

**OFFICE OF CHIEF ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICER**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**April 19, 2018**

**OFFICE OF STUDENT ASSESSMENT**

- 05.I. Renew the contract with Questar Assessment, Inc. (QAI) for Fiscal Year 2019 to administer assessments for English Language Arts and Mathematics in Grades 3-8, End-of-Course in Algebra I, English II, and options for Geometry and Algebra II [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Awarded Vendor: Questar Assessment, Inc.  
Apple Valley, Minnesota 55124

Scope of Project: This contractor will provide programmatic, technical, and psychometric assessment activities for services in Fiscal Year 2019. The contractor will provide services and products for the purpose of administering assessments for English Language Arts and Mathematics in Grades 3-8, End-of-Course in Algebra I, English II, and options for Geometry and Algebra II.

Renewal of contract for years five through ten 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 employee.

Term of Contract: July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2019

- 2018-2019 Renewal Cost: \$8,538,929
- Method of Award: Request for Proposals

Funding Source: General/Federal/Other funds

This item references Goals 1 and 2 of the *Mississippi Board of Education 2016-2020 Strategic Plan*.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
Office of Student Assessment**

**Questar Assessment, Inc.  
Mississippi Academic Assessment Program (MAAP)  
Executive Summary**

**Contract History**

<b>Year</b>	<b>FY</b>	<b>Initial Projected Contract Cost</b>	<b>Actual Contract Cost (including modifications)</b>
1	FY16	\$13,334,786	\$12,346,830
2	FY17	\$12,651,682	\$10,990,109
3	FY18	\$12,475,251	\$11,485,109
4	FY19	\$12,588,930	\$8,538,929
5	FY20	\$12,745,919	
6	FY21	\$12,968,363	
7	FY22	\$13,286,465	
8	FY23	\$13,749,172	
9	FY24	\$14,428,965	
10	FY25	\$15,487,734	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$133,717,267</b>	<b>\$43,360,977</b>

The contract services include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Design and Management of the Assessment Programs
- Development of New Items and Test Forms
- Administration of an Online Assessment and Technology Delivery System
- Test Administration
- Processing, Scoring and Reporting of Test Materials
- Psychometric Analysis
- Training and Customer Support