

**OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**October 17, 2024**

**OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION**

04.A. Action: Renew contract with Reading and Language Art Center, Inc. D.B.A. Brainspring for Fiscal Year 2025 for professional development training system based on the Orton Gillingham reading methodology [Goals 1, 2 and 4 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Awarded Vendor: Reading and Language Arts Center, Inc. D.B.A.  
Brainspring  
Troy, Michigan

Scope of Project: This Reading and Language Art Center, Inc. D.B.A. Brainspring contract renewal includes services for Fiscal Year 2025. The contractor will provide professional development geared towards K-12 reading proficiency, must provide educators with the knowledge base to effectively implement core or supplemental Orton-Gillingham based instruction in reading, and assist educators in determining why some students struggle with reading. The explicit instruction should provide for new learning, followed by guided and independent practice for the third year of a five-year procurement.

This is year three (3) of a five (5) year contract. Renewal of contract shall be contingent upon the successful completion of services from the preceding year's contract and the availability of funds. Personnel associated with this contract are not former Department employees or related to any Department employee.

Scope of Contract:

- January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025: \$1,216,747
- Method of Award: Request for Proposal

Funding Source: Federal funds

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

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

**Orton Gillingham-Based Professional Development**

| <b>CONTRACTOR</b> | <b>AWARDED AMOUNT</b> |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Year 1</b>     | <b>\$1,204,700.00</b> |
| <b>Year 2</b>     | <b>\$1,204,700.00</b> |
| <b>Year 3</b>     | <b>\$1,216,747.00</b> |
| <b>Year 4</b>     |                       |
| <b>Year 5</b>     |                       |
| <b>Totals</b>     | <b>\$3,626,147.00</b> |