

OFFICE OF CHIEF OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Item
Consent Agenda
April 20, 2017

OFFICE OF STUDENT ASSESSMENT

- N. Renew the Fiscal Year 2018 contract with Questar Assessment, Inc. for the Mississippi Assessment Program (MAP)

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

Scope of Project: This contractor will provide programmatic, technical, and psychometric activities for an assessment being developed to measure the extended, MS College and Career Readiness Standards (MSCCR). This assessment is administered to students in grades 3- 8 English Language Arts and mathematics, Algebra I, Algebra II, and English II.

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. This contract will not be considered renewable where legislative changes impact the implementation of said contract.

Term of Current Contract Renewal: July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2018

- Cost of Current Contract: \$23,336,938.60
- Renewal Increase: \$11,485,109.00
- Total Cost of Contract Renewal: \$34,822,047.60
- 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
Questar Assessment, Inc. (MAP)**

Negotiated Pricing

	Contract FY 17	Contract FY 18
Contract Cost	\$10,990,109	\$10,990,109
Proposed Cost Increase	NA	\$495,000
Grand Total	\$10,990,109	\$11,485,109

Technical Note: In accordance with the *Every Student Succeeds Act* and the MDE's plan for implementation, the proposed cost increase of \$495,000 is due to having the vendor create an Algebra II end-of-course assessment to administer to those students who take Algebra I in middle school (7th or 8th grade). As with past tradition, Mississippi teachers will participate in item writer workshops to develop the content that will be assessed on the proposed Algebra II assessment.