

**OFFICE OF CHIEF OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**Consent Agenda**  
**May 18, 2017**

**OFFICE OF STUDENT ASSESSMENT**

H. Renew the Fiscal Year 2018 contract with ACT, Inc. for the ACT State Testing

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 during the 2017-2018 school year. The Mississippi Legislature appropriated funds for ACT, and 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. This contract will not be considered renewable where legislative changes impact the implementation of said contract.

Term of Current Contract Renewal: October 14, 2015 – August 31, 2018

- Cost of Current Contract: \$2,714,000
- Amount of Renewal: \$1,314,000
- Total Cost of Contract Renewal: \$4,028,000
- Method of Award: Sole Source

Funding Source: State funds

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

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

**Contract Totals**

<b>Year</b>	<b>FY</b>	<b>Contract Cost</b>
1	2016	\$1,400,000.00
2	2017	\$1,314,000.00
3	2018	\$1,314,000.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$4,028,000.00</b>