

**OFFICE OF CHIEF ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICER**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**May 21, 2020**

**OFFICE OF STUDENT ASSESSMENT**

07.A. Action: Renew contract with Questar Assessment, Inc. (QAI) for Fiscal Year 2021 to administer the English Language Arts and Mathematics in grades 3-8; Science grades 5 & 8; and High School Algebra I, English II, and Biology I as part of the Mississippi Academic Assessment Program - Alternate (MAAP-A) for students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities (SCD) [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Awarded Vendor: Questar Assessment, Inc.  
Apple Valley, Minnesota

Scope of Project: This MAAP contract renewal includes services for Fiscal Year 2021. The contractor will provide services and products related to programmatic, development, technical, and psychometric assessment activities of these assessments for the sixth year of a ten-year procurement including, but not limited to, the following:

- Delivery of an online portal system which captures student demographics, scoring, and reporting functions;
- Standard Setting Meeting for MAAP-A Science, Grades 5, 8, Biology,
- Printing and Delivery of Individual Student Reports to Districts; and
- Addition of Large Print stimulus cards for tasks incorporated into each grade/subject for spring 2021.

This is year six (6) of a ten (10) year contract. Renewal of contract shall be contingent upon the successful completion of 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.

- July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021: \$ 1,964,182
- Method of Award: Request for Proposals

Funding Source: Federal funds

This item references Goals 1 and 2 of the *Mississippi Board of Education 2018 - 2022 Strategic Plan*.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

**Questar Assessment, Inc. (QAI)**

<b>MULTI-YEAR CONTRACT</b>	<b>AWARDED AMOUNT</b>
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>\$ 1,798,128</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>\$ 3,330,000</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>\$ 2,300,000</b>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>\$ 2,201,470</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>\$ 2,201,424</b>
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>\$ 1,964,182</b>
<b>Year 7</b>	
<b>Year 8</b>	
<b>Year 9</b>	
<b>Year 10</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 13,795,204</b>