

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

OFFICE OF ACADEMIC EDUCATION

04.K. Action: Contracts with selected vendors for the operation of supplemental Social Studies (K – 8) and Science (K – 6 and 7 – 12) digital subscriptions [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 science and social studies.

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

- Grades K – 8, off-the-shelf, digital supplemental social studies subscription to support effective instructional content delivery for elementary and middle school students. The resources provided includes Lexile-leveled articles and multimedia components.
- Grades K – 6, off-the-shelf, digital supplemental science subscription content to support effective instructional content delivery for elementary and middle school students. The resources include interactive experiments, Lexile-leveled articles, multimedia components, and copyright/ fair use tools.
- Grades 7 – 12, off-the-shelf, digital supplemental science subscription to support effective instructional content delivery for secondary students. The resources include interactive experiments, Lexile-leveled articles, multimedia components, and copyright/ fair use tools.
- The contractor will be responsible for the total operation, administration, and management of the supplemental subscriptions including registration, enrollment, content, and providing teachers online profession development.
- Other responsibilities will be the daily operation of the supplemental digital material, providing technical and customer support, learning management system, 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: \$15,238,650
- 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
Science and Social Studies
Request for Quotes**

CONTRACTORS NAME	FY 22 CONTRACT AMOUNT	FY 23 CONTRACT AMOUNT	FY 24 CONTRACT AMOUNT	MULTI-YEAR TOTAL
K – 8 Social Studies News-O-Matic New York, NY	\$ 164,500.00	\$ 164,500.00	\$ 164,500.00	\$ 493,500.00
K – 6 Science Discovery Education Charlotte, NC	\$2,376,000.00	\$2,376,000.00	\$2,376,000.00	\$7,128,000.00
7 – 12 Science Cengage Gale Farmington Hills, MI	\$2,539,050.00	\$2,539,050.00	\$2,539,050.00	\$7,617,150.00
Total	\$5,079,550.00	\$5,079,550.00	\$5,079,550.00	\$15,238,650.00