

OFFICE OF INSTRUCTIONAL ENHANCEMENT AND INTERNAL OPERATIONS
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
August 18-19, 2011

OFFICE OF CHILD NUTRITION

12. Approval to renew contract with Ciber, Inc., to provide developers for modifications and enhancements to a web-based payment and contract system

Awarded Vendor: Ciber, Inc.
Denver, Colorado

Scope of Project: Ciber will provide two developers for the maintenance, development, implementation of enhancements, and expansions to the Child Nutrition Payment and Contract System. Contractors will work with a project director who will provide direction and oversight of tasks. Services are to include:

- Development and implementation of design specifications and business rules into a Microsoft.NET web based user interface with Microsoft SQL Server database;
- Development of additional reporting capabilities;
- Continuing database and system maintenance;
- Additional development of a module to track monitoring and reviews of programs; and
- Updates of system to newer code for increased system security.

Contingent upon State Board approval, the vendor will begin work on September 1, 2011. Information Technology Services (ITS) Board approval was obtained on July 28, 2011.

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

Scope of Contract:

- Term of Contract Renewal: September 1, 2011 – June 30, 2013
- Cost of Current Contract: \$ 811,200
- Renewal Increase: \$ 540,800
- Total Cost of Contract Renewal: \$ 1,352,000
- Method of Award: ITS Request for Proposals
- Funding Source: Federal funds

Section 25-53-3 of the Mississippi Code of 1972 defines ITS authority over the acquisition of any information technology, computer or telecommunications equipment, electronic word processing and office systems, or services utilized in connection therewith, including, but not limited to, all phases of computer software and consulting services and insurance on all state-owned computer equipment. State agencies and institutions of higher learning (IHLs) are required by law to follow ITS procedures in information technology procurements for hardware, software and services. Competitive bids or proposals must be solicited for all acquisitions of information technology (IT) equipment/hardware, software, and services in excess of \$25,000.

Information Technology Services on behalf of the Mississippi Department of Education awarded the bid to Ciber, Inc., as being the "Best and Lowest" bidder.

Recommendation: Approval