

**OFFICE OF CHIEF ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICER**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**April 19, 2018**

**OFFICE OF STUDENT ASSESSMENT**

05.G. Renew the contract with Data Recognition Corporation (DRC) for Fiscal Year 2019 to administer the LAS Links, English language proficiency test (ELPT) [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Awarded Vendor: DRC  
Maple Grove, Minnesota 55311

Scope of Project: This contractor will provide programmatic, technical, and psychometric assessment activities for services in Fiscal Year 2019. The contractor will provide services and products related to printing, scoring, and reporting of English Language Learner assessments for the 2018-2019 school year.

Renewal of contract for year five 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 employee.

Term of Contract: August 1, 2015 – June 30, 2019

- 2018-2019 Renewal Cost: \$291,000
- Method of Award: Request for Proposals

Funding Source: Federal funds

This item references Goals 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**  
**Data Recognition Corporation (English Language Program Test)**  
**Executive Summary**

DRC offers an English language proficiency test Las Links, which is given to Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> graders who have been identified as English learners. This assessment is given annually to monitor English learners progress in acquiring academic English.

<b>Year</b>	<b>FY</b>	<b>Initial Projected Contract Cost</b>	<b>Actual Contract Cost (including modifications)</b>
1	FY16	\$206,998	\$206,998
2	FY17	\$206,998	\$291,000
3	FY18	\$206,998	\$291,000
4	FY19	\$206,998	\$291,000
5	FY20	\$206,998	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,034,990</b>	<b>\$1,079,998</b>