OFFICE OF CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items Consent Agenda August 20, 2015

OFFICE OF CHILD NUTRITION

B. Approval to award competitive contracts to various produce distributors to supply and deliver products to local organizations in the State Food Purchasing Program (Five Regions in the State)

Awarded Vendor:

Gulf Coast Produce

Biloxi, MS

Merchants Company Hattiesburg, MS

Scope of Project: Under the State Food Purchasing Program (MS Code Section 37-11-7{3} and State Board Policy 2008), sealed, competitive bids were solicited for distribution of produce on behalf of participating organizations. The contracts were awarded to the lowest and most responsive bidders. The contracts will be issued for a one-year period beginning August 21, 2015, with an optional one-year renewal period. Contractors will deliver the products to participants of the Child Nutrition programs in five regions of the state. Payment will be made directly to the contracted distributors by the local organizations.

Scope of Contract:

• Term of Contract: August 21, 2015 – July 31, 2016

Cost of Contract: No MDE funds will be expended

Method of Award:
 Invitation for Bids

Recommendation: Approval

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION Office of Healthy Schools and Child Nutrition Produce Bid Recap

REGIONS	DISTRIBUTOR	BOTTOMLINE BID TOTAL
REGION 3	Merchants Company	\$73,248.21
REGION 4	Merchants Company	\$73,248.21
REGION 5	Merchants Company	\$73,248.21
REGION 6	Gulf Coast Produce	\$23,952.40
REGION 7	Gulf Coast Produce	\$22,883.35