

**OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**December 15, 2022**

**OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION**

04.A. Action: Contract with Reading and Language Arts Center, Inc. D.B.A. Brainspring to provide professional development training system based on the Orton Gillingham reading methodology [Goals 1, 2, and 4 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Awarded Vendor: Reading and Language Arts Center, Inc. D.B.A.  
Brainspring  
Troy, Michigan

Scope of Project: The purpose of this contract is to provide professional development geared towards K-12 reading proficiency, to provide both general and special educators with the knowledge base to effectively implement core or supplemental Orton-Gillingham based instruction in reading, and to assist those educators in determining why some students struggle with reading. Orton-Gillingham based instruction is an approach that is direct, explicit, multisensory, structured, sequential, diagnostic, and prescriptive. The explicit instruction will provide for new learning followed by guided and independent practice for students with a reading difficulty. This professional development will provide a complete understanding of the Orton-Gillingham methodology for teachers as well as the tools and materials necessary to apply it to classroom instruction immediately upon completion of the professional learning. A coaching model may also be implemented for teachers who have received the professional development in the past, and ongoing support via webinars and online materials is available.

Renewal of contract for years two (2) through five (5) 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: January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023
- Amount to be Awarded: \$1,204,700
- Method of Award: Request for Proposal

Funding Source: Federal funds

Summary of Selection Process:

A competitive selection process was utilized to award contract.

Scoring Criteria:

- A. Technical
- B. Management
- C. Price

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

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material: None