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OFFICE OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

F. <u>Contract with Mississippi Assessment Center at the Research and Curriculum Unit at Mississippi State University for Fiscal Year 2017 to provide consultative services for the Mississippi Career Planning and Assessment System Third Edition</u>

Awarded Vendor:

Mississippi State University

Starkville, Mississippi

Scope of Project: The purpose of this contract is to retain the services of Mississippi State University as a consultant to the Mississippi Department of Education relative to providing occupation-specific tests to assess the performance of local Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs, as required by the Perkins Act, in producing students with essential occupation-specific knowledge. Students are assessed with both lower level and critical-thinking level questions. The occupation-specific tests are administered at the secondary and postsecondary levels to students completing all of a planned sequence of CTE units/courses. The services and products are related to test development, administration, scoring, reporting, and professional learning of these assessments.

Personnel associated with this contract are not former Department employees or related to any Department employees.

Scope of Contract:

Term of Contract:

November 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017

Total Amount to be Awarded:

Up to \$558,703.02

Method of Award:

Exempt from competitive process

Funding Source: State funds

Recommendation: Approval