

**OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**Consent Agenda**  
**April 16-17, 2015**

**OFFICE OF STUDENT ASSESSMENT**

- L. Approval to renew contract with NCS Pearson, Inc., for Fiscal Year 2016 for the operation of the Mississippi Science Test, Second Edition (MST2), Grades 5 and 8 to include the Mississippi Subject Area Testing Program, Second Edition (SATP2) for U.S. History and Biology

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

Scope of Project: This contract renewal includes services that will provide training, technical services and resources for Mississippi Science Test, Second Edition (MST2), and Mississippi Subject Area Testing Program, Second Edition (SATP2). The contract for the third year will include, but not limited to, the following:

**Mississippi Science Test, Second Edition (MST2)**

- Conduct a face-to-face Data Review meeting;
- Develop 100 new grade 5 science items and 100 new grade 8 science items;
- Construct six (6) new field test forms for grade 5 and six (6) new field test forms for grade 8 tests;
- Conduct a two-day Item/Bias Review committee meeting with 15 teacher participants for each of the committees;
- Produce large print test booklets;
- Complete all tasks and deliver products and services as it relates to test administration, scoring and reporting;
- Provide a Technical Manual Update; and
- Provide Program Management staff to support the MDE

**Subject Area Testing Program, Second Edition (SATP2)**

- Conduct a face-to-face Data Review meeting;
- Develop 180 new Biology I items and 180 new U.S. History items;
- Construct 13 new forms for Biology I and 13 new forms for U.S. History tests;
- Conduct a two-day Item/Bias Review committee meeting with 15 teacher participants for each of the committees;
- Produce large print test booklets;

- Complete all tasks and deliver products and services for as it relates to test administration, scoring and reporting;
- Provide a Technical Manual Update; and
- Provide Program Management staff to support the MDE

Renewal of contract for years four through ten 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 Renewal: July 16, 2013 - June 30, 2016
- Cost of Current Contract: \$4,544,629
- Renewal Increase: \$5,376,850
- Total Cost of Contract Renewal: \$9,921,479
- 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. (MST2 and SATP2)**

**Contract History**

<b>Year</b>	<b>FY</b>	<b>Initial Projected Contract Cost</b>	<b>Actual Contract Cost (including modifications)</b>
1	FY14	\$2,254,492	\$2,254,492
2	FY15	\$2,056,501	\$2,290,137
3	FY16	\$5,201,728	\$5,376,850*
4	FY17	\$5,175,623	
5	FY18	\$5,153,995	
6	FY19	\$5,015,441	
7	FY20	\$4,975,608	
8	FY21	\$5,152,827	
9	FY22	\$5,311,196	
10	FY23	\$5,537,152	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$45,834,563</b>	<b>\$9,921,479</b>

\*In prior years, Mississippi Science Test, Second Edition (MST2) has existed as a stand-alone contract but beginning this Fiscal Year this contract will merge with Mississippi Subject Area Testing Program, Second Edition (SATP2).