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1. Contract with Measurement Inc

Purpose: To provide Educational Interpreter Proficiency Assessment (EIPA) or Testing, Evaluation & Certification Unit (TECU) Assessment. Educational interpreters and transliterators are required by the state board of education to pass minimum proficiency on the EIPA or TECU assessments. No one else in NC offers these assessments. NCDPI provides the testing program in order for interpreters and transliterators to have the opportunity to sit for these assessments. Educational interpreters will be able to take assessments required by the State Board of Education. They must demonstrate minimum competency by June 30, 2007, in order to work in NC public schools.

Primary Contact: Dr. Henry H. Scherich
Amount: \$39,360.00 Federal
Time Frame: 1/29/2007 to 6/30/2007
DPI Coordinator: Rachael Ragin, Exceptional Children
Contract No: 4433631 (Service)

2. Contract with NC State University

Purpose: 1. Gather data from RTI pilot schools in Bertie, Burke, Guilford, Harnett, and New Hanover Counties.

2. Study and evaluate data to answer the following questions: 1) To what degree have sites successfully implemented the PS model? 2) What barriers and resources influence implementation of the PS model? 3) How do stakeholders at PS sites view the PS process? 4) Do PS services improve student support and outcomes for those students served and for the school as a whole? 5) How might the answers to the preceding questions shape ECD policies with respect to RTI training, implementation, and evaluation?

3. Provide a summary report of findings to the Exceptional Children Division including recommendations for future Response to Intervention/Problem-Solving Model training, implementation, and evaluation.

4. Submit copies of all hard copy and electronic correspondence with school personnel to Susan Davis, Consultant for Specific Learning Disabilities, Exceptional Children Division, NCDPI.

Primary Contact: Matt Ronning
Amount: \$58,840.74 Federal
Time Frame: 3/1/2007 to 8/31/2007
DPI Coordinator: Susan Davis, Exceptional Children
Contract No: 4439010 (Service)

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3. Contract with MJW Educational Services

Purpose: To plan and conduct training sessions for the Performance Acceleration Academy.
To develop materials for this training based on each LEAs specific performance.
Training includes the dis-aggregation of VoCATS data and CTE Academic Attainment data and the subsequent strategic planning necessary to improve performance of Career and Technical Education (CTE) students. This training is an effort to build data analysis capacity among CTE Administrators and VoCATS Coordinators.

Primary Contact: Mary Jo Wilson
Amount: \$45,256.43 Federal
Time Frame: 2/19/2007 to 12/31/2007
DPI Coordinator: Ted Summey, Secondary Education
Contract No: 4433632 (Service)

4. Contract with Cheryl J. Rice

Purpose: To plan and conduct training sessions for the Performance Acceleration Academy.
To develop materials for this training based on each LEAs specific performance.
Training includes the dis-aggregation of VoCATS data and CTE Academic Attainment data and the subsequent strategic planning necessary to improve performance of Career and Technical Education (CTE) students. This training is an effort to build data analysis capacity among CTE Administrators and VoCATS Coordinators.

Primary Contact: Cheryl J. Rice
Amount: \$41,756.43 Federal
Time Frame: 2/19/2007 to 12/31/2007
DPI Coordinator: Ted Summey, Secondary Education
Contract No: 4433629 (PSC)

5. Contract with McRel

Purpose: 1. To develop and validate a School Executive Evaluation based on the School Administrator Standards approved by the North Carolina Board of Education.
a. Contractor will meet with staff from the Center for Teaching Quality use their input in the development of the evaluation.
b. Contractor will provide license granting the NC/SBE the use of pre-existing intellectual property and its derivatives within North Carolina for non-commercial purposes.
c. Specifics of the Contractor's proposal are a part of this contract. Changes must be approved by the DPI Contracts Office and the Project Coordinator. Any changes initiated by the contractor will not change the contract amount.

2. Develop training materials and conduct regional training for Local Education Agency administrators in the use of the new evaluation.

