

**OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**April 15, 2021**

**OFFICE OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION**

08.A. Action: Renew contract with Research and Curriculum Unit, Mississippi State University for Fiscal Year 2022 for the operation of the Mississippi Career and Planning and Assessment System, Third Edition (MS-CPAS3) [Goals 1 and 2– MBE Strategic Plan]

Awarded Vendor: Research and Curriculum Unit  
Mississippi State University  
Starkville, Mississippi

Scope of Project: The MS-CPAS3 will provide occupation-specific tests to assess the performance of secondary and postsecondary CTE students. Test results are used to measure technical skill attainment, which is one of the core indicators of performance required for Perkins reporting. The contract will provide services for the fifth year of a ten-year procurement including, but are not limited to the following:

- Test Development aligned with current MS Career and Technical Education Curriculum Frameworks for all CTE programs of Study
- Administration of all tasks necessary to conduct online computer-based testing, return test results, and prepare data reports
- Test Security and Customer Service
- Delivery of Professional Development
- General Project Management

This is year five (5) of a ten (10) 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.

Scope of Contract:

- Term of Contract: July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022
- Amount to be Awarded: \$1,334,573

Funding Source: State funds

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

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

**Mississippi Career Planning and Assessment System, Third Edition (MS-CPAS3)**

**Contract History**

<b>Year</b>	<b>FY</b>	<b>Negotiated Contract Cost</b>
1	FY18	\$1,274,027
2	FY19	\$1,263,723
3	FY20	\$1,301,874
4	FY21	\$1,329,487
5	FY22	\$1,334,573
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$6,503,684</b>