

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

**OFFICE OF STUDENT ASSESSMENT**

07.C. Action: Renew contract with Questar Assessment, Inc. (QAI) for Fiscal Year 2021 to administer the English Language Arts and Mathematics in Grades 3-8, End-of-Course in Algebra I, English II, and options for Geometry and Algebra II as part of the Mississippi Academic Assessment Program (MAAP) [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 securely delivers test setup, administration, and reporting functions;
- Printing and delivery of Individual Student Reports to districts;
- Release of a writing prompt with scored responses for English Language Arts for Grades 3-8 and English II; and
- Development of new practice items for English Language Arts and Mathematics for Grades 3-8 and Algebra I.

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    \$ 7,509,844
- Method of Award:    Request for Proposals

Funding Source: Federal and General 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>\$ 12,346,830.60</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>\$ 10,990,109.00</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>\$ 11,485,109.00</b>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>\$ 8,538,929.00</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>\$ 8,697,203.00</b>
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>\$ 7,509,844.00</b>
<b>Year 7</b>	
<b>Year 8</b>	
<b>Year 9</b>	
<b>Year 10</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 59,568,024.60</b>