

**OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**October 21, 2021**

**OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

03.B. Action: Modify contract with North Mississippi Education Consortium to coordinate and facilitate regional training sessions and procure related services for Mississippi Department of Education for 2021-2022 [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Awarded Vendor: North Mississippi Education Consortium  
Oxford, Mississippi

Scope of Project: The purpose of this modification is to increase funds using The Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds which provide funds to states to support schools in safely reopening and sustaining safe operations of schools while meeting the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of students resulting from the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. It is proposed that a portion of these funds support a contract modification for professional development related services with the North Mississippi Education Consortium (NMEC). NMEC will sub-contract with the five other Regional Education Service Agencies (RESAs) in the state and the University of Mississippi to perform the specified services for the Professional Development and Regional Service Delivery Model components. Services will include but are not limited to: (1) coordinating and facilitating training sessions; (2) procuring related services such as speakers/trainers, technical assistance, etc.; (3) developing training materials; and (4) offering focused on-site and virtual professional development and technical assistance to schools and districts.

Mississippi Code Ann. § 37-7-345 gives the State Board of Education the authority to contract with and provide funds to Regional Education Service Agencies (RESA) for any education-related service.

NMEC will serve as the fiscal agent under the contract. This is the eleventh year to contract with NMEC for professional development services.

Personnel associated with this contract are not former Department employees or related to any Department employees.

Scope of Contract:

- Term of Current Contract: July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022
- Term of Modified Contract: July 1, 2021-June 30, 2025
- Cost of Current Contract: \$ 4,674,718.26
- Modification Increase: \$16,187,079.50
- Total Cost of Modified Contract: \$20,861,797.76
- Method of Award: Regulatory Exemption

Funding Source: State, Federal, and ESSER funds

This item references Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 of the *Mississippi Board of Education 2018-2022 Strategic Plan*.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

| <b>North MS Education Consortium</b> | <b>AWARDED AMOUNT</b>  |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>FY22<br/>2021-2022</b>            | <b>\$12,100,439.26</b> |
| <b>FY23<br/>2022-2023</b>            | <b>\$5,458,033.00</b>  |
| <b>FY24<br/>2023-2024</b>            | <b>\$2,541,579.25</b>  |
| <b>FY25<br/>2024-2025</b>            | <b>\$761,746.25</b>    |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                         | <b>\$20,861,797.76</b> |