

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

**OFFICE OF STUDENT ASSESSMENT**

02.B. Action: Contract with National Center for the Improvement of Educational Assessment, Inc. (NCIEA) to provide the MDE with expertise in the purpose of facilitating and managing the Mississippi Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)  
[Goals 1, 2, 5, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Awarded Vendor: NCIEA  
Dover, New Hampshire

Scope of Project: NCIEA will provide the MDE with expertise for the purpose of facilitating and managing the Mississippi Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). The TAC provides guidance on technical assessment matters pertaining to validity, reliability, accuracy, and fairness for the Mississippi Statewide Assessment and Accountability Systems. NCIEA will also provide guidance and advice to the Accountability Task Force (ATF).

The contractor will provide the following:

- Hold three (3) meetings of the TAC per year to review submitted documents from assessment vendors.
- Provide direction, assistance, and evaluation of the work of the state's assessment vendors to ensure professionally accepted standards set forth by the U.S. Department of Education are met.
- Facilitate guidance to the AFT on technical issues related to the state's accountability system; make suggestions and provide feedback regarding any proposed changes to the Mississippi Statewide Accountability System.
- Assist with design decisions to ensure the assessment and accountability systems are technically defensible and reflect best practices in assessment standards.

Renewal of contract for optional year five (5) and the final year will be upon the successful completion of services, performance evaluation(s), 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 1, 2024 – June 30, 2028
- Amount to be Awarded: \$1,377,200

- Method of Award: Request for Qualifications

Funding Source: Federal

Summary of Selection Process:

A competitive selection process was utilized to award contracts.

Scoring Criteria:

Management

Summary of Qualifications

Management Resume

Key Personnel Resumes

References

Price

This item references Goals 1, 2, 5, and 6 of the *Mississippi Board of Education Strategic Plan*.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

**Mississippi Technical Advisory for the Mississippi Statewide Assessment  
and Accountability Systems**

<b>YEARS AWARDED</b>	<b>CONTRACT AMOUNT</b>
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>\$326,950.00</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>\$338,350.00</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>\$349,750.00</b>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>\$362,150.00</b>
<b>Year 5 (optional)</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,377,200.00</b>