

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

**FROM:** Mark Schultz, Administrator  
Vocational Rehabilitation

**SUBJECT:** Approve a contract with the Autism Center of Nebraska, Inc., to provide a supported employment program to serve Vocational Rehabilitation consumers with autism in the Omaha area.

### **PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Approve a contract with the Autism Center of Nebraska, Inc., to provide a supported employment program to serve Vocational Rehabilitation consumers with autism in the Omaha area.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Autism Center of Nebraska is a non-profit organization that operates *ACN Connections*, an employment service for individuals who are employment age and are diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). They provide assessment, resume building, completion of job applications, interview preparation, job coaching and individual teaching. Long term supports include direct teaching of work-related skills. They will provide supported employment services to individuals with autism eligible for Vocational Rehabilitation and who are referred to ACN by VR under this contract.

#### **Estimated Cost**

\$100,000.00

**Supporting Documentation Included:** N/A

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