

**OFFICE OF CHIEF ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICER**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**May 18, 2023**

**OFFICE OF STUDENT ASSESSMENT**

02.B. Action: Emergency contract with Renaissance Learning, Inc. for Fiscal Year 2024 to provide an integrated assessment system that will include a Pre-K Collaborative Star Assessment Bundle and a K-Readiness Assessment using Renaissance Data Integration (RDI) services [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Awarded Vendor: Renaissance Learning, Inc.  
Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin

Scope of Project: After discussions about online testing services for Mississippi assessments due to increased technology across the Local Educational Agencies (LEAs), it has been determined that a change in purview is warranted to move from the Office of Personal Service Contract Review (OPSCR) to the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services (ITS) for online assessments. The timeline of this decision does not allow for MDE to competitively procure an online assessment vendor for the successful administration of the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment during the 2023-2024 testing window, as required by Miss. Code Ann. § 37-177-7.

The purpose of this contract is to retain the services of Renaissance Learning, Inc., to provide services and products related to a Kindergarten Readiness Assessment tool using Renaissance Data Integration (RDI) services that include but not limited to the following:

- Increase in students for the Pre-K Collaborative Star Assessment Bundle;
- Increase in students for the K-Readiness Assessment Administration;
- Pre and Post-test for all public pre-K and public Kindergarten;
- Score Reports and state rostering and data integration services; and
- K-Readiness State Administrator Portal to assess real-time assessment metrics.

This is a one (1) year contract. Personnel associated with this contract are not former Department employees or related to any Department employees.

Scope of Contract:

- Term of Contract: July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024
- Amount to be Awarded: \$ 638,825

- Method of Award: Emergency Procurement

Funding Source: State Funds

This item references Goals 1 and 2 of the *Mississippi Board of Education Strategic Plan*.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material: None