

OFFICE OF CHIEF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
March 17, 2016

OFFICE OF STUDENT ASSESSMENT

07. Action: Renew the contract with Questar Assessment, Inc. for Fiscal Year 2017 for the English Language Arts and Mathematics Grades 3-8 Assessments; End of Course in Algebra I and English II Assessments [Goal 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Awarded Vendor: Questar Assessment, Inc.
Apple Valley, MN

Background Information: This contractor will provide programmatic, technical, and psychometric activities for the English Language Arts and Mathematics Grades 3 – 8 Assessments, End of Course Assessments in Algebra I and English II, and the Optional Geometry and/or Algebra II Assessments. In addition, the contractor will administer assessments that are aligned to the 2016 Mississippi College and Career Ready (MSCCR) Standards for English Language Arts and Mathematics. The contract services will include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Design and Management of the Assessment Programs
- Development of New Items and Test Forms
- Administration of an Online Assessment and Technology Delivery System
- Test Administration
- Processing, Scoring and Reporting of Test Materials
- Psychometric Analysis
- Training and Customer Support

Renewal of contract for years three 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 Current Contract: | July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016 |
| • Term of Modified Contract: | July 1, 2015-June 30, 2017 |
| • Cost of Current Contract: | \$12,346,829.60 |

- Modification Increase: \$10,990,109.00
- Total Cost of Modified Contract: \$23,336,938.60
- Method of Award: Request for Proposals

Funding Source: Federal and State funds

This item references Goal 1 and 2 of the *Mississippi Board of Education 2016-2020 Strategic Plan*.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Office of Student Assessment
Questar Assessment, Inc. (MAP)**

Negotiated Pricing

Year	FY	Negotiated Contract Cost <u>with</u> Options	Renegotiated Contract Cost <u>with</u> Options	Negotiated Contract Cost <u>without</u> Options	Renegotiated Contract Cost <u>without</u> Options
1	FY16	\$13,334,786	N/A	\$12,346,830	N/A
2	FY17	\$11,205,254	\$10,990,109*	\$10,212,698	\$9,997,553*

*Year 2: Renegotiated contract cost resulted in a renewal decrease of \$215,145.