OFFICE OF CHIEF ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICER Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items September 17, 2024

OFFICE OF TEACHING AND LEADING OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY AND STRATEGIC SERVICES

02.G. Action: Contract with R & A Solutions, LLC to provide maintenance and support for the Mississippi Educator Career Continuum Archive (MECCA) system [Goal 4 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Awarded Vendor: R & A Solutions, LLC

(formerly R & A Solutions, Inc.)

Franklin, TN 37064

Scope of Project: The Mississippi Educator Career Continuum Archive (MECCA) system is an MDE cloud based, all-in-one, single sign on educator workforce information system that serves as a hub to capture the lifecycle of a Mississippi educator from recruitment to retirement. The MECCA system has four primary portals that serve many stakeholders throughout the educator journey. The four portals are as follows: Portal One — Educator Preparation, Licensure, and/Misconduct Evaluations; Portal Two — Professional Growth System (PGS) Observation and Development, Portal Three — Educator Talent; and Portal Four — Accreditation. The contractor has successfully developed and integrated MECCA, the development and implementation of four portals, the overall design and integration strategy, and the project management approach.

The contractor will provide the following:

 Maintenance and Support for the four (4) portals that make up the MECCA systems and enhancements services beyond the warranty coverage of existing contract.

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

Scope of Contract:

• Term of Contract: October 1, 2024 – February 28, 2026

Amount to be Awarded: \$95,833.34

Method of Award: Emergency

Funding Source: ARP ESSER

This item references Goal 4 of the Mississippi Board of Education Strategic Plan.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material: None