

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
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05.G. Action: Emergency contract with GradeSlam America, Inc. d/b/a Paper to provide high dosage tutoring for grades 3-12 English Language Arts and high dosage tutoring for grades 3-12 Mathematics [Goals 1, 2, 4, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Awarded Vendor: GradeSlam America Inc., d/b/a Paper
Santa Monica, California

Scope of Project: The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) was signed into law on March 11, 2021. In recognition of the extraordinary impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on students, on-demand, 24x7, differentiated tutorial supports that are aligned to the MS CCRS are essential to meet the myriad of student needs.

The contractor will provide the following services across multiple grade levels and high school courses that are age- and grade-level appropriate:

- one-on-one individualized tutoring services and/or small group sessions for students,
- LEA communication tools that indicate MS CCRS skill deficiencies,
- professional development for LEAs and stakeholder groups,
- data reports to LEAs and the MDE,
- supports for students from special populations, and
- English Learners supports for students and parents in several languages.

Renewal of contract for each year will be contingent of the previous year's services and a performance-based evaluation. Personnel associated with this contract are not former Department employees or related to any Department employees.

Scope of Contract:

- Term of Contract: March 1, 2022 – September 30, 2024
- Amount to be Awarded: Not to exceed \$10,759,584
- Method of Award: Emergency

Funding Source: Federal ESSER III/ARP funds

Summary of Selection Process:

A competitive selection process was utilized to award this contract.

Scoring Criteria:

- A. Technical Factors
- B. Management Factors
- C. Cost Factors
- D. Budget Factors
- E. Interview/Presentation (Finalist Phase)

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

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material: None