



TO: Roger Breed, Ed.D.
Commissioner of Education

FROM: Carol Fichter & Melody Hobson

SUBJECT: Early Learning Connection Continuation Grants

Proposed Board Action:

Grant the Commissioner the authority to approve continuation of the Early Learning Connection partnerships, the early childhood professional development regional delivery system.

Background Information:

The Office of Early Childhood through the Early Childhood Training Center, in concert with the Early Learning Connection regional partnerships, provides the leadership for the state’s early childhood professional development system. The grant recipients, seven Educational Service Units, will provide: expanded access to professional development workshops and other activities for early childhood staff across the range of early childhood settings in schools and the community, information and education for parents, public awareness regarding early childhood, coordination and collaboration with other early childhood entities in the region, communication with local, regional and state agency representatives.

These regional entities are designed to support the effectiveness of early childhood professionals/staff in homes, centers, schools and other community based early childhood services in order to provide quality, inclusive environments and settings that promote positive child outcomes. These professional development experiences are intended to also support the implementation of relevant standards contained within Rule 11 Regulations for Early Childhood Education Programs, Rule 51 – Regulations and Standards for Special Education Programs, and Title 391-Child Care Licensing Standards

Funding sources: Child Care and Development Funds, IDEA Part C, IDEA Part B-619

Estimated Cost:

Total funded amount: \$576,500

Supporting Documentation Included:

List of fiscal agents
Map of ELC regions

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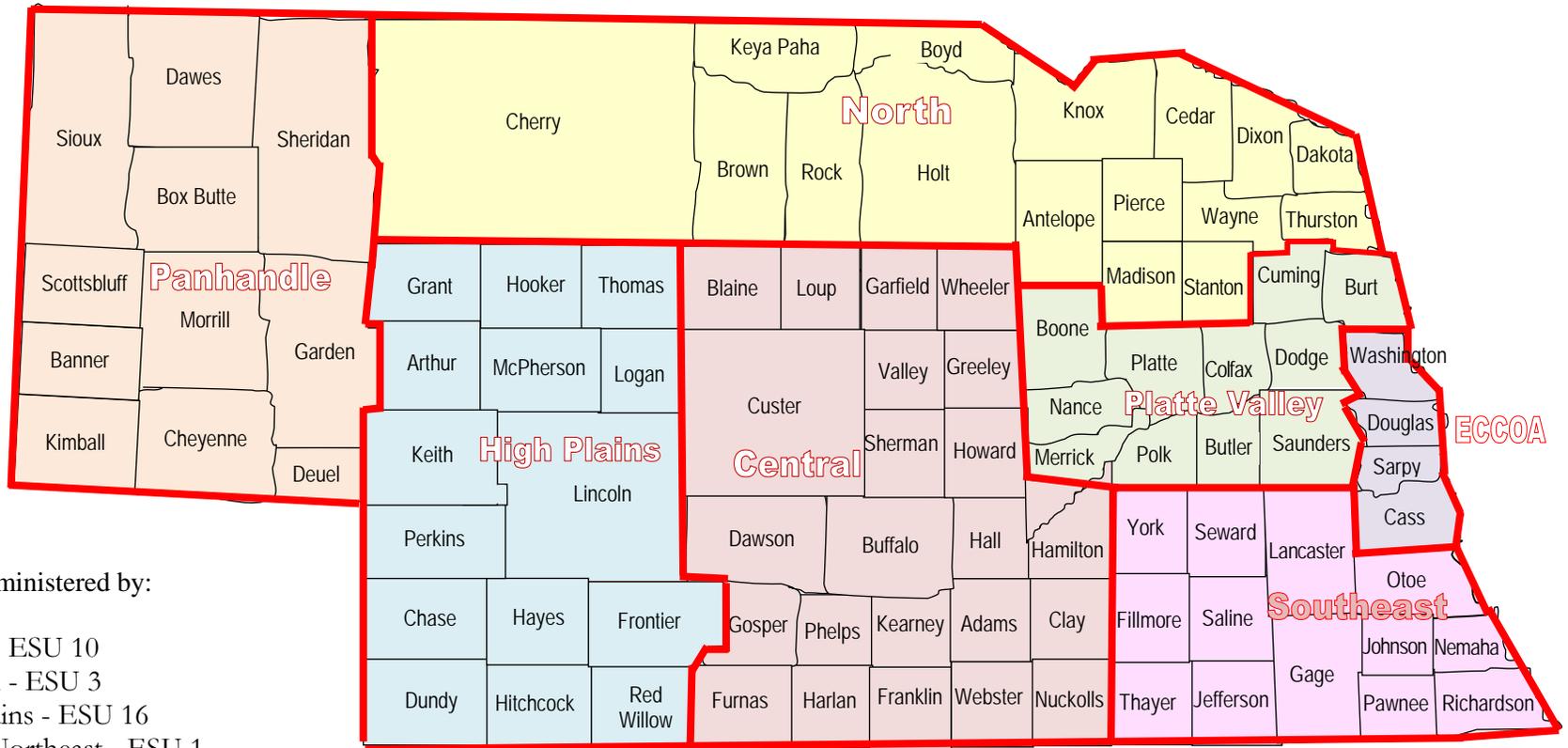
Awards for Continuation of Early Learning Connection
(formerly known as Early Childhood Professional Development Partnerships)

October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2011

Educational Service Unit #1 (North/Northeast)	\$92, 500
Educational Service Unit #3 (ECCOA)	\$114,000
Educational Service Unit #6 (Southeast)	\$95,500
Educational Service Unit #7 (Platte Valley)	\$92, 500
Educational Service Unit #13 (Panhandle)	\$91,000
Educational Service Unit # 16 (High Plains)	\$91,000

Early Learning Connection Partnership Regions

(Effective October 1, 2011)



Grant administered by:

- Central - ESU 10
- ECCOA - ESU 3
- High Plains - ESU 16
- North/Northeast - ESU 1
- Panhandle - ESU 13
- Platte Valley - ESU 7
- Southeast - ESU 6