

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICER
Summary of the State Board of Education Agenda Items
June 15, 2023

OFFICE OF STUDENT ASSESSMENT

02.F. Action: Emergency contract with Data Recognition Corporation (DRC) for Fiscal Year 2024 to administer the 5th and 8th Grade Science assessment, and End-of-Course assessments in Biology and U.S. History as part of the Mississippi Academic Assessment Program, (MAAP) [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Awarded Vendor: DRC
Maple Grove, Minnesota

Scope of Project: After discussions regarding 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

This MAAP contract includes services for Fiscal Year 2024. The contractor will provide services and products related to programmatic, development, technical, and psychometric assessment activities including, but not limited to, the following:

- Delivery of an online portal system which securely delivers test setup, administration, and reporting functions;
- Modified Item Development Processes for all assessments;
- Printing and Delivery of Individual Student Reports to Districts; and
- Development of a Technical Report with complete psychometric details for Grades 5 and 8 Science, Biology, and U.S. History.

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

Scope of Contract:

- Term of Contract: July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024
- Amount to be Awarded: \$ 2,650,206
- Method of Award: Emergency Procurement

Funding Source: Federal and General Funds

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

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material: None