

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
June 20, 2024

OFFICE OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

02.A. Action: Multi-year contract with Gulf Coast Education Initiative Consortium to serve as fiscal agent for Career and Technical Education Office of Student Organizations [Goal 2 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Awarded Vendor: Gulf Coast Education Initiative Consortium
Gulfport, Mississippi

Scope of Project: Pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 37-31-205(1)(i), the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) serves as fiscal agent for nine (9) state-chapter Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs). CTSOs are individually incorporated, non-profit organizations operating under a constitution and/or charter and bylaws. The MDE Career and Technical Education Office of Student Organizations (OSO) is responsible for the management of the day-to-day operations of these student organizations.

The awarded vendor will serve as fiscal agent on behalf of MDE and work in collaboration with the OSO to provide fiscal services to each CTSO in the areas of procurement, event management, general accounting and financial services, oversight for fund integrity, staff support, and technical assistance, if needed. The contractor will use adequate internal controls to safeguard CTSOs' assets and ensure MDE remains compliant with state laws and regulations related to its fiscal responsibilities under Miss. Code Ann. § 37-31-205(1)(i).

Renewal of year five (5) of the 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 employees.

Scope of Contract:

- Term of Contract: July 8, 2024 – June 30, 2028
- Amount to be Awarded: \$398,432
- Method of Award: Legislative Exemption

Funding Source: State funds

Summary of Selection Process:

A competitive selection process was utilized to award contract.

Scoring Criteria:

- A. Demonstrated quantity and quality of successful relevant experience
- B. Demonstrated level of organizational capability
- C. Quality of proposed program approach
- D. Price

This item references Goal 2 of the *Mississippi Board of Education Strategic Plan*.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

**Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA) Fiscal Agent for
Career and Technical Education
Office of Student Organizations**

Gulf Coast Education Initiative Consortium

MULTI-YEAR CONTRACT	CONTRACT AMOUNT
Year 1	\$ 99,608
Year 2	\$ 99,608
Year 3	\$ 99,608
Year 4	\$ 99,608
Total	\$398,432