3. Provide Final Report to the State Board of Education.

Primary Contact: John Wetherington
Amount: \$187,566.00 State
Time Frame: 2/19/2007 to 12/31/2007
DPI Coordinator: Joe Parry-Hill, School Business Services
Contract No: 4443333 (Service)

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6. Contract with Wilkes County Schools

Purpose: This contractor will be providing training/staff development services on the five components of scientifically based reading research to teachers of reading in non-Reading First Schools; follow-up trainings and evaluation protocol to be rendered for teachers of reading in K-3.

Primary Contact: Dr. Joseph Sinclair
Amount: \$100,000.00 Federal
Time Frame: 2/25/2007 to 12/31/2007
DPI Coordinator: Meta Phelps, Elementary Education
Contract No: 4442026 (Service)

7. Contract with UNC-General Administration

Purpose: Faculty members from both Principal's Executive Program (PEP) and the Kenan-Flagler Business School will assist school leadership to choose the right focus for change, better manage school resources, enhance instructional leadership, and promote organizational learning. The program will meet five times between March, 15, 2007, through July 30, 2007, and serve three-member teams from 23 Priority High Schools. The three member teams will include the principal, an assistant principal, whose primary focus is instructional improvement, and a teacher leader. The program will provide practical, research-based, immediately applicable leadership tools developed by both educators and business executives to enable you to increase student achievement in your school.

Primary Contact: Russ Lea
Amount: \$136,000.00 State
Time Frame: 3/12/2007 to 7/30/2007
DPI Coordinator: Pat Ashley, Superintendent's Office
Contract No: 4445320 (Service)

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8. Contract with Isabel Fulghum

- Purpose:
1. To assist with Career and Technical Education (CTE) Summer Conference which include the following: writing the scripts for the opening general session; providing general session coordination and direction of on stage activities; coordination with the technical crew at the conference location; manage the logistics of the keynote speaker including ground transportation to and from the airport, rehearsal time with the technical crew, and workshop facilitation for the keynote speaker. (80 hours)

 2. To assist with the College Tech Prep Conference which include the following: writing the scripts for the general sessions; providing general session coordination and direction of on stage activities; coordination with the technical crew at the conference location; manage the logistics of the keynote speaker including ground transportation to and from the airport, rehearsal time with the technical crew, and workshop facilitation for the keynote speaker. (80 hours)

 3. To conduct the 21st Century Skills Gap Analysis which include the following: planning the gap analysis process for CTE curriculum products; developing a crosswalk between the Secretary's Commission on the Achieving of Necessary Skills (SCANS) and 21st Century Skills; planning, organizing and conducting workshops for state staff, local CTE administrators, teachers, and other CTE professionals to complete the gap analysis of CTE curriculum; and, provide timely feedback to the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) CTE Support Services on the progress and findings of the gap analysis project. (440 hours)

Primary Contact: Isabel Fulghum
Amount: \$34,550.00 Federal
Time Frame: 3/15/2007 to 12/31/2007
DPI Coordinator: Ted Summey, Secondary Education
Contract No: 4444392 (PSC)

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9. Contract with Ramey L. Beavers & Associates

Purpose: To provide a turnaround assessment teams to conduct snapshot assessments of high schools in one geographical group to determine plans for school improvement; leadership; instructional programs; and community variables. The RFP #40-HighSchoolAssessment and the response provided are incorporated herein as though set forth verbatim.

Primary Contact: Ramey L. Beavers
Amount: \$29,700.00 State
Time Frame: 3/9/2007 to 6/30/2007
DPI Coordinator: Pat Ashley, Superintendent's Office
Contract No: 4448951 (Service)

10. Contract with Leadership Group of the Carolinas

Purpose: To provide a turnaround assessment teams to conduct snapshot assessments of high schools in five geographical groups to determine plans for school improvement; leadership; instructional programs; and community variables. The RFP #40-HighSchoolAssessment and the response provided are incorporated herein as though set forth verbatim.

