

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

**OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION AND READING**

06.A. Action: Execute an emergency contract with Cambium dba Voyager Sopris Learning, Inc. for the 2022 fiscal year to provide a statewide Pre-K through Grade 3 Literacy Professional Development Training System for Mississippi Educators [Goals 1, 2, 3, and 4 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Awarded Vendor: Cambium dba Voyager Sopris Learning, Inc.  
Dallas, Texas

Scope of Project: The purpose of this contract is to provide additional cohort opportunities to Mississippi districts who still have large numbers of administrators, teachers and instructional support staff needing literacy training aligned to the science of reading provided by Cambium dba Voyager Sopris. In addition, this contract will provide additional opportunities for emergent literacy training for Pre-K educators.

A Request for Proposals (RFP) was released on February 15, 2021 for procurement of a Pre-K through Grade 3 Literacy Professional Development Program. The RFP followed all procurement guidelines as defined in the process guidance. All respondents to the RFP were consequently determined to be ineligible for an evaluation for failure to follow the guidelines outlined, (i.e., did not submit unredacted information) in the proposal. The RFP was released again on April 2, 2021 and again, applicants failed to meet the eligibility criteria to be evaluated by the review committee.

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

Scope of Contract:

- Term of Contract: August 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022
- Amount to be Awarded: \$ 500,000
- Method of Award: Emergency

Funding Source: State funds

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

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material: None