

**OFFICE OF CHIEF OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**August 20, 2015**

**OFFICE OF STUDENT ASSESSMENT**

- G. Approval to contract with ACT, Inc., to administer the ACT to all 11<sup>th</sup> grade students during Fiscal Year 2016 [Goal 1 - MDE Strategic Plan]

Awarded Vendor: ACT, Inc.  
Iowa City, Iowa

Scope of Project: The purpose of this contract is to retain the services of ACT, Inc., to serve as an independent contractor who will administer the ACT: English, Mathematics, Reading, and Science components to all 11<sup>th</sup> grade students. The Mississippi Legislature appropriated funds for ACT testing as identified in House Bill 1536. The Mississippi Department of Education is directed to use these funds to provide these specified services as part of the School and District Accountability Models.

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

Scope of Contract:

- Term of Contract: October 14, 2015 – August 31, 2016
- Total Amount to be Awarded: Up to \$1,400,000
- Method of Award: Sole Source

Funding Source: State funds

The item references Goal 1 of the *Mississippi Board of Education 2016-2020 Strategic Plan*.

Recommendation: Approval