

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

OFFICE OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

03.B. Action: Award competitive grant for the Technical Support for Combined Services Grant Program [Goals 2, 4, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Background and Purpose: Office of the Chief Academic Officer, the Office of Secondary Education, the Office of Career and Technical Education, the Office of School Improvement, the Office of Special Education, and the Office of Compulsory School Attendance Enforcement and Dropout Prevention develop plans and organize programs that aid the State Superintendent and State Board of Education in establishing and implementing department objectives and initiatives. The Combined Services grantee will assist the MDE with planning, development, delivery, and monitoring of statewide curriculum frameworks and initiatives to improve graduation rates for all students and assist in the goal of providing high quality college and career development for all students. This support role includes all tasks with an emphasis on (1) the State Board of Education (SBE) career readiness goals, (2) providing professional development and assistance for local districts, (3) designing dropout and graduation restructuring plans that align with the MDE’s ESSA plan, (4) supporting the MDE counseling personnel in the development of college and career readiness trainings and guidance materials, (5) supporting development of website for the Office of Secondary Education and Career and Technical Education, and (6) online learning guidance for Canvas courses in Career and Technical Education.

Renewal of grant for all years shall be contingent upon the successful completion of services from the preceding fiscal year’s grant and the availability of funds.

Scope of Grant:

- Grant Period: July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2028
(with liquidation date of July 12, 2028)
- Award Amount: \$20,115,510
- Method of Award: Competitive

Funding Source: State/Federal

Summary of Selection Process:

A competitive grant selection process was utilized to award the grant.

Scoring Criteria:

- A. Program Plan and Implementation
- B. Staffing and Professional Development
- C. Budget

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

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

Combined Services Annual Award

	District/Partnership	Award Amount
Year 1	Mississippi State University Research and Curriculum Unit (RCU)	\$4,023,102.00
Year 2	Mississippi State University Research and Curriculum Unit (RCU)	\$4,023,102.00
Year 3	Mississippi State University Research and Curriculum Unit (RCU)	\$4,023,102.00
Year 4	Mississippi State University Research and Curriculum Unit (RCU)	\$4,023,102.00
Year 5	Mississippi State University Research and Curriculum Unit (RCU)	\$4,023,102.00
TOTAL		\$20,115,510.00

The Mississippi Department of Education reserves the right to negotiate grant award amounts depending upon MS State Legislature Appropriation. Grant awards will not exceed the above amounts.