

STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES
Service Agreement for Basic Skills Training and Instructional Support

Request: The State Board is asked to approve a service agreement with MOTHEREAD, Inc. for \$207,400 for the period of July 19, 2013 – June 7, 2014, to provide program specific copyrighted training and instructional support to Basic Skills programs across North Carolina.

Background Information: The US DOE awards annually the NCCCS Adult Basic Skills Education funding as per the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) which includes funds for this program training and assistance. MOTHEREAD, Inc. is the oldest and largest existing non-profit organization in North Carolina serving literacy programs with a variety of services including copyrighted training and research materials which are used in providing instructional and technical support. MOTHEREAD, Inc. has been recognized as a sole source provider and awarded contracts as such from Department of Public Instruction, Department of Corrections, and the Department of Human Resources as well as local county governments and national organizations.

Rationale: Program-specific professional development is a required element of the United States Department of Education funding. MOTHEREAD, Inc. will provide program specific support for community colleges and community-based organizations across the state. MOTHEREAD, Inc. will provide seventeen instructional support/technical assistance visits for the purposes of program improvement, specialized follow-up for classroom instruction, program evaluation, and capacity building.

MOTHEREAD, Inc. will also provide seventeen state-wide trainings and the necessary curriculum materials (copyrighted). The contextualized instruction professional development training is one of the required core trainings that will lead to the NC Basic Skills Instructor Credential.

Method of Procurement: In accordance with the procurement practice of the State of North Carolina, approval is being sought by outside purchasing authorities. Approval of the contract by the State Board is contingent upon approval by Purchase and Contract.

Contract Amount and Time Period: The project will cover the period from July 19, 2013 through June 7, 2014, at a total cost of the \$207,400.

Fund Availability: Funding is contingent upon the award of the FY 2013 Adult Education and Family Literacy Act grant by the United States Department of Education. The state leadership monies from this grant will fund this project.

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