

TO: Roger Breed, Ed.D.
Commissioner of Education

FROM: Pat Roschewski, Director of Statewide Assessment

SUBJECT: Data Recognition Corporation – NeSA-Writing Contract: 2011-2012

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Grant the Commissioner the authority to continue contracting with Data Recognition Corporation for the administration and scoring of the statewide writing assessment, the NeSA-W.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

As required in state legislation, the NDE has been administering a statewide writing assessment to students in grades 4, 8, and 11 since 2001. In 2010 a Request For Proposal (RFP) was posted seeking a vendor to assist the Department in a transition from holistic to analytic scoring of the writing assessment and from paper/pencil to online test administration. Five vendors submitted proposals, and the independent evaluation team recommended to the State Board that the contract be negotiated with Data Recognition Corporation, the same vendor used in the administration and scoring of the reading, mathematics, and science NeSA Tests. The first year of administration and scoring of the writing assessment has gone extremely well.

It is time to move to the second year of the transition. The approval of the contract with DRC for the second year of administration will involve analytic scoring and online administration of both the 8th and 11th grade writing papers. The 4th grade will be administered paper/pencil testing as outlined in the initial transition plan. By 2013 all three grades will have transitioned to analytic scoring. Online administration will only apply to grades 8 and 11.

Cost: Up to 698,746

Supporting Documentation Included: Contract Budget Page
For additional information on this item: Call Pat Roschewski 402-471-2495,
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Attachment C

Form B – Revised Cost Sheet – 6/09/11

NeSA Writing: 2010 – Request for Proposal Number 10-403-01

Deliverables	Date	Cost
NeSA-W test booklet development, distribution, and return	January, 2012	\$46,059
Paper/pencil Booklets	December 2011	\$89,788
Online Writing	January 2012	\$85,043
NeSA-W Administration Manuals, testing protocols, and procedures	October 2011	\$31,008
Scoring	March 2012	\$348,594
Data Transfer	November 2011	\$544
Reporting Student Results	April 2012	\$54,200
Contractor Support	October 2011-Sept 2012	\$15,510
Technical Support (psychometrics)	October 2011-Sept 2012	\$28,000
TOTAL BASE BID		\$698,746
Options:		
Standard Setting (Option)		\$51,521
Spanish Scoring (Revised Option)		\$4,982
DRC Travel (Option)		
Appeals or Training		\$3,500
Rangefinding		\$8,982