

**OFFICE OF INSTRUCTIONAL ENHANCEMENT AND INTERNAL OPERATIONS**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Item**  
**March 17-18, 2011**

**OFFICE OF STUDENT ASSESSMENT**

10. Approval to modify contract with NCS Pearson, Inc., to increase the scope of technical services and products for the Mississippi Curriculum Test, Second Edition (MCT2) as outlined in the MCT2 Program 2010-2011 Scope Modification

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

Scope of Project: This modification increases the scope of the MCT2 contract for 2010-2011 as follows:

- Development of two electronic data files that provide historical class summary data of erasure analysis for Spring 2008, Spring 2009, and Spring 2010;
- Provide the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) with the historical erasure data file in a flat text file with the data file layout;
- Provide an annotated MCT2 Math Practice Test #3 for Grades 3 through 8;
- Provide an additional psychometric study to assess the stability of item parameters; and
- Add the Pearson Notebook “Confluence-Style” site to function as a document repository and secure site between MDE and Pearson MCT2 team.

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

Scope of Contract:

- Term of Original Contract: July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2011
- Term of Modified Contract: July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2011
- Cost of Previous Contract: \$18,054,595
- Modification Increase: \$ 111,812
- Total Cost of Modified Contract: \$18,166,407

• Method of Award: Request for Proposals

• Funding Source: State

Recommendation: Approval