Office of Administration, Office of Information Technology:

The below chart provides the justification for the purchase of this service as it relates to the requirement of the PA State Assessment testing, which administered by Data Recognition Corp. (DRC)

Complete below chart to attach to shopping cart:

Agency	Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE)
Cost	\$39,706,883.04
Items to be purchased	State Assessments
Fund/Appropriation	PA Assessments, 1009400000 & Title VI State Assessment 7051400000
Reason Mission Critical/Essential	This service is critical because The development of assessments, distribution of test materials, instructions to educators on administering assessments, maintenance and implementation of test security, collection of test materials, scoring of tests, tabulation of scores, and posting of information at a website are requirements of the ESEA and Chapter 4. For PDE to be in compliance with such mandates, PDE requires a vendor to develop, administer, scan, score, and report for the PSSA, Keystone Exams (End of Course Exams), Classroom Diagnostic Tool, and Voluntary Model Curriculum.
Date Needed	ASAP
Form of payment	State/ Federal Funds
Using BR/Waiver funds	No