

**OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**November 7, 2019**

**OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION AND READING**

08.B. Action: Contract with Curriculum Associates, LLC to provide a comprehensive early learning observational screener as part of the effectiveness evaluation for pre-kindergarten programs [Goal 3 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Awarded Vendor: Curriculum Associates, LLC  
North Billerica, Massachusetts

Scope of Project: The purpose of this contract is to retain the services of Curriculum Associates, LLC to provide the Brigance observational comprehensive developmental screening tool for four-year-old children in Early Learning Collaboratives and other public-school pre-k classrooms. The Brigance screener measures whole child development and the growth children make from fall to spring.

The contractor will provide the screener to public school pre-k programs for the following purposes:

- gather information to drive classroom instruction;
- identify the need for additional screening, including health screenings;
- provide additional information to families about developmental milestones of their children.

The observation tool will measure children’s development and growth over time related to social and emotional development, language development, cognition and general knowledge, physical well-being and motor development, and approaches to learning.

This is year one of a five-year contract. Renewal of contract for years two through five shall be contingent upon the successful completion of the preceding year’s contract and the availability of funds. Personnel associated with this contract are not former Department employees or related to any Department employees.

Scope of Contract:

- Total Amount to be Awarded: Amount not to exceed \$ 97,565.16
- Method of Award: Request for Proposals

Funding Source: State funds and Other funds

Summary of Selection Process:

A competitive selection process was utilized to award this contract.

Scoring Criteria:

1. Technical Factors – Plan for performing the required services – 30 points
2. Management Factors - Experience in providing the required services, qualifications and abilities of personnel proposed – 15 points
3. Cost Factors – 45 points
4. Interview – 10 points

This item references Goal 3 of the *Mississippi Board of Education 2018-2022 Strategic Plan*.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material: None