

**OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**April 18, 2024**

**OFFICE OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION**

02.B. Action: Renew contract with Research and Curriculum Unit, Mississippi State University for Fiscal Year 2025 for the operation of the Mississippi Career and Planning and Assessment System, Third Edition (MS-CPAS3) [Goals 1 and 2– MBE Strategic Plan]

Awarded Vendor:           Research and Curriculum Unit  
  Mississippi State University  
  Starkville, Mississippi

Scope of Project: This MS-CPAS3 contract renewal includes services for Fiscal Year 2025. The contractor will provide occupation-specific tests to assess the performance of secondary and postsecondary CTE students for the eighth year of a ten-year procurement. Services include, but are not limited to the following:

- Test Development aligned with current MS Career and Technical Education Curriculum Frameworks for all CTE programs of study
- Administration of all tasks necessary to conduct online computer-based assessment, provide assessment results, and prepare data reports
- Test Security
- Customer Service
- Delivery of Professional Development
- General Project Management

This is year eight (8) of a ten (10) year contract. Renewal of contract shall be contingent upon the successful completion of services from the preceding fiscal year's contract and the availability of funds. Personnel associated with this contract are not former Department employees or related to any Department employee.

Scope of Contract:

- July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025           \$1,409,759
- Method of Award                           Request for Proposal

Funding Source: State funds

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

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

**Mississippi Career Planning and Assessment System, Third Edition (MS-CPAS3)**

**Contract History**

<b>Year</b>	<b>FY</b>	<b>Negotiated Contract Cost</b>
1	FY18	\$ 1,274,027
2	FY19	\$ 1,263,723
3	FY20	\$ 1,301,874
4	FY21	\$ 1,329,487
5	FY22	\$ 1,334,573
6	FY23	\$ 1,374,141
7	FY24	\$ 1,403,199
8	FY25	\$ 1,409,759
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b><u>\$10,690,783</u></b>