

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
June 13, 2019

OFFICE OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

05.A. Action: Award competitive grant for Combined Services [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Background and Purpose: The Office of the Chief Academic Officer, the Office of Secondary Education, the Office of Career and Technical Education, the Office of School Improvement, and the Office of Special Education develop plans and organize programs that aid the State Superintendent and State Board of Education (SBE) 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 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.

Eligibility: All state educational agencies and organizations, including but not limited to community colleges, institutions of higher learning, and Regional Education Service Agencies (RESAs) are eligible to receive grants.

Basis for Awarding the Grants: Competitive

Funding will be awarded based on the competitive process and the agreed upon scope of work. Grant awards may be made for up to five years based on end-of-year evaluation and availability of funds.

Scope of Grant:

- Grant Period: July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020
(With a liquidation period ending June 30, 2020)
- Award Amount: \$ 2,860,000

- Method of Award: Request for Applications

Funding Source: State and Federal funds

Summary of Selection Process:

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

Scoring Criteria:

- A. Needs Assessment
- B. Staffing and Professional Development
- C. Program Plan and Implementation
- D. Budget Overview, Narrative, and Summary

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

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

Combined Services RFP Award

District/Partnership	Award Amount
Mississippi State University Research and Curriculum Unit (RCU)	\$2,860,000
TOTAL	\$2,860,000