Social and Emotional Development, Science, Physical Development, Creative Expression, and Social Studies Pre-K 3 and Pre-K 4
- English Language Arts, Mathematics, Approaches to Learning, Social and Emotional Development, Science, Physical Development, Creative Expression, and Social Studies Pre-K 4

The state rating committee may recommend as many as eight titles in each instructional category. An item is not rated if it does not meet the following criteria:

1. The title must meet the definition of a textbook as defined in Section 37-43-1 of the *Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated*. A textbook shall be defined as any medium or manual of instruction which contains a systematic presentation of the principals of a subject and which constitutes a major instructional vehicle for that subject.
2. Courses containing sex education other than biological science courses are to include abstinence education.
3. The materials in the textbook must provide comprehensive coverage of the course content as outlined in the Mississippi Early Learning Standards for Classrooms Serving Three-Year-Old Children and the Mississippi Early Learning Standards for Classrooms Serving Four-Year-Old Children and meet at least 80 percent of the mandated standards/competencies.

Recommendation: Approval