

**OFFICE OF CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**February 17, 2022**

**OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY AND STRATEGIC SERVICES**

05.E. Action: Contract with CDW Government, LLC to provide Microsoft Windows Azure Subscriptions [Goal 5 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Awarded Vendor: CDW Government, LLC  
Vernon Hills, Illinois

Scope of Project: The purpose of this contract is to provide for the acquisition of Microsoft Azure Subscriptions for the development of the new MSIS and MECCA.

OTSS has chosen to build MSIS 2.0 and MECCA in the Azure public cloud offering from Microsoft. We have been active in the Azure cloud space for three years. As an organization, OTSS is primarily a Microsoft shop. Since we started our migration to the cloud, we have focused all our training workshops, professional development, as well as recruitment on the Azure cloud space. We have found it much easier to find talent local to the area with Microsoft-centric skill sets. It makes sense to take advantage of our current knowledge base instead of starting over with a new cloud platform.

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

Scope of Contract:

- Term of Contract: March 1, 2022–September 30, 2024
- Total amount to be awarded: \$397,805.40
- Method of Award: Emergency Procurement (COVID19-ESSER ARP)

Funding Source: Federal Funds

This item references Goal 5 of the *Mississippi Board of Education 2018-2022 Strategic Plan*.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material: None