

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
April 21, 2022

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

03.E. 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 2022-2025 [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 contract is to support the goals of the State Board of Education in addressing the effectiveness of teachers and leaders. A contract is proposed for professional development related services with the North Mississippi Education Consortium (NMEC). NMEC will subcontract 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; (3) developing training materials; and (4) offering focused on-site and virtual professional development and technical assistance to schools and districts.

Under the Professional Development component of the contract, approximately 559 sessions are planned to train almost 57,200 participants during the 2023-2024 school year. The MDE offices involved in the planning of the trainings include School Improvement, Elementary Education and Reading, Secondary Education, Professional Development, Teaching and Leading, Federal Programs, Special Education, and Student Assessment. The number of days for each training session will vary based on the focus and design of the professional development.

Under the Regional Service Delivery Model component, content specialists will develop engaging training modules and instructional resources that will be delivered through online and face-to-face professional development. Content areas will include mathematics, literacy, English Language Arts, special education, and science. The specialists will work directly with classroom teachers and district personnel to improve instructional practices and educational outcomes for students.

Basis for Contract: Mississippi Code § 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.

Scope of Contract:

- Term of Current Contract: July 1, 2021-June 30, 2025
- Term of Modified Contract: July 1, 2021-June 30, 2025
- Cost of Current Contract: \$ 20,861,797.76
- Modification Increase: \$ 6,522,116.66
- Total Cost of Modified Contract: \$ 27,383,914.42
- 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

| North MS Education Consortium | State | Federal | ESSER Awarded | Total Amount Awarded |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| FY22 2021-2022 | \$1,953,135.14 | \$2,721,583.12 | \$ 7,425,721.00 | \$12,100,439.26 |
| FY23 2022-2023 | \$2,809,134.22 | \$3,712,982.44 | \$ 5,458,033.00 | \$11,980,149.66 |
| FY24 2023-2024 | | | \$ 2,541,579.25 | \$ 2,541,579.25 |
| FY25 2024-2025 | | | \$ 761,746.25 | \$ 761,746.25 |
| Total | \$4,762,269.36 | \$6,434,565.56 | \$16,187,079.50 | \$27,383,914.42 |