

**OFFICE OF INSTRUCTIONAL ENHANCEMENT AND INTERNAL OPERATIONS**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Item**  
**April 14-15, 2011**

**OFFICE OF STUDENT ASSESSMENT**

11. Approval to renew contract with NCS Pearson, Inc., for Fiscal Year 2012 for the Mississippi Curriculum Test, Second Edition (MCT2)

Awarded Vendor:       NCS Pearson, Inc.  
Iowa City, Iowa

Scope of Project: The MCT2 contract renewal includes services for Fiscal Year 2012. The contractor will provide services and products related to printing, scoring, and reporting of these assessments for the sixth year of the ten-year procurement including, but not limited to, the following:

- 132 Math items and 360 English Language Arts (ELA) items will be developed;
- Item and Bias Review Meetings will be conducted;
- Large Print and Braille test booklets will be provided;
- 350 copies of the District Test Coordinator (DTC) and School Test Coordinator Manuals as well as training at the fall and spring DTC Meetings will be provided;
- Statistical analysis of potential testing irregularities for each grade and content area on the May 2012 test administration will be provided;
- Secure and non-secure materials will be picked up by CEVA;
- An electronic version of the Interpretive Guide will be produced; and
- Scanning, editing, resolving alerts, scoring, and all psychometric activities will be provided.

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

Scope of Contract:

- Term of Contract Renewal:               July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2012
- Cost of Current Contract:               \$18,166,407
- Renewal Increase:                         \$ 3,724,624

- Total Cost of Contract Renewal: \$21,891,031
- Method of Award: Request for Proposals
- Funding Source: State and Federal funds

Recommendation: Approval