

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

**OFFICE OF STUDENT ASSESSMENT**

12. Approval to renew contract with NCS Pearson, Inc., for Fiscal Year 2012 for the Mississippi Subject Area Testing Program, Second Edition (SATP2)

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

Scope of Project: The SATP2 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 third year of the ten-year procurement including, but not limited to, the following:

- 225 Algebra I items, 300 Biology I items, 225 English II items, and 300 U.S. History items will be developed;
- One practice test in Biology I and two practice tests for U.S. History will be delivered;
- Two-day Data Review Meetings for both Biology I and U.S. History will be held in July 2011;
- Algebra I and English II data review will be conducted via on-site reconciliation meetings with the Mississippi Department of Education personnel, ETS content specialists, and the Pearson psychometrician;
- 200 copies of Large-print test booklets in each subject will be produced;
- Five one-day regional training workshops for both Biology I and U.S. History will be held to address the new Biology I and U.S. History Frameworks, and 80 teachers will be trained during each workshop;
- One Braille practice test will be produced in Biology I;
- Internet Testing Systems will be used for three online test administrations;
- The Online Test Administrator Manual will be updated for each online test administration and posted electronically for download;
- Item Review Meetings will be held for two days for Algebra I, Biology I, and U.S. History and four days for English II; and
- Bias Review committee will meet for three days.

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

Scope of Contract:

- Term of Contract Renewal: April 20, 2009 – June 30, 2012
- Cost of Current Contract: \$10,808,525
- Renewal Increase: \$ 5,240,599
- Total Cost of Contract Renewal: \$16,049,124
- Method of Award: Request for Proposals
- Funding Source: State and Federal funds

Recommendation: Approval