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**1. Contract with UNC-Charlotte**

- Purpose:
1. FINISH ENTERING EXIT DATA FOR YEAR ONE:  
Disaggregate data by graduates/non-graduates, type of disability, and other factors  
Write reports as required by state and Indicator 14  
Disseminate reports as required by state and IDEA Indicator 14
  
  2. REFINE SAMPLING PLAN:  
Define population and stratum (size of LEA and type of disability) for subdividing the population  
Define tolerable sampling error and confidence intervals for estimates of population parameters  
Confidence intervals for the percent of students who had IEPs who have been competitively employed, enrolled in some type of postsecondary school, or both  
Confidence intervals for the percent of students by disability category who had IEPs who have been competitively employed, enrolled in some type of postsecondary school, or both  
Construct the sampling frame  
Finalize sampling strategy with minimum sample size requirements for each stratum and plans for over-sampling to insure acceptable sampling error  
Develop plan for estimating nonresponse bias  
Coordinate with National Post-School Outcomes Center guidelines
  
  3. COLLECT INITIAL DATA:  
Refine Exit Data Survey  
Determine questions to be added  
Determine data collection strategies  
By whom  
Database structure  
Collect Exit data  
Coordinate with National Post-School Outcomes Center protocols
  
  4. FINALIZE FOLLOW-UP DATA SURVEY:  
Operationally define all measures (e.g., competitively employed, postsecondary education) and construct survey questions (see Appendix C for initial draft)  
Determine additional indicators regarding other post-school outcomes (e.g., independent living, community engagement)  
Detailed description of how data will be used (SPP/APR reporting, program improvement, link to adult services)  
Coordinate with National Post-School Outcomes Center definitions  
Determine data collection strategies and methods to maximize response rates  
Describe the process to report the response or attrition rate

Primary Contact: Ellen Zavala  
Amount: \$107,460.00 Federal  
Time Frame: 1/1/2007 to 12/31/2007  
DPI Coordinator: Freda Lee, Exceptional Children  
Contract No: 4426279 (Service)

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**2. Contract with Voyager Expanded Learning**

Purpose: Teacher and Teacher assistants will be participating in on-line professional development. The 500 participants will be coming from TitleI schools, schools of school improvement, and non-RF schools. Provisions for 500 KI-3rd grade teachers at \$995.00 totaling \$ 497,500.00. To be paid in installments.

**Amendment #2:** To provide additional on-line professional development for up to and not to exceed an additional 250 teachers and teacher assistants grades KI-3rd in Title I schools, schools in school improvement, and non-reading first schools. This amendment is to provide more professional development to the teachers and teacher assistants in the non-Reading First schools. This information is critical for all children to read and learn well. Amended amount: \$845,750.00 (\$597,000.00 + \$248,750.00)

Primary Contact: Vernon Johnson  
Amount: \$845,750.00 Federal  
Time Frame: 10/2/2006 to 6/30/2007  
DPI Coordinator: Meta Phelps, Elementary Education  
Contract No: 4402034 (Service)

**3. Contract with Cabarrus County Schools**

Purpose: To operate a Regional Alternative Licensure Center serving the southwest, west, and northwest regions of the state. The contractor will employ two staff and provide office space and office services (e.g., phone, fax, copy machine) for the Center.

Primary Contact: Charlie Williams  
Amount: \$142,536.50 Federal  
Time Frame: 1/15/2007 to 1/14/2008  
DPI Coordinator: Kathy Sullivan, Human Resource Management/Quality Professionals  
Contract No: 4427846 (Service)

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**4. Withholding Contract with Zena Harvley-Felder**

Purpose: Assist North Carolina educators in identifying high-quality supplemental educational resources that support teaching and learning. The position identifies and examines new educational resources using established evaluation criteria that include curricular alignment with the North Carolina Standard Course of Study and writes annotations for publication that summarize content, strengths, and weaknesses. The position prepares publication ready annotations of print-and technology-based instructional resources that are incorporated into the Web site EvaluTech and the publication InfoTech: The Advisory List. The position will coordinate the work assignments of teacher reviewers, the data entry process of moving the reviews into the Web site EvaluTech, coordinates quality control of the Web site's content, and checks that the Web site's searching functions are operating properly. An additional responsibility of the position is to monitor and research curricular and technology trends, best practice instructional strategies, and specialized educational topics in order to evaluate new materials.

**Amendment #1:** To amend this contract to extend the end date from 12/31/2006 to 2/28/2007. Amended amount: \$36,644.54 (\$27,476.80 + \$9,167.74).

