

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

OFFICE OF STUDENT ASSESSMENT

- 05.J. Renew the contract with Questar Assessment, Inc. (QAI) for Fiscal Year 2019 to administer alternate assessments for the Mississippi Academic Assessment Program - Alternate (MAAP-A) for English Language Arts and Mathematics in Grades 3-8; Science Grades 5 & 8; and High School Algebra I, English II, and Biology I Alternate Assessments for students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities (SCD) [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Awarded Vendor: Questar Assessment, Inc.
Apple Valley, Minnesota 55124

Scope of Project: This contractor will provide programmatic, technical, and psychometric activities for a customized assessment developed to measure the alternate academic achievement standards. This assessment is administered to students with the most significant cognitive disabilities in a manner that provides information about: (a) an individual student’s understanding of the MSCCR, (b) supports that are needed to improve learning outcomes, and (c) effective instructional practices.

Renewal of contract for years five 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 employee.

Term of Contract: September 16, 2015 – June 30, 2019

- 2018-2019 Renewal Cost: \$2,201,470
- 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
Questar Assessment, Inc. (MAAP-A)
Executive Summary

Questar will continue custom creating an alternate assessment (MAAP-A) that measures the alternate academic achievement standards. This custom assessment will have items appropriate for this most vulnerable population, as well as, a robust training package to ensure teachers are properly trained on these custom assessments.

Contract History

Year	FY	Initial Projected Contract Cost	Actual Contract Cost (including modifications)
1	FY16	\$1,798,128	\$1,798,128
2	FY17	\$1,798,128	\$3,300,000
3	FY18	\$1,798,128	\$2,300,000
4	FY19	\$1,798,128	\$2,201,470
5	FY20		
6	FY21		
7	FY22		
8	FY23		
9	FY24		
10	FY25		
TOTAL		\$ 7,192,128	\$ 9,599,598