



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

**FROM:** Donlynn Rice, Administrator, Curriculum, Instruction, and Innovation  
Rich Katt, State Director, Nebraska Career Education

**SUBJECT:** Contract with UNL

**Proposed Board Action:**

Grant the Commissioner the authority to continue to contract with the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska, on behalf of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for services as the State Director for Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Career Field.

**Background Information:**

The Nebraska Department of Education has successfully shared a position with the Board of regents at the University of Nebraska for the past year. This joint position is between the UNL Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication Department and the Nebraska Career Education Office. The consultant, Matt Kreifels, serves as an Assistant Professor of Practice in Agricultural Education and, 33% of the time, as the State Director of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Career Field for NDE.

During his time at NDE Matt has overseen the development of new Programs of Study for the Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Career Field in addition to carrying out other duties as the state director.

**Estimated Cost:**

The total cost of the contract is \$37,898.00 paid from Federal Carl Perkins Career and Technical Education Act funds.

**Supporting Documentation Included:**

None

**For Additional Information on this item:**

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