Primary Contact: Zena Harvley-Felder  
Amount: \$36,644.54 State  
Time Frame: 7/1/2006 to 2/28/2007  
DPI Coordinator: John Brim, Instructional Technology

**5. Withholding Contract with John C. Boling**

Purpose: To serve as interim director for the NC Virtual Public School.  
**Amendment #1:** To amend this contract to extend the ending date from December 31, 2006 to June 30, 2007. Amended amount: \$108,000.00 (\$36,000.00 + \$72,000.00).

Primary Contact: John C. Boling  
Amount: \$108,000.00 State  
Time Frame: 10/1/2006 to 6/30/2007  
DPI Coordinator: Rebecca Garland, State Board of Education

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**6. Contract with Region 4 Education Service Center**

Purpose:           1. Coordinate the course quality review effort on behalf of NCVPS  
                      2. Assemble course review teams to conduct the course reviews  
                      3. Develop and submit for NCVPS's approval the protocols and guidelines for potential course providers to meet when submitting their courses for review.  
                      4. Solicit potential course providers to submit courses for review  
                      5. Develop and submit for NCVPS's approval criteria with rationale on key points to consider when accepting or soliciting course providers for review.  
                      6. Ensure that courses are reviewed against the North Carolina Content Standards as well as the Southern Regional Education Board Essential Principles of Course Quality standards.  
                      7. Provide necessary training and support to course reviewers.  
                      8. Assist with the development of a course quality review rubric for evaluators to use.  
                      9. Compile course review results in an easy to read, comparative summary. Results will be provided in digital format.  
                      10. Ensure that all delivery models, options for leasing/licensing content, and other applicable considerations for delivery are detailed and factored into the review process when relevant.  
                      11. Provide recommendations to the NCVPS Director for which course providers to utilize based on course quality standards.  
                      12. Provide NCVPS with a weekly update on the status and progress of the course review process via conference call or necessary meeting formats.  
                      13. To be responsible for the timeline for implementation of the course quality review process, with key milestones identified and a completion date for final report.

Primary Contact:   Dr. Calli Shelton  
Amount:            \$152,000.00 State  
Time Frame:        11/28/2006 to 10/31/2007  
DPI Coordinator:   Rebecca Garland, State Board of Education  
Contract No:        4419357 (Service)

**7. Contract with Wilson County Schools**

Purpose:           The SBE will contract with the Wilson County Schools for the NC Network to provide management and administrative support for the E-Learning Commission. Those activities include scheduling and carrying out meetings of the E-Learning Commission including all subcommittee meetings and follow-up reports; securing public/private funds via grant writing and fund raising efforts; establishing a statewide communications network and developing partnerships with businesses. A product of this work will include a written report with recommendations for continued implementation to the Education Cabinet and the SBE.

Primary Contact:   Dr. Larry Price  
Amount:            \$70,000.00 State  
Time Frame:        12/7/2006 to 10/31/2007  
DPI Coordinator:   Rebecca Garland, State Board of Education  
Contract No:        4423573 (Service)

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**8. Withholding Contract with Charlotte Anne Duren**

Purpose: Provide communication support for NCLB, including developing, writing and editing the quarterly NCLB Newsletter for LEA staff; updating the Web site and providing materials that local schools and districts use to explain and address the effects and requirements of NCLB and AYP.

Primary Contact: Charlotte Ann Duren  
Amount: \$28,350.00 Federal  
Time Frame: 1/1/2007 to 6/30/2007  
DPI Coordinator: Vanessa Jeter, Communications and Information

**9. Withholding Contract with Rudolph J. Sims**

Purpose: To develop and maintain web sites for the agency, Includes work such as transitioning Web site to new template, developing online surveys, converting documents to HTML and PDF, proposing, developing and implementing web-based solutions for these projects as necessary. This position ensures that content added to the Web site is appropriate, useful and accurate to our customers, and follows formatting and accessibility guidelines.

Primary Contact: Rudolph Sims  
Amount: \$25,200.00 Federal  
Time Frame: 1/1/2007 to 6/30/2007  
DPI Coordinator: Angela Wong, Communications and Information

**10. Contract with Tailormade Continuity Planning**

Purpose: To prepare a Continuity of Operations and Government Plan to ensure the State's ability to deliver essential services under any circumstance.

1. Plans will be developed using the North Carolina Continuity of Operations Planning Manual.
- 2.. Plans will incorporate existing business continuity plans for information technology and includes identification and listing of essential functions, delegations of authority, orders of succession, alternate facilities, interoperable communications, vital records, human capital management, provisions for tests, training and exercises, devolution and reconstitution.

