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### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ANNOUNCES NEW STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT

The Department of Education has announced that American Institutes for Research (AIR) is the author of the winning bid to offer the new statewide assessment, as required by 2017 [SF 240](#). The Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued earlier this summer, and the eight proposals from six entities were reviewed for alignment to Iowa's academic standards; ability to measure progress and proficiency in science, reading, and mathematics; cost; time to administer the assessment; and infrastructure needs associated with the assessment.

After the completion of the mandated five-day appeal period, the State Board of Education will begin the administrative rulemaking process that will implement the new assessment.

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