

**OFFICE OF CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**Consent Agenda**  
**June 16, 2016**

**OFFICE OF CHILD NUTRITION**

- L. Renew contracts with Gulf Coast Produce and Merchants Foodservice to supply and deliver produce items to local organizations in the State Food Purchasing Program (Five Regions in the State)

Awarded Vendor: Merchants Foodservice  
Hattiesburg, MS

Gulf Coast Produce  
Biloxi, MS

Scope of Project: Under the State Food Purchasing Program (MS Code Section 37-11-7{3} and State Board Policy Part 3, Chapter 17, Rule 17.8- Purchasing System, Food Purchasing System for Public Schools), sealed, competitive bids were solicited for distribution of produce products on behalf of participating organizations. The contracts were awarded to the lowest and most responsive bidders. The contracts were originally issued August 20, 2015, for one year with an optional one-year renewal period. Contractors will deliver the products to participants of the Child Nutrition programs in all five regions of the state. Payment will be made directly to the contracted distributors by the local organizations.

Terms of Contract Renewal: August 20, 2015 – July 31, 2017

- Cost of Contract: No MDE funds will be expended
- Method of Award: Invitation for Bids

Recommendation: Approval