OFFICE OF CHIEF ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICER
Summary of the State Board of Education Agenda Items
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OFFICE OF STUDENT ASSESSMENT

04.C. Action: Renew contract with The National Center for the Improvement of Educational Assessment, Inc. for the Fiscal Year 2020 for the Mississippi Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for Statewide Assessment and Accountability [Goals 1, 5, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Awarded Vendor: The National Center for the Improvement of Educational Assessment, Inc.
Dover, New Hampshire

Scope of Project: This purpose of this contract is to retain the services of The National Center for the Improvement of Educational Assessment, Inc. to facilitate and manage the Mississippi Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). The TAC provides guidance on technical assessment matters pertaining to validity and reliability, accuracy, and fairness. Members of the TAC are highly regarded national experts who have been widely published in their fields. Areas of expertise include assessment design; computer adaptive testing (CAT); fixed form assessments; assessment accommodations; and uses of tests: mathematics, English language arts/literacy, science, U.S. History, and English learners.

This is year two of a five-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: $ 228,550
- Method of Award: Request for Proposal

Funding Source: Federal

This item references Goals 1, 5, and 6 of the *Mississippi Board of Education 2018-2022 Strategic Plan.*

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material: None