

**UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM
BOARD OF REGENTS AGENDA**

COMMITTEE: Finance and Administration

ITEM: Approval is requested for ratification of a contract between the Texas Institute for Measurement, Evaluation and Statistics (TIMES) at the University of Houston and Riverside Publishing Company

DATE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED: N/A

SUMMARY:

Approval is requested for ratification of a contract between the Texas Institute for Measurement, Evaluation and Statistics (TIMES) at the University of Houston and Riverside Publishing Company. This contract requires Board approval since this is an approximately \$1.1 million annual contract. This agreement allows the university to continue participating in the "Reading First" program – a statewide testing initiative for first and second grade elementary students. In its role as an evaluator of the program, TIMES contracts with Riverside to provide student assessments to all schools participating in the program. The university receives annual revenue of approximately \$4-5 million from the Texas Education Agency, from a separate Interagency Contract, for its participation in this program. Pursuant to this current Testing and Scoring Agreement, Riverside invoices the university for the testing service/supplies needed for the program and the university passes through the invoices to participating school districts so no university funds will be spent except those provided to the university as part of the Interagency Contract with TEA.

FISCAL NOTE: Approximately \$1.1 million

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION: Contract

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

COMPONENT: University of Houston

PRESIDENT	<i>Renu Khator</i> Renu Khator	<i>3-31-09</i> DATE
EXECUTIVE VICE CHANCELLOR	<i>Carl Carlucci</i> Carl Carlucci	<i>3/27/09</i> DATE
CHANCELLOR	<i>Renu Khator</i> Renu Khator	<i>3-31-09</i> DATE