

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
July 18, 2024

OFFICE OF STUDENT ASSESSMENT

03.B. Action: Contract with Imagination Station, Inc., for Fiscal Year 2025 to provide an integrated assessment system that will include a Pre-Kindergarten and a Kindergarten-Readiness Assessment [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Awarded Vendor: Imagination Station, Inc.
Dallas, Texas

Scope of Project: The Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services (ITS) worked with the Mississippi Department of Education Offices of Procurement and Assessment to procure online assessments of Pre-Kindergarten (Pre-K) and Kindergarten students as required by Miss. Code Ann. § 37-177-7.

The purpose of this contract is to retain the services of Imagination Station, Inc., to provide services and products related to a Kindergarten Readiness Assessment for Pre-K and Kindergarten students beginning in the FY25 that include but not limited to the following:

- Computer adaptive assessment developed and aligned to the Science of Reading that addresses early foundational skills;
- Formative Reading and Math Assessments to identify individual learning gaps, provide targeted interventions, and improved literacy and numeracy skills;
- On-demand progress monitoring;
- Beginning-of-the-Year (BOY), Middle-of-the-Year (MOY), and End-of-the-Year (EOY) assessments for all state funded or other funded Pre-K and public Kindergarten; and
- Immediate access to student results to guide instructional strategies and intervention strategies.

Awarding of the contract each year shall be contingent upon the successful completion of services, a performance evaluation, and the availability of funds. Personnel associated with this contract are not former Department employees or related to any Department employees.

Scope of Contract:

- Term of Initial Contract: July 18, 2024 – June 30, 2029

- Amount to be Awarded: \$ 2,305,800
- Method of Award: Request for Proposal

Funding Source: State Funds

Summary of Selection Process:

A competitive selection process was utilized to award contract.

Scoring Criteria:

- A. Functional requirements
- B. Support and maintenance
- C. System/solution design
- D. Price

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

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

Pre-K and K-Readiness Assessment

Imagination Station, Inc	Contract Amount
Year 1	\$417,360.00
Year 2	\$466,985.00
Year 3	\$470,360.00
Year 4	\$472,235.00
Year 5 (with transition activities)	\$478,860.00
Total	\$2,305,800.00