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SUBJECT: Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Parts B and C Applications

In order to qualify for grant awards under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Nebraska must annually submit applications under Parts B and C of the Act. The applications include: 1) a Statement of Assurances which assures that Nebraska has in effect policies and procedures which meet all of the eligibility requirements of Parts B and C; 2) a description of the steps NDE will take to ensure equitable access to, and participation in, activities conducted under IDEA; 3) a description of the use of funds made available under the IDEA; 4) documentation of public participation in the development and review of the plans; and 5) a list of all rules, regulations and policies that are state-imposed and not required by IDEA or the federal regulations.

The applications must be available for review for at least 60 days and the public must have opportunity to comment on the plans for a period of at least 30 days. Nebraska's IDEA Part B FY 2012 application is available for review from February 27, 2012 through April 27, 2012. Public comments were accepted from February 27 through March 28, 2012. Nebraska's Part C FY 2012 application was available for review from February 1, 2012 through April 1, 2012. Public comments were accepted from February 27, 2012 through March 28, 2012. No comments were received. The Part B application must be submitted to the federal Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) by May 10, 2012. The Part C application was submitted to the federal Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) prior to the April 16, 2012, due date. Approval of the applications will provide Nebraska with the following federal dollars:

IDEA Part B Sect. 611 (ages 3-21) (\$1,437,685 Admin.; \$6,735,334 State Set-Aside; \$65,984,612 Flow-through to School Districts)	\$74,157,631 est.
IDEA Part B Sect. 619 (ages 3-5) (\$116,378 Admin.; \$465,511 State Set-Aside; \$1,638,262 Flow-through to School Districts)	\$2,220,151 est.
IDEA Part C (Infants/Toddlers below age 3) (Admin. & Sub-recipient Grants)	\$2,604,988 est.
Total IDEA Parts B & C	\$78,982,770 est.