

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
August 17, 2017

OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION AND READING

02. Action: Contract with Curriculum Associates, LLC to provide a comprehensive early learning observational screener as part of the effectiveness evaluation for pre-kindergarten programs [Goal 3 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Awarded Vendor: Curriculum Associates, LLC
North Billerica, Massachusetts

Scope of Project: The purpose of this contract is to retain the services of Curriculum Associates, LLC to provide the Brigance observational comprehensive developmental screening tool for four-year-old children in Early Learning Collaboratives and other public-school pre-k classrooms. The Brigance screener measures whole child development and the growth children make from fall to spring.

The contractor will provide the screener to public school pre-k programs for the following purposes:

- gather information to drive classroom instruction;
- identify the need for additional screening, including health screenings;
- provide additional information to families about developmental milestones of their children.

The observation tool will measure children’s development and growth over time related to social and emotional development, language development, cognition and general knowledge, physical well-being and motor development, and approaches to learning.

Renewal of contract for years two through five will be determined annually and 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 employees.

Scope of Contract:

- Term of Contract: August 17, 2017 – August 16, 2018
- Total Amount to be Awarded: Amount not to exceed \$69,967.77
- Method of Award: Request for Proposals

Funding Source: State Funds and Other Funds

Summary of Selection Process:

A competitive selection process was utilized to award this contract.

Scoring Criteria:

1. Plan for performing the required services - 35 points
2. Ability to perform the services as reflected by technical training and education, general experience, specific experience in provide the required services, and the qualifications and abilities of personnel proposed - 20 points
3. Personnel, equipment, and facilities - 10 points
4. Record of past performance of similar work - 10 points
5. Price - 25 points

This item references Goal 3 of the *Mississippi Board of Education 2016-2020 Strategic Plan*.

Recommendation: Approval