

**OFFICE OF INSTRUCTIONAL ENHANCEMENT AND INTERNAL OPERATIONS**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**June 16-17, 2011**

**OFFICE OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

15. Approval of Fiscal Year 2012 financial allocations for vocational-technical programs and services
- Soil Conservation Service Agreement/Allocation
  - FFA Agreement/Allocation
  - Extended Contracts
  - Research and Curriculum Unit (RCU) for Vocational and Technical Education

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Office of Vocational Education and Workforce Development requests approval of the Fiscal Year 2012 financial allocations appropriated in House Bill 1494 as flow through funds for the following vocational-technical programs and services:

***Soil Conservation Service Agreement/Allocation:***

- \$100,000 - The Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation Commission will purchase soil conservation equipment for vocational education students. Under the agreement, it gives the agriculture industry the opportunity to incorporate integrated farm management practices that will result in reduced energy cost, reduced soil erosion, improved water quality, and improved irrigation water management.

***FFA Agreement/Allocation:***

- \$135,000 - The MS Future Farmers of America (FFA) Foundation will use funds for general operation and maintenance of the FFA Center in Raymond, MS. Under the agreement, the MS FFA Foundation (MFFAF) employs staff to operate and provide leadership training opportunities for the membership of all student organizations approved by the MDE.

***Extended Contracts:***

- \$229,684 – The allocation will fund Vocational and Technical Education teacher contracts in excess of ten months in a calendar year. The Office of Vocational Education and Workforce Development received 47 applications for FY2012 to be funded through the extended contracts.

***Research and Curriculum Unit (RCU) at Mississippi State University:***

- \$3,209,495 – The RCU is designated by State Board Policy 8208 as the agent for providing research, curricula, and specialized professional development services for vocational education programs. The RCU will provide Industrial Training support to new and expanding industries in addition to providing professional learning and leadership opportunities to community and junior college workforce development personnel.

Recommendation:      Approval