



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

FROM: Gary M. Sherman/Beth Wierda, Office of Special Education

SUBJECT: Grant the Commissioner authority to continue contracting for assistance with meeting the requirements of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

Proposed Board Action:

Grant the Commissioner authority to continue contracting for assistance with meeting requirements of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

Background Information:

Contractor will continue to provide services to assist NDE with implementation of priorities and improvement activities identified by stakeholders necessary to meet requirements of IDEA 2004, primarily the indicators contained in Nebraska's required IDEA Part B and Part C six year State Performance Plans (SPP), required Annual Performance Reports (APR) and the four specified Impact Areas for ILCD (Improving Learning for Children with Disabilities). Contractor will also assist with follow-up activities related to Nebraska's annual State "Determinations" issued by OSEP. Additionally, Contractor will assist with development of materials to support the Improvement/Results topic (Re-engagement of Students with Disabilities into Education Programs) selected through the September 2011 OSEP on-site visit, finalization of Rules 51 and 52, and revision of IEP manual. Contractor has performed contract duties well which has assisted NDE in meeting federal requirements and time-lines.

Estimated Cost:

Contractor: Linda Douglas
Contract Dates: 7/1/13 to 6/30/14
Contract Amount: \$49,400 (hourly rate + expenses)
Funding Source: IDEA—Parts B and C

Supporting Documentation Included:

None

For Additional Information on this item:

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