



TO: Scott Swisher, Ed.D.
Deputy Commissioner of Education

FROM: Gary M. Sherman/Carol McClain, Office of Special Education

SUBJECT: Continue contracting for the purpose of assistance with providing Educational Services to youth with disabilities in correctional facilities and other out-of-home placements.

Proposed Board Action:

Grant the Deputy Commissioner authority to continue contracting for assistance with providing educational services to youth with disabilities in correctional facilities and other out-of-home placements.

Background Information:

The federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires school districts to be responsible for serving youth with disabilities in correction facilities. Rule 51 reiterates that requirement for Nebraska districts. Nebraska is making efforts to address this requirement through the Contractor who services as a liaison between NDE and facilities serving children and youth in out-of-home placements. The Contractor will provide technical assistance/training for corrections including adult facilities, and district staff. Additional training will be developed and provided along with technical assistance to supplement out-of-home placements. The Contractor has background in this area and comes with experience and knowledge about providing educational services in out-of-home placements, particularly correction facilities; she has successfully provided similar services to NDE on previous contracts. NDE representatives from other teams continue to voice their support for this contract which supplements their work. Although not all of the youth in correctional facilities and children/youth in other out-of-home placements have disabilities, IDEA dollars will continue to be used to fund this contract for 2013-14. Other NDE funding sources continue to be sought to assist with contract costs which remain the same as for the previous contract. Contractor has represented NDE in a very professional and effective manner.

Estimated Cost:

Contractor: Michelle Borg Weatherhogg
Est. Contract Dates: 10/1/13 to 9/30/14
Contract Amount: \$49,988 (includes travel/other related expenses)
Funding Source: IDEA--Part B

Supporting Documentation Included:

None

For Additional Information on this item:

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