The service being required is the planning for Phases 2 and 3 for the Department of Public Instruction's COOP.

Primary Contact: Katine Blue  
Amount: \$39,000.00 State  
Time Frame: 1/2/2007 to 12/2/2007  
DPI Coordinator: Priscilla Maynor, Superintendent's Office  
Contract No: 4428622 (Service)

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**11. Contract with Enterprises Computing Services Inc**

Purpose: To support the Comprehensive Exceptional Children Accountability System (CECAS) system with software maintenance.

Primary Contact: Shekhar Iyer

Amount: \$885,712.00 Federal

Time Frame: 1/3/2007 to 1/2/2010

DPI Coordinator: Peter Asmar, Technology Services

Contract No: 4426210 (Service)

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**12. Contract with Appalachian State University**

Purpose: To strengthen and expand the sun safety education initiatives as directed by the DPI's grant for Healthy Schools with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.  
Required Services: Training as well as professional development in the areas of research, monitoring, evaluation, and program planning.

Primary Contact: Robert Johnson  
Amount: \$110,000.00 Federal  
Time Frame: 11/29/2006 to 5/31/2007  
DPI Coordinator: Dorothea Brock, Middle Grades Education  
Contract No: 4399544 (Service)

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**13. Contract with Fluent Language Solutions**

Purpose: To provide interpreting services for Rachael Ragin at Department of Public Instruction meetings and workshops.

Primary Contact: Randall Whitfield  
Amount: \$5,943.36 Federal  
Time Frame: 9/8/2006 to 10/3/2006  
DPI Coordinator: Tony L Mitchell, Exceptional Children  
Contract No: 4423565 (Service)

**14. Contract with Lenoir County Schools**

Purpose: To implement a research-based reading program for identified students with disabilities, to implement a research-based writing program for identified students with disabilities, to participate in NCSIP II network technical assistance and planning meetings, to collect and report instructional quality control and student progress data, to provide a final contract report and evaluation of project effectiveness by July 1, 2007.

Primary Contact: Danielle Parrish  
Amount: \$10,000.00 Federal  
Time Frame: 2/1/2007 to 6/30/2007  
DPI Coordinator: Laura Snyder, Exceptional Children  
Contract No: 4423379 (Service)

**15. Contract with Lexington City Schools**

Purpose: To implement a research-based reading program for identified students with disabilities, to implement a research-based writing program for identified students with disabilities, to participate in NCSIP II network technical assistance and planning meetings, to collect and report instructional quality control and student progress data, to provide a final contract report and evaluation of project effectiveness by July 1, 2007.

Primary Contact: Cathy Misenhiemer  
Amount: \$10,000.00 Federal  
Time Frame: 2/1/2007 to 6/30/2007  
DPI Coordinator: Laura Snyder, Exceptional Children  
Contract No: 4423380 (Service)

**16. Contract with New Hanover County Schools**

Purpose: To implement a research-based reading program for identified students with disabilities, to implement a research-based writing program for identified students with disabilities, to participate in NCSIP II network technical assistance and planning meetings, to collect and report instructional quality control and student progress data, to provide a final contract report and evaluation of project effectiveness by July 1, 2007.

Primary Contact: William Trant  
Amount: \$10,000.00 Federal  
Time Frame: 2/1/2007 to 6/30/2007  
DPI Coordinator: Laura Snyder, Exceptional Children  
Contract No: 4423385 (Service)

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**17. Contract with Beaufort County Schools**

Purpose: To implement a research-based reading program for identified students with disabilities, to implement a research-based writing program for identified students with disabilities, to participate in NCSIP II network technical assistance and planning meetings, to collect and report instructional quality control and student progress data, to provide a final contract report and evaluation of project effectiveness by July 1, 2007.

Primary Contact: Crystal Ange  
Amount: \$10,000.00 Federal  
Time Frame: 2/1/2007 to 6/30/2007  
DPI Coordinator: Laura Snyder, Exceptional Children  
Contract No: 4423386 (Service)

**18. Contract with Alamance-Burlington Schools**

Purpose: To implement a research-based reading program for identified students with disabilities, to implement a research-based writing program for identified students with disabilities, to participate in NCSIP II network technical assistance and planning meetings, to collect and report instructional quality control and student progress data, to provide a final contract report and evaluation of project effectiveness by July 1, 2007.

