

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

OFFICE OF STUDENT ASSESSMENT

15.B. Action: Contract with ACT, Inc. for Fiscal Year 2019 to administer the ACT to all juniors in the state [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan]

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 11th grade students. 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.

Renewal of contract for years two through 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 employees.

Scope of Contract:

- Term of Contract: September 6, 2018 – June 30, 2019
- Total Amount to be Awarded: \$ 1,368,000
- Method of Award: Sole Source

Funding Source: State funds

This item references Goals 1 and 2 of the *Mississippi Board of Education 2016-2020 Strategic Plan*.

Recommendation: Approval

Backup material: None