

# STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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**SUBJECT:**        **OSPI UPDATE ON PROGRESS OF CONTRACT FOR WASHINGTON  
STATE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM**

**SERVICE UNIT:**    Ms. Edie Harding, Executive Director  
State Board of Education

**PRESENTER:**      Dr. Joe Willhoft, Assistant Superintendent  
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## **BACKGROUND**

The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction currently has agreements with four contractors for the assessments used in Washington's public schools. Three of those contracts expire in 2008, covering the Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL), the Washington Alternate Assessment System (WAAS), the Collection of Evidence, and the Assessment of Segmented Math.

In July 2007, OSPI released a request for proposals (RFP) inviting vendors to bid on components of the Washington State Assessment System. Bids were due October 13, 2008.

OSPI has completed evaluating the bids and the Superintendent has identified "apparent successful bidders" for those components of the assessment system that received funding from the Legislature.

OSPI staff will provide an overview of the RFP and the subsequent selection process, including a summary of the involvement of stakeholders in the process, and will update the Board on the status of contract negotiations and anticipated time lines.