

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
April 11, 2019

OFFICE OF STUDENT ASSESSMENT

03.G. Action: Renew the contract with Questar Assessment, Inc. (QAI) for Fiscal Year 2020 to administer alternate assessments for the Mississippi Academic Assessment Program - Alternate (MAAP-A) for English Language Arts and Mathematics in Grades 3-8; Science Grades 5 and 8; and High School Algebra I, English II, and Biology Alternate Assessments for students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities (SCD) [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Awarded Vendor: Questar Assessment, Inc.
Apple Valley, Minnesota 55124

Scope of Project: This contractor will provide programmatic, technical, and psychometric activities for a customized assessment developed to measure the extended, *Mississippi College- and Career-Readiness Standards* (MSCCRS). This assessment is administered to students with the most significant cognitive disabilities in a manner that provides information about: (a) an individual student's understanding of the MSCCRS, (b) supports that are needed to improve learning outcomes, and (c) effective instructional practices.

This is year five of a ten-year contract. Renewal of contract 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 employee.

- 2019-2020 Renewal Cost: \$2,201,424
- Method of Award: Request for Proposals

Funding Source: Federal funds

This item references Goals 1 and 2 of the *Mississippi Board of Education 2018-2022 Strategic Plan*.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material: None