

**OFFICE OF CHIEF ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICER**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**August 19, 2021**

**OFFICE OF STUDENT ASSESSMENT**

07.A. Action: Approve an emergency contract with Data Recognition Corporation (DRC) for the Fiscal Year 2022 to administer the LAS Links, English Language Proficiency Test (ELPT) [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Awarded Vendor: Data Recognition Corporation  
Maple Grove, Minnesota

Scope of Project: The MDE was unable to award a contract after the release of two rounds of the Request for Proposals (RFP) in March and April 2021. The timelines associated with the release of an RFP did not allow the MDE to revise and release a third RFP for the administration of the ELPT during the spring 2021 testing window, as required by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) for English learner (EL) students.

This contractor will provide programmatic, technical, and psychometric assessment activities for services in Fiscal Year 2022. The contractor will provide services and products related to printing, scoring, and reporting of the English Language Learner assessments for the 2021 – 2022 school year. This contract will allow testing for up to 14,500 EL students on a cost per pupil system.

This is a ten (10) month emergency contract. Personnel associated with this contract are not former Department employees or related to any Department employee.

Scope of Contract:

- Term of Contract: September 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022
- Amount to be Awarded: \$413,250
- Method of Award: Emergency Procurement

Funding Source: Federal funds

This item references Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 of the *Mississippi Board of Education 2018 – 2022 Strategic Plan*.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material: None