



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

**FROM:** Dean Folkers

**SUBJECT:** Purchase IT services through Nebraska Office of the Chief Information Officer

**Proposed Board Action:**

Grant the Commissioner the authority to purchase IT services from the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) in support of the SLDS grant and IT work through the state approved Covendis IT procurement system.

**Background Information:**

The state of Nebraska operates a Time and Materials Procurement system, entitled Covendis, that provide access to pre approved quality IT services suppliers. The process of requisition, interview, and contracting occurs through the system. The rates for different individuals hired for tasks and services through the system are based on market rates and provide a more efficient engagement of IT services. The primary source of funding is through the federal SLDS grant.

**Estimated Cost:**

The estimated maximum costs would not exceed \$300,000 over the next 1.5 years.

**Supporting Documentation Included:**

Project charter with the OCIO.

**For Additional Information on this item:**