Primary Contact: Steve Wrenn
Amount: \$275,850.00 State
Time Frame: 3/9/2007 to 6/30/2007
DPI Coordinator: Pat Ashley, Superintendent's Office
Contract No: 4448950 (Service)

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11. Contract with HCS Systems Inc

Purpose: The Contractor shall fill the following roles to support NC WISE operations:

1. Solaris System Administration
2. Linux System Administration
3. Intel-based System Administration
4. Oracle Database Administration (Certified)
5. Oracle Application Server Administrator (Both 9iAS and 10g)

The Contractor shall prepare and submit the following deliverables:

1. Weekly status report of accomplishments, issues, risks and planned activities in a mutually agreed format. This weekly status report will be delivered with all other NC WISE weekly status reports on Tuesdays, with data date as of close of the business the immediately preceding Friday.
2. Monthly invoice report by major task above, as explained in Appendix A and in the form shown.

Amendment #1: To amend this contract to extend the end date from 2/28/2007 to 8/31/2007. Amended amount: \$2,760,800.00 (\$2,080,000.00 + \$680,800.00).

Primary Contact: Mel King
Amount: \$2,760,800.00 State
Time Frame: 3/1/2006 to 8/31/2007
DPI Coordinator: Jim Davis, Technology Services
Contract No: 4348904 (Service)

12. Contract with Oracle USA Inc

Purpose: To provide database operations support to the NC WISE project in the areas of performance improvement, data migration and infrastructure migration.

Amendment #1: To amend the end date of this contract from 10/20/2006 to 4/13/2007. This is a no cost extension.

Primary Contact: Robert Wheatley
Amount: \$1,234,080.00 State
Time Frame: 5/1/2006 to 4/13/2007
DPI Coordinator: Elaine Glass, IT Business Delivery
Contract No: 4367012 (Service)

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13. 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 #2: To amend this contract to extend the end date from 2/28/2007 to 6/30/2007. Amended amount: \$52,417.28 (\$36,644.54 + \$15,772.74).

Primary Contact: Zena Harvley-Felder
Amount: \$52,417.28 State
Time Frame: 7/1/2006 to 6/30/2007
DPI Coordinator: John Brim, Instructional Technology

14. Contract with NCS Pearson

Purpose: NCS will provide maintenance support to the SIMS application and Tier 2 and 3 Help Desk Support.

Amendment #1: To amend the amount of this contract in order to accomplish the required database corruption fixes and analysis of LEP, Single Parent and eventually Grade 13 business rules changes affecting SIMS software programs. Amended amount: \$350,000.00 (\$250,000.00 + \$100,000.00)

Primary Contact: Kevin Schutz
Amount: \$350,000.00 State
Time Frame: 7/1/2006 to 6/30/2007
DPI Coordinator: Elaine Glass, IT Business Delivery
Contract No: 4366380 (Service)

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15. Contract with Brustein & Manasevit

- Purpose:
- Provide information on how federal programs impact North Carolina initiatives, including No Child Left Behind, preschool, ESEA, special education, vocational education, and cross-cutting federal requirements;
 - Analyze program statutes, regulations, and guidance to clarify specific questions presented by DPI;
 - Provide opinions on the proper use of funds, fiscal requirements such as supplement not supplant and Maintenance of Effort (MOE), areas of flexibility, administration requirements, application of EDGAR, GEPA, and OMB Circulars, etc.;
 - Provide training to DPI staff on implementation of federal programs, including NCLB, OMB Circular A-87, EDGAR, and GEPA;
 - Review and revise time distribution system, as necessary;
 - Draft and/or review state applications or plans to USDE;
 - Assist in negotiating approval of state plans, including NCLB Adequate yearly Progress Workbook;
 - Draft waiver requests, and track the request through the USDE's evaluation process;
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- Provide information on how the federal law uniquely applies to charter schools;
 - Assist DPI staff in preparing USDE monitoring visits; and
 - Assist DPI staff in responding to auditors' inquiries or USDE determinations.
- Amendment: #1: This amendment is to increase the retainer because of the large volume of analysis work for the State Board and other agency personnel. Amended amount: \$34,500.00 (\$24,500.00 + \$10,000.00).

