

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
June 18-19, 2015

OFFICE OF STUDENT ASSESSMENT

09. Approval to contract with American Institutes for Research to administer Online Alternate Assessments for English Language Arts, Mathematics and Science [Goal 1 - MDE Strategic Plan]

Awarded Vendor: American Institutes for Research
Washington, DC

Scope of Project: The purpose of this contract is to retain the services of American Institutes for Research to serve as an independent contractor who will administer Alternate Assessments for English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics for Grades 3-8, Science for Grades 5 & 8 and High School Algebra I, English II and Biology for Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Section 300.160.C and No Child Left Behind (NCLB) both require an alternate assessment be provided based on alternate achievement standards for students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities (SCD) who by nature of their disability cannot access the general education standards. The contract services will include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Test Administration
- Enhancement of Test Content
- Professional Development & Standard Setting
- Test Development & Item Authoring

Renewal of contract for years two through ten will be determined annually and 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 employees.

Scope of Contract:

- Term of Contract: August 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016
- Total Amount to be Awarded: Up to \$1,676,964
- Method of Award: Request for Proposal

Funding Source: Federal funds

Summary of Selection Process:

A competitive selection process was utilized to award this contract.

Scoring Criteria:

- A. Plan for performing the required services – 25 points
- B. Ability to Perform– 30 points
- C. Personnel, Equipment, Facilities to Perform Services – 20 points
- D. Record of Past Performance– 10 points
- E. Price – 15 points
- F. Demonstration – 50 points

This item references Goal 1 of the *Mississippi Board of Education 2016-2020 Strategic Plan*.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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American Institutes for Research

Year	FY	Initial Projected Contract Cost	Negotiated Contract Cost
1	FY16	\$1,676,964	\$1,676,964
2	FY17	\$1,299,873	\$1,299,873
3	FY18	\$1,149,873	\$1,149,873
4	FY19	\$1,149,873	\$1,149,873
5	FY20	\$1,149,873	\$1,149,873
6	FY21	\$1,149,873	\$1,149,873
7	FY22	\$1,149,873	\$1,149,873
8	FY23	\$1,149,873	\$1,112,373
9	FY24	\$1,149,873	\$1,097,873
10	FY25	\$1,149,873	\$1,063,552
TOTAL		\$12,175,821	\$12,000,000