

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
May 16, 2024

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02.B. Action: Contract with Mississippi Regional Education Service Agencies (RESAs) to provide a variety of education-related services allowable under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Emergency Assistance to Non-Public Schools (EANS) Program to participating non-public schools [Goals 1, 2, and 4 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Awarded Vendor: See Attached List

Scope of Project: The purpose of this contract is to retain the services of the Regional Education Service Agencies as the fiscal agent for the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Emergency Assistance for Non-Public Schools (EANS) Program to participating non-public schools. A contract is proposed for providing education-related services or assistance to address educational disruptions caused by the COVID-19 emergency.

The contractor will provide the following procurement services to participating non-public schools:

- Supplies to sanitize, disinfect, and clean school facilities.
- Personal protective equipment (PPE).
- Improving ventilation systems, including portable air purification systems.
- Training and professional development for staff on sanitization, the use of PPE, and minimizing the spread of infectious diseases.
- Physical barriers to facilitate social distancing.
- Other materials, supplies, or equipment recommended by the CDC for reopening and operation of school facilities to effectively maintain health and safety.
- Expanding capacity to administer coronavirus testing to effectively monitor and suppress the virus.
- Educational technology (including hardware, software, connectivity, assistive technology, and adaptive equipment) to assist students, educators, and other staff with remote or hybrid learning.
- Redeveloping instructional plans, including curriculum development, for remote or hybrid learning, or to address learning loss.
- Leasing sites or spaces to ensure safe social distancing.
- Reasonable transportation costs.
- Initiating and maintaining education and support services or assistance for remote or hybrid learning or to address learning loss.

Awarding of the contract each year shall be contingent upon the successful completion of services, a performance evaluation, 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: May 17, 2024 – May 16, 2027
- Amount to be Awarded: \$10,000,000
- Method of Award: Legislative Exemption

Funding Source: Federal funds

This item references Goals 1, 2, and 4 of the *Mississippi Board of Education Strategic Plan*.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

**Regional Education Service Agencies (RESA) FISCAL AGENT for
Emergency Assistance for Non-Public Schools (EANS) Program under the American Rescue Plan
Act of 2021 (ARP)**

CONTRACTOR NAME	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED
East Mississippi Center for Education Development (EMCED)	\$1,000,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 2,000,000
Gulf Coast Education Initiative Consortium (GCEIC)	\$2,000,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 3,000,000
North Mississippi Education Consortium (NMEC)	\$2,000,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 3,000,000
Southern Regional Educational Service Agency (SRESA)	\$1,000,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 2,000,000
Total	\$6,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$10,000,000