

OFFICE OF INSTRUCTIONAL ENHANCEMENT AND INTERNAL OPERATIONS
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
July 13-14, 2011

OFFICE OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

13. Approval to award competitive grants for the Robotics/Engineering program

Purpose: The purpose of the Robotics/Engineering program is to upgrade existing Technology Applications/Pre-Engineering courses to ensure that students are prepared from both an academic and an applied standpoint to pursue careers in the Engineering field and to decrease the significant projected shortage of workers entering this job sector due to the current demand and lack of students entering Engineering programs.

Scope of Grant:

- Grant Period: July 15, 2011 – June 30, 2012
- Award Amount: \$1,008,572.65
- Method of Award: Request for Proposals

Funding Source: State (Robotics/Engineering Legislative Appropriation)

Summary of Selection Process:

A competitive grant selection process was utilized to award the grants.

Scoring Criteria:

- A. Project Description
- B. Assurances
- C. Facility Readiness
- D. Collaboration & Support
- E. Budget

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

Robotics/Engineering Program Grantees Awards

| School District | Award Amount |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Greenville Public School District | \$ 149,995.00 |
| Claiborne County School District | \$ 149,923.00 |
| Pontotoc County School District | \$ 149,524.00 |
| Noxubee County School District | \$ 149,995.00 |
| Jackson Public Schools | \$ 109,221.00 |
| Newton County School District | \$ 149,999.65 |
| Amory School District | \$ 149,915.00 |
| TOTAL | \$1,008,572.65 |