



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

**FROM:** Diane Stuehmer

**SUBJECT:** Contract with UN-L for a research project involving schools identified for Title I Needs Improvement

**Proposed Board Action:**

Grant the Commissioner the authority to contract with UN-L (Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska, on behalf of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln) for a research project involving schools identified for Title I Needs Improvement and recipients of School Improvement Grants.

**Background Information:**

NDE has contracted with UN-L for the past four years focusing on the strategies that have been used effectively to meet student academic needs and to remove the school from Improvement status. An evaluation report will be developed for NDE that focuses on the extent of improvement for schools receiving School Improvement Grants. Dr. Shavonna Holman will conduct the research in collaboration with NDE staff. Evaluation of Title I efforts to improve schools is required.

**Estimated Cost:**

\$49,900

**Supporting Documentation Included:**

See contract for more details.

**For Additional Information on this item:**

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