

# Assessment and Accountability

## RISE Update

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## Questar – Contract Termination

USBE signed a contract amendment on August 1, 2019, detailing remaining tasks that Questar was expected to complete and establishing the maximum amount that is available, **subject to invoice correction, liquidated damages offset, and other adjustments.**

Payments made	\$6,997,329.00
Outstanding invoices	\$2,460,119
Remaining billable services	\$195,545
Total	\$9,652,993.00

**Mediation is scheduled for March 18, 2020** - Judge William Bohling will be the mediator.

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## Short-Term Contract

- The USBE signed a contract, through an emergency procurement, with AIR to provide the delivery system for Utah’s Standards Assessment (RISE)
- The contract goes from August 2019 through June 30, 2022
- The cost is \$21,611,130

**244,758 RISE formative/summative tests have already been successfully submitted during the 2019/2020 school year.**

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## Procurement Timeline



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## Procurement

### Proposed Statutory Changes – Representative Robert Spendlove

(2)(a) A procurement unit that allows a vendor to correct an immaterial error in a responsive solicitation response shall establish a deadline by which the vendor is required to correct the immaterial error.

(b) A procurement unit may not allow a vendor to correct an immaterial error in a responsive solicitation response after the deadline established under Subsection (2)(a).

#### **63G-6a-115. Clarifying information in a solicitation response.**

(1) A procurement unit may at any time make a written request to a vendor to :

(a) clarify information contained in a responsive solicitation response[.] ; or

(b) provide additional information that the procurement unit determines it needs in its determination of whether the vendor is responsible.

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## The Human Impacts of Interruptions/Irregularities

- Lost instructional time
- Additional work for LEA employees
- Inability for LEA employees to complete testing responsibilities
- Negative impact on student and staff morale
- Strained testing environments
- **Lack of confidence** in the data

So... what impact did all of this have on our student's results?

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## Analysis

Title & Responsible Party	Purpose
Utah Test Interruption ETS, validated by The Center for Assessment and Utah Technical Advisory Committee	Determine if the testing interruptions impacted student proficiency scores
SGP Across Transition & Impact The Center for Assessment	Determine ability to validly calculate student growth with removal of writing and change in assessments
USBE/LEA Achievement Study USBE, Jordan, & Salt Lake City SDs	Examine differences in achievement outcomes to prior years to determine impacts of all irregularities

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## Review/Decision Process

Study	Purpose
Assessment and Accountability Policy Advisory Committee (AAPAC) <a href="#">USBE Resolution 2016-2</a>	Provide valuable insights by representing their stakeholder groups in advising the Board on assessment and accountability issues.
Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)	Provide consultation services to USBE assessment and accountability staff in relation to state assessments and related accountability systems.
Utah State School Board	General control and supervision of the public education system.

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## USBE Motion

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1. Publish the 2018-2019 RISE results
2. Direct staff to engage with legislators to identify flexibilities from state accountability requirements, including assignment of the letter grade and identifying schools for improvement
3. Include a disclaimer on the school accountability/report card (dashboard) indicating that interruptions occurred during testing

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## USBE Motion

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1. The online [Utah School Report Card](#) has been updated.
2. A [disclaimer](#) has been included with the Utah School Report Card.
3. A request for “flexibilities” has been made for a waiver on publishing the letter grade on the 2018-2019 school report card.

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