

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

OFFICE OF GRANTS MANAGEMENT

02.F. Action: Contract with Forvis, LLP to provide accounting services to monitor ESSER programs [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Awarded Vendor: Forvis, LLP
Jackson, Mississippi

Scope of Project: The purpose of this contract is to retain the services of Forvis, LLP as an accounting firm to the Mississippi Department of Education relative to serving as subrecipient monitors for the ESSER programs. Forvis, LLP has past experience in monitoring the federally funded programs under the American Recovery Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 that were awarded to the LEAs in the state.

Personnel associated with this contract are not former Department employees or related to any Department employees.

Scope of Contract:

- Term of Contract: May 19, 2023 – December 31, 2024
- Amount to be Awarded: \$ 1,710,630
- Method of Award: PPRB Exemption

Funding Source: Federal

Summary of Selection Process:

MS Code Annotated § 27-104-7(2)(f) permits the exemptions of contracts when performing duties for which professionals are licensed or certified.

This item references Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 of the *Mississippi Board of Education Strategic Plan*.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material: None