

**OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**December 16, 2021**

**OFFICE OF ACADEMIC EDUCATION**

04.I. Action: Contracts with selected vendors for the operation of supplemental English Language Arts (ELA) digital subscriptions for grades K – 2 and grades 3 – 12 [Goals 1, 2, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Awarded Vendor:            See Attached List

Scope of Project: When schools opened in the fall of 2021, many students entered with unfinished learning. Survey data collected from the *Equity in Digital Learning Act (ELDA)* Needs Assessment identified digital curriculum, supplemental subscriptions, and training supporting blended learning as a need for teachers and students. This contract will provide equitable access for students and their families to engaging supplemental digital subscriptions and related training for teachers that complement adopted High-Quality Instructional Materials (HQIM) in ELA.

The contractor will provide the following as described in the Request for Quotes:

- Grades K – 2 or Grades 3 – 12 off-the-shelf, digital subscription content to support effective elementary instructional delivery in English Language Arts. The resources may include adaptive learning tools, Lexile-leveled articles, and individualized learning plans offering actionable data and reporting.
- The contractor will be responsible for the total operation, administration, and management of the supplemental subscriptions including registration, enrollment, content, and providing teachers online professional development.
- Other responsibilities include the daily operation of the supplemental digital material, technical and customer support, learning management system integration, and troubleshooting.

Renewal of contract for years two (2) through three (3) 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:            December 16, 2021 – December 15, 2024  
(liquidation by December 30, 2024)

- Amount to be Awarded: \$6,407,984.70
- Method of Award: Request for Quotes

Funding Source: Federal ESSER II/ARP Funds

Summary of Selection Process: A competitive selection process was utilized to award contracts. The evaluation team scored each submission based on the technical qualifications, overall experience in performing the required services, and the bonus opportunity. Once the technical scores were computed, the budget points were formulated by using the ITS Cost Formula. The two sets of points were combined to determine the winner of the contract.

Scoring Criteria:

- A. Technical Qualifications
- B. Plan for Performing the Required Services
- C. Budget
- D. Bonus

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

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

**Supplemental Digital Subscriptions for  
English Language Arts  
Request for Quotes**

<b>CONTRACTORS NAME</b>	<b>FY 22 CONTRACT AMOUNT</b>	<b>FY 23 CONTRACT AMOUNT</b>	<b>FY 24 CONTRACT AMOUNT</b>	<b>MULTI-YEAR TOTAL</b>
<b>K – 2 ELA Homer Learning New York, NY</b>	<b>\$ 560,994.90</b>	<b>\$ 560,994.90</b>	<b>\$ 560,994.90</b>	<b>\$1,682,984.70</b>
<b>3 – 12 ELA Newsela New York, NY</b>	<b>\$1,575,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,575,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,575,000.00</b>	<b>\$4,725,000.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,135,994.90</b>	<b>\$2,135,994.90</b>	<b>\$2,135,994.90</b>	<b>\$6,407,984.70</b>