Primary Contact: Kris Hartley
Amount: \$34,500.00 Receipts
Time Frame: 7/1/2006 to 6/30/2007
DPI Coordinator: Philip Price, Financial & Business Services
Contract No: 4381370 (Service)

16. Contract with Center for Teaching Quality

- Purpose:
1. Analyze the Teacher Working Conditions (TWC) survey data from 2004 and 2006
 2. Conduct research and publish findings
 3. Make presentations to both in state and out of state groups, including the NC General Assembly
 4. Serve as the official liaison for the Governor's Office in taking the TWC initiative nationwide (there are now several other states administering this same TWC survey)

- Amendment #1:** To amend this contract to provide additional services as follows:
1. Review Turnaround Team TWC reports and ensure reform strategies include data driven solutions to improve working conditions.
 2. Train specialist working with the Turnaround Team high schools.
 3. Serve as a resource for specialists, DPI, and others responsible for assisting the Turnaround Team high schools on working condition issues.

Amended amount: \$85,000.00 (\$50,000.00 + \$35,000.00).

Primary Contact: Eric Hirsch
Amount: \$85,000.00 State
Time Frame: 9/18/2006 to 6/29/2007
DPI Coordinator: Carolyn McKinney, State Board of Education
Contract No: 4392776 (Service)

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17. 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.
- Amendment #1:** To amend this contract to review 32 additional courses: Amended amount: \$199,000.00 (\$152,000.00 + \$47,000.00).

Primary Contact: Dr. Calli Shelton
Amount: \$199,000.00 State
Time Frame: 11/28/2006 to 10/31/2007
DPI Coordinator: Rebecca Garland, State Board of Education
Contract No: 4419357 (Service)

18. Withholding Contract with Robert A. Pinion

- Purpose:
1. To be responsible for working with the existing More at Four Pre-kindergarten program and the Office of School Readiness in the Department of Public Instruction. The mission of the More at Four Pre-Kindergarten Program is to ensure school success for at-risk children in North Carolina through high-quality pre-kindergarten. As a consultant to this program, responsibilities would include assisting with contract negotiations with external vendors, analyzing future enhancements to the application and the management of product upgrade projects. They will also analyze future technical needs of the Office of School Readiness and make recommendations to DPI Technology Services.
 2. The contractor will also be responsible for providing technical analysis of the ABC's Tool product and making recommendations for enhancements and upgrades. See attachment A for deliverables.

Primary Contact: Robert A. Pinion
Amount: \$49,075.00
Time Frame: 3/1/2007 to 6/30/2007
DPI Coordinator: Annette Murphy, Technology Services

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19. Withholding Contract with Keith Frazier

Purpose: To provide professional services as follows: The primary purpose of this contract is to handle special projects related to the Reading First grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Education. The consultant will coordinate efforts related to reading K-3 as a member of the Reading First staff. In addition, he will provide leadership in making recommendations for policy, program and fiscal operations as appropriate to the needs of Reading First. He is also responsible for making NC READS training available to non-Reading First schools and to teacher education candidates in the teacher preparation programs at North Carolina colleges/universities. The consultant is charged with assisting the public schools of North Carolina to maintain continuous improvement in the accountability system mandated for schools in 1995, and to help promote the academic growth of all subgroups in the federal accountability program of NCLB. Service provided will be essential support to the elementary schools and the Reading First staff, and will promote the Reading First program insuring the knowledge base is introduced to faculties at teaching universities and colleges; assist with budget development for the participating Reading First schools and monitor said expenses; and monitor and report program evaluation data. The consultant must also collaborate, both internally and externally, to address issues and concerns that will impact student performance for all students in a positive manner. This consultant serves as the schools' contact for testing data as prescribed in the NC Reading First grant. (Provide technical assistance associated with the implementation, operation and maintenance of the systems and tools available to reading consultants, coaches and teachers. Assistance will include arranging/conducting training sessions, developing documentation, insuring web site is current, and communicating among regions/SEA to resolve issues in Reading First schools. Manage and mitigate issues related to the various vendors associated with the testing instruments. Assist schools with the use of reading assessments and data interpretation; collect, aggregate and report data as required for the grant to the SEA, external evaluator, and U.S. Department of Education. Manage the Title I NCREADS Courses; schedule training, report progress, recommend schools to be included in future sessions, and coordinate issues with the vendor. Assist with the budget development for the Reading First schools; develop strategies to fairly allocate available funds. Monitor expenditures of Reading First schools; review and report expenditures by visiting each school/LEA; and develop any required supplementary procedures as required. Develop methods for introducing scientific based reading research (SBRR) strategies into teaching colleges and universities in North Carolina; attempt to arrange sessions introducing SBRR to faculties and pre-service students preparing to become elementary school teachers).