Primary Contact: William Hussey  
Amount: \$10,000.00 Federal  
Time Frame: 2/1/2007 to 6/30/2007  
DPI Coordinator: Laura Snyder, Exceptional Children  
Contract No: 4423392 (Service)

**19. Contract with Wilkes County Schools**

Purpose: To implement a research-based reading program for identified students with disabilities, to implement a research-based writing program for identified students with disabilities, to participate in NCSIP II network technical assistance and planning meetings, to collect and report instructional quality control and student progress data, to provide a final contract report and evaluation of project effectiveness by July 1, 2007.

Primary Contact: Vickie Hugger  
Amount: \$10,000.00 Federal  
Time Frame: 2/1/2007 to 6/30/2007  
DPI Coordinator: Laura Snyder, Exceptional Children  
Contract No: 4423435 (Service)

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**20. Contract with NC State Occupational Information Coord. Committee**

Purpose: To establish terms for career development products and services that NC SOICC will provide for NC DPI/CTE. NC SOICC will provide 5 regional workshops for NC DPI/CTE based upon identified needs; deliver the following products to LEAs: Career Choices in NC tabloids, Career Choices User's Guides CDs; invoice individual LEAs for shipping charges for any shipped products; and provide an annual report to NC DPI/CTE.

Primary Contact: Judy W. Bruhn  
Amount: \$20,000.00 Federal  
Time Frame: 12/7/2006 to 10/1/2007  
DPI Coordinator: Felicia Gray-Watson, Secondary Education  
Contract No: 4414880 (Service)

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**21. Withholding Contract with Mary Battle Odom**

Purpose: To assist the schools to maintain continuous improvement and to help promote the academic growth of all subgroups in the federal accountability program of No Child Left Behind. This individual will be providing technical assistance to non-Reading First schools, Title I schools in school improvement and private schools. Mary will be making frequent site visits, participating in professional development, modeling teacher practices in support of SBRR, assisting in the planning and delivery of PD based on SBRR and under the guidance of the Reading First program to increase LEA capacity, assisting schools in using reading assessments and helping increase capacity that will result in increased student achievement.

Primary Contact: Mary B. Odom  
Amount: \$19,500.00 Federal  
Time Frame: 1/2/2007 to 6/30/2007  
DPI Coordinator: Meta Phelps, Elementary Education

**22. Withholding Contract with Melissa Bertone**

Purpose:

1. Design all materials to provide clients with a high quality, finished product suggest the most cost-effective, attractive, and practical means of creating publications and other projects.
2. Design materials for duplication and printing; choose appropriate typefaces and artwork; create graphics and layouts; make changes from client proofs; and prepare files and artwork to create a final print or web-based product;
3. Prepare and send orders for signs, negatives, vinyl, dry-mounting, and lamination to appropriate vendors;
4. Prepare final service bureau product (print and check color separations, send files electronically);
5. Prepare film output according to print shop specifications, prepare camera-ready artwork, prepare documents for electronic transmission to duplication, help print shop staff on technical details as requested;
6. Design graphics according to DPI web team specifications (convert and prepare text files to formats which can be used on the web);
7. Collect bills from vendors and charge clients for materials and any vendor services used (on a weekly basis)
8. File all job folders after billing clients;

Back-up and organize all files generated according to newly created nomenclature protocol.

Primary Contact: Melissa Berton  
Amount: \$22,680.00 Federal  
Time Frame: 1/1/2007 to 6/30/2007  
DPI Coordinator: Frank Pore, Communications and Information

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**23. Withholding Contract with Amanda B. Kittelberger**

Purpose: To review/complete research started by the NC Education Research Council (now defunct) and to generate a report of findings and recommendations based upon this research. She is to present findings and recommendations to the NC School Report Cards Stakeholders Committee, and these will be used to make data-driven decisions regarding redesign of the Report Cards Web site and accompanying PDFs.

Primary Contact: Amanda Kittelberger  
Amount: \$4,000.00 State  
Time Frame: 1/1/2007 to 6/30/2007  
DPI Coordinator: Traci Blount, Communications and Information

**24. Withholding Contract with Eric L. Knuckles**

Purpose: To transition Web site content from the old template to the new template, converting documents to XML and PDF, and posting content to the old template as required; to ensure that content added to the Web site is appropriate, useful and accurate to our customers, and follows formatting and accessibility guidelines; to assist the Publication Sales staff with customer service, orders, inventory and shipping; and to assist print shop staff with finishing and bindery.

Primary Contact: Eric L. Knuckles  
Amount: \$13,104.00 Federal  
Time Frame: 1/1/2007 to 6/30/2007  
DPI Coordinator: Traci Blount, Communications and Information