

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICER
Summary of the State Board of Education Agenda Items
May 20, 2021

OFFICE OF STUDENT ASSESSMENT

04.I. Action: Renew the contract with Questar Assessment, Inc. (QAI) for Fiscal Year 2022 to administer the English Language Arts and Mathematics in Grades 3-8, End-of-Course (EOC) 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 2022. The contractor will provide services and products related to programmatic, development, technical, and psychometric assessment activities of these assessments for the seventh year of a ten-year procurement including, but not limited to, the following:

- Shortening of the Math/Algebra I test by incorporating Performance Tasks in Session 1 and removing Session 2 and reducing the total number of items;
- Updates to the Fall Algebra I test to reflect the above change of the spring test;
- New Braille for Grades 4-8 and EOC; and
- Refresh of the Math Practice Test.

This is year seven (7) of a ten (10) year contract. Renewal of contract shall be contingent upon the successful completion of services from the preceding fiscal 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, 2021 – June 30, 2022: \$ 8,262,518
- 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)
Mississippi Academic Assessment Program
(MAAP) English Language Arts, Mathematics –
Grades 3-8 English II, Algebra I (EOC)

MULTI-YEAR CONTRACT	AWARDED AMOUNT
Year 1	\$ 12,346,830.60
Year 2	\$ 10,990,109.00
Year 3	\$ 11,485,109.00
Year 4	\$ 8,538,929.00
Year 5	\$ 8,697,203.00
Year 6	\$ 7,509,844.00
Year 7	\$ 8,262,518.00
Year 8	
Year 9	
Year 10	
Total	\$ 67,830,542.60