Primary Contact: Keith Frazier
Amount: \$89,024.00 Federal
Time Frame: 7/1/2007 to 6/30/2008
DPI Coordinator: Jackie Colbert, Elementary Education

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20. Contract with Carteret 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: Pollye Pruitt
Amount: \$10,000.00 Federal
Time Frame: 2/2/2007 to 6/30/2007
DPI Coordinator: Laura Snyder, Exceptional Children
Contract No: 4378684 (Service)

21. Contract with Catawba 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: Sharon F. White
Amount: \$10,000.00 Federal
Time Frame: 2/2/2007 to 6/30/2007
DPI Coordinator: Laura Snyder, Exceptional Children
Contract No: 4423373 (Service)

22. Contract with SC Data Inc

Purpose: To provide data entry services for a large volume of applications approximately 29,000 records that the 115 Local Education Agencies submit to Workforce Development Education for statistical studies.

Primary Contact: Pat Bailey
Amount: \$8,900.00 Federal
Time Frame: 3/15/2007 to 5/31/2007
DPI Coordinator: Ted Summey, Secondary Education
Contract No: 4439181 (Service)

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23. Withholding Contract with Cynthia Riddick

Purpose: To process the daily paperwork that flows through the Reading First section; phone messaging and follow through on inquires from consultants/schools; documentation of consultants on-site visits, travel requisitions, invoices/budget coding and event registration.

Amendment #1: To amend this contract to extend the end date from 3/2/2007 to 6/30/2007. Amended amount: \$14,400.00 (\$6,240.00 + \$8,160.00)

Primary Contact: Cynthia Riddick
Amount: \$14,400.00 Federal
Time Frame: 11/27/2006 to 6/30/2007
DPI Coordinator: Jackie Colbert, Elementary Education

24. Withholding Contract with Daniel Thomas Jr.

Purpose:

1. To conduct 16 technical assistance visits to LEAs identified by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI).
2. To provide reports of these visits.
3. To provide additional technical follow-up and support to LEAs identified by NCDPI.
4. To provide technical support and assist LEAs with the development of Title II applications and equity plans.

Primary Contact: Daniel Thomas Jr.
Amount: \$23,000.00 Federal
Time Frame: 2/19/2007 to 12/31/2007
DPI Coordinator: Kathy Sullivan, Human Resource Management/Quality Professionals

25. Withholding Contract with Linda N. Lane

Purpose: Under the direction of the Personnel Director, Jack Stone, services include an in-depth examination of the Human Resource Management Division with specific focus on work processes, adequacy of the division's staffing to carryout understood processes, adequacy of staff training and continued staff development on policy and procedural changes, employee recruitment and retention matters, and general working conditions. The Contractor will provide findings and recommendations where needed changes are identified. The contractor will maintain utmost confidentiality as to the Personnel-related matters.

Primary Contact: Linda N. Lane
Amount: \$15,000.00 State
Time Frame: 3/1/2007 to 5/14/2007
DPI Coordinator: Jack Stone, Personnel Relations

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26. Withholding Contract with Ann Morris

Purpose: To look at funding utilization at Bertie County Schools using the following check list:
has a structured/effective planning cycle; has appropriate contingency fund established;
has prioritized the funding to the schools; and has strategies to best utilize their
resources.

Primary Contact: Ann Morris

Amount: \$8,000.00 State

Time Frame: 2/12/2007 to 4/30/2007

DPI Coordinator: Paul LeSieur, School Business Services