

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
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02.C. Action: Renew contract with Reading Language Arts Centers, Inc. d/b/a Brainspring for Fiscal Year 2020 to provide professional development training system based on Orton Gillingham reading methodology [Goals 2 and 4 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Awarded Vendor: Reading and Language Arts Centers, Inc.
d/b/a Brainspring
Bloomfield Hills, Michigan

Scope of Project: This contract renewal includes services for Fiscal Year 2020. The contractor will provide services and products related to the Orton Gillingham based professional development system including, but not limited to, the following:

- Provide professional development for teachers of students with disabilities on the Orton Gillingham methodology and tools necessary to apply it to classroom instruction.
- Provide training to a minimum of 500 new teachers annually.
- Provide a follow-up training component for teachers that can be delivered in person or in an online format.
- Provide follow-up training for a minimum of 300 teachers.
- Provide an annual survey of all participants trained as it relates to program process, practice and other concerns as needed/identified by the Department; develop and maintain a database of all feedback.

Renewal of contract for years four 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: July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2020
- 2019 – 2020 Renewal Cost: \$ 2,000,710
- Method of Award: Request for Proposals

Funding Source: Federal funds

This item references Goals 2 and 4 of the *Mississippi Board of Education 2018-2022 Strategic Plan*.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material: None