



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

FROM: Gary M. Sherman/Jan Thelen, Office of Special Education

SUBJECT: Contract for assistance with professional development and statewide initiatives relating to IDEA Preschool (Sec. 619) and Part C (Infants/Toddlers with disabilities)

Proposed Board Action:

Grant the Commissioner the authority to contract for assistance with professional development and statewide initiatives relating to IDEA Preschool (Sec. 619) and Part C (Infants/Toddlers with disabilities)

Background Information:

Contractor will assist in planning, developing, and implementation of statewide initiatives and professional development activities for IDEA Preschool (ages 3-5) and Part C (below age 3) that address young children with disabilities birth to age five and their families. Activities will focus on specific items contained in the federally required State Performance Plans (6 year plans) and Annual Performance Reports for IDEA Parts B and C. Specific areas of emphasis will be (a) natural and inclusive environments; (b) child/family outcomes including but not limited to Routines-Based Intervention (RBI) and basic GOLD on-line technical assistance related to Results Matter; (c) assisting with the design of a unified Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP)–Individual Education Plan (IEP) document; and (d) developing home-visit modules. Contractor is ending employment as a permanent employee with the NDE Office of Early Childhood on 7/29/11 and will become an independent contractor with the NDE Office of Special Education.

Estimated Cost:

Contract with: Sue Bainter
Contract dates: 9/6/11 through 8/31/12
Contract amount: \$49,000 (includes travel related expenses)
Funding sources: IDEA Part B (Sec. 619) and IDEA Part C

Supporting Documentation Included:

None

For Additional Information on this item:

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