

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICER
Summary of the State Board of Education Agenda Items
August 4, 2025

OFFICE OF STUDENT ASSESSMENT

01. Action: Approval of emergency contract with Data Recognition Corporation (DRC) for Fiscal Year 2026 to administer statewide assessments for the Mississippi Academic Assessment Program, (MAAP), including the alternate assessment program (MAAP-A) [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Awarded Vendor: Data Recognition Corporation (DRC)
Maple Grove, Minnesota

Scope of Project: This MAAP contract includes services for Fiscal Year 2026. The contractor will provide services and products related to programmatic, development, technical, and psychometric assessment activities of these assessments.

The vendor will provide services and products related to content and programmatic development, technical, and psychometric assessment activities including, but not limited to, the following:

- Delivery of an online portal system which securely delivers test setup, administration, and reporting functions,
- Modified Item Development Processes for all assessments,
- Printing and Delivery of Individual Student Reports to Districts, and
- Development of a Technical Report with complete psychometric details for all assessments.

Personnel associated with this contract are not former Department employees or related to any Department employee.

Scope of Contract:

- August 4, 2025 – August 3, 2026: \$ 16,156,431.00
- Method of Award: Emergency Procurement

Funding Source: Federal and General Funds

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

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material: None