

OFFICE OF CHIEF SCHOOL AND DISTRICT TRANSFORMATION OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
April 17, 2025

OFFICE OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

04.D. Action: Renew contract with Research and Curriculum Unit, Mississippi State University for Fiscal Year 2026 for the operation of the Mississippi Career and Planning and Assessment System, Third Edition (MS-CPAS3) [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Awarded Vendor: Research and Curriculum Unit
 Mississippi State University
 Starkville, Mississippi

Scope of Project: This MS-CPAS3 contract renewal includes services for Fiscal Year 2026. The contractor will provide occupation-specific assessments of the performance of secondary and postsecondary CTE students for the ninth year of a ten-year procurement. Services include, but are not limited to the following:

- Test Development aligned with current Mississippi Career and Technical Education Curriculum Frameworks for all CTE programs of study
- Administration of all tasks necessary to conduct online computer-based assessment, provide assessment results, and prepare data reports
- Test Security
- Customer Service
- Delivery of Professional Development
- General Project Management

This is year nine (9) of a ten (10) year contract. Renewal of contract shall be contingent upon the successful completion of services from the preceding fiscal year's contract and the availability of funds. Personnel associated with this contract are not former Department employees or related to any Department employee.

Scope of Contract:

- July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 \$ 1,450,831
- Method of Award: Request for Proposal

Funding Source: State funds

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

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

**Mississippi Career Planning and Assessment System, Third Edition
(MS-CPAS3)**

Contract History

Year	FY	Negotiated Contract Cost
1	FY18	\$1,274,027
2	FY19	\$1,263,723
3	FY20	\$1,301,874
4	FY21	\$1,329,487
5	FY22	\$1,334,573
6	FY23	\$1,374,141
7	FY24	\$1,403,199
8	FY25	\$1,409,759
9	FY26	\$1,450,831
TOTAL		\$12,141,614