

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

**FROM:** John Moon, NeSA Project Manager

**SUBJECT:** Data Recognition Corporation Contract – Year Five - Work Session and Action Item

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### **PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Grant the Commissioner the authority to continue contracting with Data Recognition Corporation for assessment services.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The NeSA testing system has been developed through the partnership between the Nebraska Department of Education and the Data Recognition Corporation (DRC) from Maple Grove, Minnesota. In 2008, DRC provided a five year proposal for assessment services for reading, mathematics and science that was accepted and approved by the State Board of Education. The current contract of that accepted proposal is now year five of the continuing contract.

It should be noted that the contract for NeSA-writing is a separate contract and will be brought before the board for renewal in August of 2012.

Cost:  
Up to \$5,043,821  
(Federal funding: \$3,600,000; State Funding: \$1,443,821)

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