

OFFICE OF CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
August 6, 2020

OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY AND STRATEGIC SERVICES

02. Action: Award competitive contracts to various technology distributors to supply and deliver technology products to local school districts in the State [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Awarded Vendors: Apple and CDW-G

Scope of Project: The Mississippi Legislature enacted the “Equity in Distance Learning Act” (SB3044) to provide funding for devices and other technology, including technology related to connectivity and online access, sufficient for students, teachers, and administrators and other staff to engage in grade-appropriate distance learning aligned with the state's College and Career Readiness Standards. Competitive quotes were solicited to nationally recognized vendors that have significant influence over supply chain, manageability with similar size projects and capacity to implement.

Contractors will deliver the products to participants of the program throughout the state. Payment will be made directly to the contracted distributor by the local school district.

Scope of Contract:

- Term of Contract: August 10, 2020– December 31, 2020
- Amount to be Awarded: No MDE funds will be expended
- Method of Award: Request for Quotes

Funding Source: N/A

Summary of Selection Process:

Apple is the sole source for Apple products for education. For Windows Laptops and Chromebooks, a competitive selection process was utilized. The MDE submitted its emergency procurement notice to the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) for both procurements/contracts in accordance with the "Equity in Distance Learning Act" (SB3044).

Scoring Criteria:

- A. Overall Approach to Project [15 points]
- B. Devices [35 points]

- C. Delivery and Service [20 points]
- D. Experience and Expertise [30 points]

This item references Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the *Mississippi Board of Education 2018-2022 Strategic Plan*.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

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Direct to Manufacturer Bid
Bid Recap

VENDOR	ITEMS	TOTAL AWARD
Apple	12,265 MacBook 38,155 iPads	\$29,750,000
CDW-G	204,455 Windows Laptops 63,582 Chromebooks	\$135,250,000