

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

OFFICE OF STUDENT ASSESSMENT

13. Approval to renew contract with NCS Pearson, Inc., for Fiscal Year 2012 for the Mississippi Writing Assessment Program (MWAP)

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

Scope of Project: This MWAP 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 fifth year of a ten-year procurement including, but not limited to, the following:

- An electronic version of the Interpretive Guide will be produced;
- Scoring Confirmation Committee Meeting of three days for grades 4, 7, and English II will be conducted; and
- CDs of all papers will be provided for three first-time test taker administrations for grades 4 and 7 and for first-time testers in English II.

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

Scope of Contract:

- Term of Contract Renewal: October 12, 2007 – June 30, 2012
- Cost of Current Contract: \$ 9,636,460
- Renewal Increase: \$ 2,613,685
- Total Cost of Contract Renewal: \$12,250,145
- Method of Award: Request for Proposals
- Funding Source: State and Federal funds

Recommendation: Approval